



Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr.

January 29, 1929 - April 9, 2026

DELMAR/UTICA - Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr., age 97, passed peacefully on Thursday, April 9, 2026, lovingly encompassed by his children and joining in eternal rest, the long-awaited reunion with his beloved wife Daisy J. (Lewis) Joseph and his devoted son and companion Louis A. "Little Louie" Joseph, Jr. Born in Utica, New York on January 29, 1929, Louis was the son of the late Anthony and Eva (Sheheen) Joseph.

Louis was a man with a unique and gifted spirit whose daily life was guided by faith and love of all. He possessed many talents and skills, and he might best be described as a consummate Renaissance Man guised as "Everyman", living his life through love, light and faith.

He was a skilled mechanic whose interest and ability were mentored early on during his years at T.R. Proctor High School (Class of 1947), and he later furthered his education with night school studies at Mohawk Valley Technical Institute in engineering, drafting, technical mathematics, electronics and television servicing; balancing his job and growing family.

Louis was a proud veteran having served honorably in the United States Army during the Korean conflict, attaining the rank of Sergeant, and serving as a light aircraft engine mechanic and the crew chief for two Cessna L-19 aircraft. His service was recognized with the Korean Service Medal and two Bronze

Service Stars.

His work career and personal life followed a similar path with him holding positions as both a Class A and Class B auto mechanic, culminating with his employment at the former Bendix Aviation Corporation (Utica Division) as a Quality Control Machine Component Inspector, retiring in 1999. During his time there, he was a respected member of the United Steelworkers Union where he served as chief negotiator providing valuable leadership to his fellow members. At the same time, Louis could often be found in his driveway under the hood of a car or rolling out from under a chassis with grease-covered hands and always a smile, fixing any matter of problems for friends and family.

However, Louis would say that the best parts of his life were God and family, and above all, his wife Daisy. United in marriage on June 3, 1950, Louis and Daisy were devoted to each other and kept a warm and welcoming home filled with love and faith, children, joy, and fun. The kitchen table was always alive with an abundance of food, laughter, and love and served as a central gathering place for countless precious memories where everyone was welcome. Following Daisy's death in 1984, Louis remained faithful to representing her in his role as father, grandfather (Giddo), great-Giddo, and uncle—all a tremendous source of pride and joy for him.

Faith was the foundation of Louis's life that was rooted in thankfulness, gratitude and appreciation, and reverence for the Lord who he honored in all that he did. As communicant of St. Louis Gonzaga Church and a person of deep faith, he celebrated God in his daily life acknowledging God's blessings and always vocalizing to others his familiar greeting of "God bless you and the family".

Louis is survived by his children and their loves: Mary and Joseph Tomaselli, Sr.; Eva Joseph and Robert Wishnoff; Anthony and Brenda Joseph; Theresa

and John Fitzmaurice. Louis was a proud and devoted grandfather to: Daisy Tomaselli and husband Julian Buffam; Joseph Tomaselli, Jr.; Logan Joseph and husband Sean Hayes; Alexandra Joseph; Maggie Fitzmaurice; John Louis and wife Natalie Fitzmaurice; Kaleb Fitzmaurice; and, he was blessed with great-grandchildren Colette and Bennett Buffam—all who treasured and loved their Giddo.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, John and Shirley Joseph. Louis also lovingly remembered his siblings and their spouses who preceded him: George and Jean Joseph; Joseph and Rose Joseph; MaryAnn and Anthony Lewis. Additionally, he was predeceased by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mary (Abdoo) Lewis and Samuel Lewis; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Nancy Ann and Roby Hobert Monday; his dearly loved Abdoo Family aunts and uncles; as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Louis was also blessed throughout his lifetime with many dear friends and cherished neighbors, both young and old, each of whom he valued deeply forming lasting bonds.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff of the Albany Center for Independent Living, who accommodated his personal needs with great care. Special appreciation is also extended to Erin Williams and the entire team of caregivers who went above and beyond. The family further wishes to thank Community Hospice, as well as his physician Dr. Kaitlin Domres, Nurse Linda, and the Silver Team at the Albany Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center for their compassionate and dedicated care.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Louis's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, 520 Rutger St., where the

Divine Liturgy for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Father Boutros El Hachem. Military Honors will be conferred by the United States Army. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86357004818>.

There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of the service. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org and/or St. Louis Maronite Gonzaga Church at www.saintlouisgonzaga.org; envelopes will also be available at the service. Inurnment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

And, in Louis's words, "May you have happy days always!"

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-6019

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Maryrose lit a candle in memory of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr.*



Maryrose - April 18 at 08:19 AM

MA

“ *My memories of Louis are times my mother would see him and chat in Arabic , they are related and she loved sharing words with him where they would be smiling and laughing, love was surrounding our field . I will always remember him as a loving kind relative with a beautiful smile and a huge heart of gold❤️🙏 R.I.P. Maryrose - Jeanette's daughter*

Maryrose - April 18 at 08:18 AM

RK

“ *Anthony,Mary,Eva,Theresa
Your dad was an incredible person who touched many lives.I know how hard this is. Your dad was so proud of all of you and everything you've achieved. You have many wonderful memories to cherish in your hearts,
Sending our love,
Rose Anne & Sonny*

Rose Anne Krzemien - April 17 at 12:44 PM

EC

“ Erin and the care team from Albany cente planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..

Erin and the care team from Albany cente - April 16 at 07:53 PM

EC

“ Erin and the care team from Albany cente purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..



Erin and the care team from Albany cente - April 16 at 07:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..



April 16 at 03:16 PM

AS

“ Ashleigh purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..



Ashleigh - April 16 at 12:52 PM

TZ

“ *The Z. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..*



The Z. - April 16 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..*



April 15 at 12:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..*



April 15 at 12:19 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..*

April 15 at 12:19 AM

AF

“ Arsenault Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..



Arsenault Family - April 14 at 02:51 PM

TC

“ Lou was a special man always hello kisses and smiles, sadly misses rest in peace

tony and diane chamoun - April 14 at 12:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..

April 14 at 10:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..



April 14 at 10:33 AM

DC

“ Dear Mary, Eva, Tony and Theresa, we are so sorry to hear of Uncle Louie's passing. He truly was a great man with the warmest smile. Always finding time to say, “Hello, how are you doing honey?” Our families had many special times together which are memories we still talk about. You and your families are all in our thoughts and prayers. God bless, Love Debbie George Curriere and the Joseph/Madlyn George family. 💕💕

Deborah George Curriere - April 14 at 10:01 AM

DK

“ Dear Joseph Family,
In high school I remember walking down Mohawk Street to meet Tony for CYO basketball practice. I was Always greeted with a smile from +Louie and +Daisy.
*Louie is a kind, intelligent, loyal man.
May His Memory Be Eternal !!!!!
With our prayers, thoughts, condolences and love.
Deacon Dan & Cindy Klockowski
and Family

Deacon Daniel A Klockowski - April 14 at 09:32 AM

JM

“ Theresa and family ... Offering heartfelt condolences for your Dad ...
The Montanaro & Massi families ...

Joseph A Montanaro - April 14 at 08:50 AM

JB

We were so sorry to hear of Louie's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences. Joan and Anthony Betrus

Joan M Betrus - April 14 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..*



April 14 at 06:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Louis A. Joseph, Sr..

April 14 at 06:57 AM



“ *To Mary , and your brother and sisters. You were all very blessed to have such a special dad. He was kind to everyone and a great role model for all people humble giving and loving. May he rest in peace. sincerely to all from Mary Rico.*

Mary Talarico - April 13 at 11:24 PM



“ *My memories of Giddo revolve around two things, family and church. He was at every family get together at Theresa and John's home and always warm and welcoming to everyone who was there. His presence truly added to the warmth of what was always a very warm and welcoming home. Despite living in Utica, Giddo made it a point to proudly be at every children's liturgy that involved his precious grandchildren. Family and church were the most important things in his live when I knew him. May he rest in peace.*

Richard Marine - April 13 at 10:01 PM

TK

“ *What a wonderful and loving person. Always smiling, pure joy. Will miss you Uncle Louie.*

John and Terry Abdoo King

Terry Abdoo King - April 13 at 09:12 PM

BR

“ *Many friends and neighbors from the cool Branch community in Delaware will always remember this special man for his kindness and compassion for all. RIP Pop.* 🙏💔



Barbara Roe - April 13 at 08:20 PM

JT

“ *Mr. Joseph, Sr. was a very interesting man. He was well liked by me and others. May he rest in peace. Condolences to his family.*

Joe A. Tartaglia, Jr., - April 13 at 06:49 PM