



Peter F. DeSarro

February 11, 1927 - January 28, 2008

Mr. Peter F. DeSarro, age 80, of Utica, passed away on Monday, January 28, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his family by his side. Born in Utica on February 11, 1927, Peter was the son of the late Angelo and Margaret (Casaletta) DeSarro. Raised and educated locally, he attended St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Grammar School and graduated from T.R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served his country in the American Theater of Operations as a Fireman First Class on numerous notable vessels. On September 16, 1950 he married the former Rose Marie Barrella with whom he shared 53 years until her passing on June 10, 2004. As partners in life, their marriage was important to them and their homestead provided a secure and comfortable sanctuary for family and friends over the years. Blessed with a loving nature, Peter was devoted to his children and grandchildren and supportive of all their activities and endeavors.

Peter upheld an outstanding work ethic throughout his employment of over 30 years in the service department of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. During his retirement years he enjoyed his winters in Florida and the opportunity to assist others, especially his family and church, in his role as "Mr. Fix-it". A talented carpenter, he inherited the woodworking skills of his father, helping many people with remodeling projects and improvements. He took a special interest in electronics, improving the mechanical performance of many articles and appliances, and he took pleasure and pride in his cherished train collection. A spirited New York fan, he rooted for the New York

Yankees and the New York Giants. An active parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, he was supportive of parish life throughout the years by serving as a Catholic Youth Organization advisor, Mt. Carmel Little League coach, Holy Name Society member, and a 'dependable and reliable' volunteer of the annual parish festivals.

Peter is survived by his children and their families, Pat Debbold of Frankfort, John F. and Katherine DeSarro of Norwich, Mary Beth LaNeve and Richard "Rick" LaNeve, Sr., and David Debbold; his grandchildren, Jason Debbold, Colleen and Chris Thurston, Eric and Amy Debbold, Corey and Kristina Debbold, Craig Debbold, Scott Debbold, Stephanie Baird; Marie DeSarro, Peter DeSarro; Richard "Rick" LaNeve, Jr. and fiancée Kit Fong, and Margaret "Margie" LaNeve; and his great-grandchildren, Iona Rose Thurston, Kris Marie Thurston; Jordan Lynn Debbold; and Dillon Ross Baird. Survivors also include several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Francis J. Barrella who was also his longtime friend, and Evelyn and Roger Smith. He was fond of his retiree group of friends from Niagara Mohawk who met every Wednesday for breakfast, a bright spot in his more recent years. He was predeceased by his sisters and brother-in-law, Theresa DeSarro, and Marie R. and Louis Azzarito; and his sister-in-law, Josephine Barrella.

The family expresses gratitude to Dr. Raouf A. Kodsy, a physician who made a world of difference through his guidance and compassion. Thanks also to Peter's grandson, Chris, as well as family friends, Julia Elacqua, RN and Roseann Gerace, RN who provided personal and attentive care that was a blessing to the entire family. Appreciation is also extended to Fr. John Rose for his spiritual devotion and Fr. John Flanagan for his special prayers.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. In recognition of Peter's admiration and regard for the spiritual community and research organizations, his children ask you to consider memorial contributions in his honor to St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, Notre Dame High School, or the American Cancer Society.

Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Peter's funeral service and Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday at 12:00 noon from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Tribute Wall



“ *The DeSarro family,
We are sorry for your loss. Our prayers and sympathy is with you
during this difficult time.
With our deepest sympathy,
Rob, Stacey and family###imported-begin###Robert and Stacey
Diana###imported-end###*

February 04, 2008 at 08:15 AM



“ *MaryBeth and family, I will miss seeing your Father in church. Your
family is a blessing to know and my thoughts and prayers are with
you. Mary Jo###imported-begin###Mary Jo Arcuri###imported-end###*

February 02, 2008 at 03:45 PM



“ *To all the family - Please accept my sympathy.
Anna Cafarelli###imported-begin###Anna Cafarelli###imported-end###*

February 02, 2008 at 01:51 PM



“ *Patty, John, and Mary,
I am so sorry that he is gone and I am so sorry that I couldn't be
there. Beside my parents, there was no other adult in my life that
played as large a part in my growing up. The gas station, CYO,
midnight mass and 2am breakfasts, picnics at Verona State Park,
and more recently visiting here in FL.. He will be missed.
Take care,
Bob###imported-begin###Bob Azzarito###imported-end###*

February 02, 2008 at 07:34 AM



“ Unfortunately, due to the weather and two sick children at home, we were unable to make it to the funeral home. Our sincere condolences. We are thinking of you all.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Coughlin##imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 02:30 PM



“ Pat, John, Mary Beth, Dave and the entire extended DeSarro famiglia,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Believing in what we were taught all those years at Mt. Carmel, Pete is now reunited with his Rose, and sisters Theresa and Marie and all the others who have passed on before us. We can look at it this way, Heaven now has the best electrician Mt. Carmel ever had. Pete taught me things years ago in setting up the Festival that I have not forgot. And then there were those years in the gambling tent, when my father along with yours, Pete A., Pat F. and Pete P. taught me the way. They are all truly missed now.
Bobby Ollerenshaw##imported-begin##Bobby Ollerenshaw##imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 12:18 PM



“ Dear Marybeth.
My thouthts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.I was sorry to read that your dad passed away, my husband and I knew your dad from childhood. May you find comfort in God's love.My deepest regrets that I am unable to pay my respects to you in person
God bless you all.
Adelene##imported-begin##adelene labella##imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 11:13 AM



“ Colleen, i am very sorry for your loss, don't know what to say,###imported-begin##William Thurston##imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 10:08 AM



“ Marybeth, Ricky and to all the family I am very sorry for your loss. Your father, grandfather and great grandfather was a ood man I am proud to say that I knew all my life from the time I was a child going to Mt. Carmel school and I will always remember the times we worked together at the festival. God grant hime peace.

Louie###imported-begin##Louis Ollerenshaw##imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 07:42 AM



“ MaryBeth, Rick, and family
Our deepest sympathy,
Philip and Carol Scampone###imported-begin##philip
scampone##imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 07:08 AM



“ A few years ago, I enjoyed an enjoyable day with Peter and Phil Cornacchia at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse. I know we appreciated the return trip to a place where the Mt. Carmel Men's Retreat Group made it an annual highlight of its spiritual connection to the church.##imported-begin##Jim Griffin##imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 03:20 AM



“ *Mary, Ricky J and Margie,
We are very sorry about the passing of your Dad and Grandfather.
We will always remember him as a wonderful man and we know
what a special role he played in each of your lives. Our prayers are
with you.
Angela, Tom and Tom###imported-begin###Angela
Chmielenski###imported-end##*

January 31, 2008 at 07:11 PM



“ *John and Kathy,
I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with
you and your family.###imported-begin###Tracy
McCumber###imported-end##*

January 30, 2008 at 09:59 PM



“ *Patty, John, Mary Beth and families,
So sorry for your loss. May your memories be his special gift to
you.###imported-begin###Annette Guido###imported-end##*

January 30, 2008 at 06:56 PM



“ *John,
I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. My thoughts and
prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin###Debbie
Dunlap###imported-end##*

January 30, 2008 at 02:00 PM



“ Dear John, Kathy, Marie and Peter,

May fond memories sustain you through this difficult time.

With deepest sympathy,

Barb LoPiccolo##imported-begin##*Barb LoPiccolo*##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 01:50 PM



“ *My condolences to you and your family, John. Hope it helps at least a little to know that others are thinking of all of you. God bless you.*##imported-begin##*Hazel Coyle*##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 01:13 PM



“ *John: My deepest sympathies for you and your family.*##imported-begin##*Dennis Ammon*##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 10:27 AM