



Mr. Pasquale J. "Pat" DeSantis

September 14, 1924 - November 8, 2014

Mr. Pasquale J. "Pat" DeSantis, age 90, passed away on Saturday, November 8, 2014 in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on September 14, 1924, Pasquale was the son of the late Anthony and Vita (Cofano) DeSantis. Raised and educated in Utica, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1946. Pat truly embodied the ethics of the Greatest Generation. He left high school to serve his country in the United States Army Air Corps as an aerial gunner and radio operator, flying in 52 combat missions over Africa, Italy, and France during World War II. He was assigned to India to fly air transport over the "Hump" in the Himalayan Mountains, a sky road over the most rugged mountain terrain in the world where he completed over 500 hours of air time bringing food, fuel, and ammunition to allied forces. Pat was awarded the Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters. He was honorably discharged from his military duty in 1945 and returned to Proctor High School where he completed his coursework and received his diploma. But he did not stop there... at the age of 51, he earned an Associate Degree in Accounting from M.V.C.C.! On February 11, 1956 Pat married the former Dorothy V. Magee with whom he shared 47 years enjoying a truly committed and dedicated relationship in which the joys of family life were a blessing to them; his beloved Dorothy passed away on July 15, 2003. Pat embodied the ethos of the Greatest Generation, embracing self-discipline, a dependable work ethic, honesty, and responsibility. He began working at the United States Postal Service, a career which ultimately spanned 42 years. In

the beginning, he rode the mail train, then served as a clerk, and with dedication and hard work, he rose through the ranks retiring in 1987 from the position of Finance Director of the Utica Post Office. As a loving patriarch, Pat cared for his family through every age and stage of his life. Humble in nature, his greatest happiness was being surrounded by family. He was an iconic family man of his era. Spirited and strong of mind and body, Pat played Valley View golf course at 88 years old --- without a cart! He also enjoyed his weekly poker games with his friends at the North Utica Senior Center. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Pat is survived by his children and their spouses, Valois DeSantis of Utica, David and Sherj DeSantis of Skaneateles, and Christine and Ken Kathan of Fairport, NY; his grandchildren, Dana DeSantis, Patrick DeSantis, and Melissa Jane Kathan; and his sister, Angeline Entwistle of Mohawk. His extended family includes his many nieces, with special mention of Lou Ann DiNardi, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Rocco DiNardi, Suzanne D'Amore, James and Roseanne Magee, and Gloria DeSantis. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael A. and Rose M. DeSantis, Retired Colonel Joseph and Shirley DeSantis, and Vito "Nappi" DeSantis; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Grace and John Calandra, and Pasqua "Lena" and Joseph Camarra; and his many in-laws.

The family is grateful to the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. whose support and guidance allowed Pat the dignity of being in his home at the end of his journey.

Visitation will be held Tuesday evening (today) from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions may be considered to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. of Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison County or to Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (www.iava.org); envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Pasquale's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will

be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno with Military Honors conferred. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Joseph A. Camarra/elyse Koren-camarra lit a candle in memory of Mr. Pasquale J. "Pat" DeSantis



Joseph A. Camarra/elyse koren-camarra - November 12, 2014 at 09:07 PM

MA

“ Dear Chris, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Best prayers and wishes,
Margaret Voce Papale RIT class of '82

Margaret - November 11, 2014 at 11:34 AM

SF

“ You all in my thoughts and prayers and may Uncle Pat rest in peace now and I am glad mom and him got to see each other for their birthdays recently.



Stacey Sementilli and family - November 11, 2014 at 09:23 AM

RB

“ Rosanne Bravo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Pasquale J. "Pat" DeSantis



Rosanne Bravo - November 11, 2014 at 08:06 AM

CM

“ *The brothers are together and I know 3 of them are already playing a game of golf. Our thoughts are with you all. Candy (De Santis)and Kenny Mac Donald*

Candy Macdonald - November 11, 2014 at 07:33 AM

LD

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Lou Ann DiNardi - November 11, 2014 at 06:12 AM

LD

“ *So many memories of Uncle Pat, too many to list. The leader of the family who always took care of everyone. He always believed in me, encouraged me and challenged me to strive for the best in life. I can honestly say that it is because of him that I am where I am today. He was always there for me and my parents whenever we needed him. When I was younger, he made sure that "Santa" called me on Christmas Eve every year and when I got older he taught me how to drive both a car and a golf ball. He is my hero for both his military service and family leadership.*

Hugs to you Uncle Pat. Please give Mom Aunt Dort and everyone else a hug from me.

Love,

Bones

Lou Ann DiNardi - November 11, 2014 at 06:10 AM



This is beautiful <3

Melissa Kathan - November 11, 2014 at 02:53 PM

LA

“ *Lou Ann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Pasquale J. "Pat" DeSantis*



Lou Ann - November 10, 2014 at 08:13 PM



“ *Melissa Kathan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Pasquale J. "Pat" DeSantis*



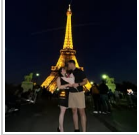
Melissa Kathan - November 10, 2014 at 04:28 PM

KM

“ *Karla and Mike purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Pasquale J. "Pat" DeSantis.*



Karla and Mike - November 10, 2014 at 11:10 AM



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Melissa Kathan - November 09, 2014 at 10:32 PM

BE

“ Valois, David, Chris and family :

My deepest sympathies. Uncle Pat always put his family first. I remember all the family functions hosted at our home and Uncle Pat and Aunt Dorothy were always there. I am glad he and my mom were able to celebrate their recent birthdays together. Uncle Pat lived a rich, full life and was extremely proud of his children and grandchildren. He came from a generation that worked hard and seldom complained . I also know the great pride he took in his military service to our country. Mom will miss him very much and we take comfort in knowing that he will be reunited above with Aunt Dorothy. I was happy to receive his acknowledgement through a warm smile during my recent visit. Cherish the great memories and know he is at peace. Time heals and he will forever be with each of you.

Love,

Nephew and Godson--

Barry J. Entwistle

Barry J. Entwistle - November 09, 2014 at 10:22 PM

LH

“ Rest in peace Uncle Pat. Please watch over your baby sister, our mom. You will be missed by many. Hugs and prayers to our cousins. xoxoxo

Lisa Hecox - November 09, 2014 at 07:41 PM

JC

“ Couldn't ask for a better uncle . You were the tops ! I still remember you teaching me how to drive , in your standard shift Ford . We tried to reach the top of a hill to get on the Parkway , we were sliding back ! We made it , you were so patient . When I started work , you helped me pick out my first car . My parents were gone , but you looked after Tony and I . Forever in my heart , love JoAnn

JoAnn Calandra - November 09, 2014 at 05:55 PM

JC

“ JoAnn Calandra purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mr. Pasquale J. "Pat" DeSantis.



JoAnn Calandra - November 09, 2014 at 05:42 PM

AC

“ ANGELINE ENTWISTLE AND CHILDREN purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Pasquale J. "Pat" DeSantis.



ANGELINE ENTWISTLE AND CHILDREN - November 09, 2014 at 05:21 PM