



Leonard J. "Lenny" Citriniti

August 14, 1951 - May 31, 2006

Mr. Leonard J. "Lenny" Citriniti, age 54, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Scandale, Italy on August 14, 1951, Leonard was the son of the late Vincent and Antoinette (Crugliano) Citriniti. He was raised and educated here in Utica. It was on October 2, 1976 in St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church that he married the former Joan Treen. Throughout their 29-year union, Lenny and Joan have been best friends and soul mates, sharing a relationship based upon their mutual devotion. Always a conscientious and valued employee, Mr. Citriniti has worked for the City of Utica Parks Department for the past 33 years.

Lenny was a true family man, ever dedicated to the best interests and happiness of his wife and children. Possessing a strong-minded and confident certainty in his own convictions, he would offer his opinions and suggestions with stubborn determination. However, for all his strength of character and will, he also had a heart of gold and a gift for making people laugh. He was supportive and helpful not only to his loved ones but also to everyone with whom he came in contact. Lenny enjoyed all sports and was an avid fan of the NY Yankees and the Green Bay Packers. He enjoyed music, especially that of Elvis Presley. He belonged to the CSEA and was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church.

Mr. Citriniti is survived by his wife, Joan; 3 sons and a daughter-in-law, Lenny

A. Citriniti, Tony V. and Kristy Citriniti, and Tommy J. Citriniti, all of Utica; his grandchildren, Chrissy whom Lenny raised as a daughter, and Ryan; and his step-grandson, Anthony. He is also survived by 3 sisters and a brother-in-law, Victoria Rossi of Oneonta, Rose and George Staley of Oriskany, and Angela Fanelli of N. Utica; 2 brothers and a sister-in-law, Frank and Sandra Citriniti of CA, and Fred Citriniti of Utica; his mother-in-law, Florence DeGristina; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; and a host of in-laws too numerous to mention but as dearly loved by Lenny as if they were his own brothers and sisters. He also leaves a good friend, Keith Koczar who was like a son to him. He was predeceased by 2 brothers, Leonard Citriniti and Anthony Citriniti; and a brother-in-law, Mike Rossi.

Lenny's loved ones offer their sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of the 3rd floor at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, especially John, and to the personnel of the ICU, especially Keith. In addition, the family extends its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Lenny's fellow employees of the Utica City Parks Dept. and the DPW for donating their vacation time so that he and his family would continue to receive paychecks during his illness.

Visitation will be held today (Sunday) from 5-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Lenny's honor to the family for disbursement in a meaningful and beneficial manner; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mr. Citriniti's funeral service which will be conducted on Monday morning at 10:00 at the funeral home. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Uncle Leonard..... You will be missed very much..... I remember when all of us kids were young, we use to have get togethers playing cards at night. I would always remember my uncle and my dad and all the boys always playing games and watching sports. Everytime I would walk in the front door there was my uncle sitting on the couch. the last time I was there visiting from Florida I seen my Uncle and I will never forget that smile. I will never forget his face. he would always call me a little Joanie. I will never forget you uncle Leanard Rest in peace... and my Prayers are with you Aunt Joanie and my 3 boy cousins, lennie, Tony, Tommy You are now our Angel from Heaven... Love your Niece Melissa and Family##imported-begin##Melissa Treen-Daniels##imported-end##

June 05, 2006 at 04:04 PM



“ My uncle was a very kind and genuine man. He is now another Angel watching over all of us. He is going to be grately missed. I can remember when I was younger, my family would all get together to play poker on every Saturday. All of us kids would go to the skating rink. It was always nice to have the whole family together, and just enjoying the company of one another. That's how we Italians like to do it, and we are all about the family. I am so close to all of my family. I love and cherish all of them. My uncle Leonard was a wonderful husband, father, and uncle. He would always tell me how much he loved me and tell me how I was such a natural beauty. He always told me that every time I saw him. He always told me that I was his favorite niece...Haha.. I am glad that my uncle is not suffering anymore, but it is another hole in my heart. God works in mysterious ways, and he does things for a reason. I am not sure why sometimes, but I will never question it. Uncle Leonard could always make you laugh no matter what. He was such a big kid at heart, and loved hime for that. I can still picture his laugh and voice in my head. I hate that I am away from my family in this time of sorrow, but my love and prayers travel the distance. I believe that we will all meet again one day, and it will be like we always remember. Aunt Joanie, Lenny, Tony and Tommy I send all of my love to you guys. I am here for you always, and love you guys some very much. God Bless all of you guys. I love you.

Sincerely your Niece/Cousin,
Michelle##imported-begin##Michelle Paratore##imported-end##

June 04, 2006 at 10:48 PM



“ My thoughts & prayers go to you. You will forever be remembered.##imported-begin##Nicholas Nowicki##imported-end##

June 04, 2006 at 05:47 PM



“ Say not in grief "he is no more",
but live in thankfulness that he was. Leonard's spirit will always be
with us because he touched so many lives in so many ways. I am
truly sorry that i never had the good fortune of meeting such a
wonderful man. All of my thoughts and prayers are with all of
you.##imported-begin##JoAnna Zammiello##imported-end##

June 04, 2006 at 02:44 PM



“ Leonard was a great man and he helped me alot in llife. I loved him
like a father and im thankful for everyday i spent with him. We all will
be hurt by his lose. Remeber him everday as he watchs down on us
with his love. May he rest in peace and i cant wait to see ya again
Len..##imported-begin##Keith Kaczor##imported-end##

June 03, 2006 at 04:05 PM



“ Lenny,
We will all miss you and you will be in our thoughts always. You will
not be forgotten. You will always be remembered as the fine man
that you are. We all love you.##imported-begin##Bobby, Maria, and
Alyssa DeGristina##imported-end##

June 03, 2006 at 07:29 AM



“ hey pops i miss u lots i know now u are resting in peace, u will be
missed by alot of people ur a wonderful man and i myself will miss u
lots love you xoxoxoxo##imported-begin##Jennifer
Lubey##imported-end##

June 03, 2006 at 12:08 AM



“ Uncle "leonard penard" You were ALWAYS an Angel....only now you have wings... I love you and miss you so much...I'll never forget that laugh and that beautiful smile.. Rest in peace... I Love You!!!##imported-begin##Vanessa DeGristina##imported-end##

June 02, 2006 at 10:08 PM



“ Lenny
I am sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Though I did not know him I am sure he was a wonderful man just like you. My sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Michele DiNardi Fields##imported-end##

June 02, 2006 at 08:32 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss ,lenny was a good man,you're in my prayers.##imported-begin##dave brown ##imported-end##

June 02, 2006 at 08:18 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. lenny jr and family your in my thoughts and prayers. may he rest in peace. God Bless all of you##imported-begin##colleen baris##imported-end##

June 02, 2006 at 12:02 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Len's passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Debbie Bukowski##imported-end##

June 02, 2006 at 09:56 AM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. He was a great man and will be missed dearly.##imported-begin##Chris Vail##imported-end##

June 02, 2006 at 09:54 AM



“ I am so sorry, and my prayers are with all of you. He was loved and will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Jerry Schavone##imported-end##

June 01, 2006 at 09:34 PM



“ Joanie and Family:

I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kerry and Lexie##imported-begin##Kerry Alexander and Lexie Stevens##imported-end##

June 01, 2006 at 09:10 PM



“ Leonard:

You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. May you rest in peace.

Citriniti Family: I am so sorry for your loss. Leonard was a great man and will be greatly missed by all.

Love,

Ricky##imported-begin##Ricky Stevens##imported-end##

June 01, 2006 at 09:06 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers, we are so very sorry.##imported-begin##Patrick & Starlene McKenney##imported-end##*

June 01, 2006 at 08:35 PM