



Neil P. Thompson

March 31, 1926 - February 17, 2007

Mr. Neil P. Thompson, age 80, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Born in Utica on March 31, 1926, Neil was the son of the late Percy and Mabel (Stramm) Thompson. He was raised and educated locally, and was a proud veteran of the US Army during World War II. On January 7, 1946 at Historic Old St. John's Church, he married the former June M. Bertrand of Utica, and shared with her a loving and devoted union of 61 years.

At one time Neil worked with the New York Central Railroad as a tower man. Subsequently, he was employed with the Poland Central School in the maintenance department and as a bus driver. He also held a position at Howard Johnson's Motel in Albany. Upon his retirement, he made his home in Utica.

Neil was a devoted husband, and a generous and good-hearted man. Blessed with a humorous and cheerful nature, he always put the needs of his family first, and was an exceptional role model for his grandchildren. Patriotic and public-spirited, he valued his memberships in The American Legion North Utica Post 229, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He also had a witty sense of humor, and as a 'jack-of-all-trades', he was able to fix anything. In his leisure time he was an avid card player and a golfer. He was also crafty with his stained glass creations. Neil enjoyed traveling, sailing on cruises, camping, visiting Myrtle Beach, and socializing on special occasions. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Neil is survived by his wife June M.; his daughter and son-in-law, Cristol C. and Dennis S. Peppenelli of Utica; his son and daughter-in-law, Cortland C. and Ginnie G. Thompson, of North Syracuse; his grandchildren, Travis and Brenda Tabor, Lance Tabor and Kim Cooper, and Ryan C. and Stacy Thompson; and his great-grandchildren, Kayla, Matthew, Nathan, and Megan. Also surviving are his sister, Rosamond Pflanz of Utica, and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and his brother-in-law, Richard Bertrand of Clayton, NY. Neil also leaves many special friends. The family wishes to thank all the skilled doctors and nurses who cared for Neil.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday (today) from 4-6 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Neil's Celebration of Life will commence immediately following the conclusion of visitation at the funeral home at 6:00 with the Rev. Anthony LaFache officiating. Interment will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery in Clayton, NY at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ sorry for the lost of a great man.
dedicated family man
he will sure be missed###imported-begin###ken & christine
Peppenelli###imported-end##

April 02, 2007 at 10:34 PM



“ Dearest Family of Neil Thompson, I am so sorry to hear of Neils passing. It was such a pleasure knowing Neil, we had many long talks togethtr and he was certainly a devoted husband to June. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to all of you. Linda Talerico, MSN. ANP @ Masonic Care Community.###imported-begin###Linda Talerico###imported-end##

March 01, 2007 at 04:56 PM



“ Aunt June and the rest of my beloved family- uncle neil was my favorite great and i mean great-uncle and i love him so much! My heart goes out to you all ! I know uncle Neil has passed to a better place of rest but all the wonderful memories will still live on in remembrance of him!! May god bless you all and may his light shine upon you!! I love you all!###imported-begin###lesha payne###imported-end##

February 21, 2007 at 12:46 AM



“ *To: Family of Uncle Neil
Aunt June
Chris , Dennis & family
Corty, Ginny & family*

*From: Dick & Marlou Amo
Dick & Patty Bertrand
George & Lydia Bertrand
John & Johanna Keyohe
Hannan Engle*

We all wish to express our deepest sympathy at this time of sorrow.

We are very sorry we are not able to be with you due to the inclement driving conditions for the window of time.

We have decided to have a gathering of the above family and friends at 6:00PM tonight to remember Uncle Neil's life, relationships, and family.

We will keep your family in our prayers. May the Lord be with you all.##imported-begin##George & Lydia Bertrand##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 12:28 PM



“ *June and family. It is with great sadness to learn of Neil's passing. I will always remember his wit - smile and his love of all of you. My sympathy to you, June, and your family.
Bert##imported-begin##Bert Blair##imported-end##*

February 20, 2007 at 10:08 AM



“ I worked with June at St. Peters Hospital in Albany for several years, I got to know Neil very well and we have become good friends with both Neil and June. We will surely miss his good natured teasing. He was a special man. Our heart goes out to all him family, especially June.##imported-begin##Patti Manning##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 09:00 AM



“ We are very sad that we are not able to be with you during this time. The weather in Pennsylvania and Route 12, along with the distance has made the trip home dangerous for us at this time.

Please know our thoughts, prayers, and spirits are with you, and we understand the difficult emotions you are experiencing today. Have faith that the Lord touches you during heartache and His presence will carry you along.

Take comfort in this: "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a momory no one can steal" (from a headstone in Ireland)

*God Bless you all
George & Lydia##imported-begin##George & Lydia
Bertrand##imported-end##*

February 19, 2007 at 08:12 PM



“ Grandpa Joe was definately an excellent role model for everyone especially his grandkids. I am so sorry for all of your loss. Cristol I know this must be terribly hard on you and I am so sorry. take care.##imported-begin##Jodi Gay##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 04:01 PM



“ Aunt June and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Alexandra and Malcolm Henry##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 03:55 PM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of June and Neil playnig cards with my parents. Neil always had such a sparkle.##imported-begin##Leona Wood Cookinham##imported-end##*

February 19, 2007 at 02:40 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Jim Dagwell##imported-end##*

February 19, 2007 at 11:55 AM



“ *In loving memory of my dear Uncle.##imported-begin##Alice Chartak##imported-end##*

February 19, 2007 at 11:00 AM