



Peter M. Busa

February 1, 1935 - July 5, 2007

Mr. Peter M. Busa, age 72, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, July 5, 2007, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, with his loving family by his side, after a brief illness.

Born in Messina, Sicily, Italy on February 1, 1935, Peter was the son of the late Guiseppe and Victoria (Raffa) Busa. He came to the United States and to Utica as a child and was raised and educated locally. On August 27, 1955 he married the former Vita M. Valenzano. The couple shared a wonderful relationship that was blessed with love, respect, and compassion.

Peter was employed at the Joseph & Feiss Co. as a tailor and served as shop steward prior to his retirement. He was generous and compassionate of spirit, and had a solid work ethic. A versatile and social man, Peter knew how to be a friend to a variety of people involved in his life. He was a source of wonderful, sound advice and direction when it was needed. He felt that he was blessed to have a wonderful wife by his side, a son who adored and respected his father, and the joys of his grandchildren, who Peter cherished with all his heart. A passionate outdoorsman, he was an accomplished hunter and fisherman. He appreciated the art of mushrooming and tended his own vegetable garden with much devotion. He was a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054. He was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Peter is survived by his cherished wife of 52 years, Vita; his adored son and daughter-in-law, Joseph M. and Mary Ellen Busa of Sauquoit; and his

grandchildren, Ashley, Brittany, and Peter Joseph Busa, who affectionately knew him as Poppy. Also surviving are his sisters, Sarina DeAngelo of Italy, and Congetta DeAngelo of FL; his nieces, with special mention of Angela Musa who was also his godchild, his nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, his brother-in-law Jack Fazio, and his sister-in-law, Judy Ritzel. He also leaves his friends of many years, Frank Maggiore, Antonino Colicchio, Cheech Capirci, Louie Spano, Joe Nicotera, and John Juliano. He was predeceased by his sister, Josephine Fazio, his in-laws, Victor "Ninnie" and Fay Valenzano, and his brother-in-law, Donald A. Valenzano.

The family expresses heartfelt appreciation to St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, especially the Medical Intensive Care Unit "special angels", from caregivers to housekeeping, for their genuine love and concern for Peter and Vita; they made the past 2 months more accepting, and the family will be forever grateful for such a loving staff to support them. Also, thanks to Sister Jacqueline Spiridigloizzi for her spiritual guidance and uplifting nature.

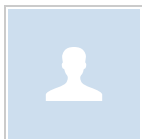
Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00 – 8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Peter's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish at Mt. Carmel Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Entombment will take place at Calvary Mausoleum.

Tribute Wall



“ *Vita and family,
Our most sincere condolences to you. We were truly shocked and saddened to hear about Peter's passing. Peter was a wonderful man and a great friend to my grandfather for years. Seeing him always made me feel closer to my "Papa". He will be missed dearly. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.
Love, Danielle & Duane##imported-begin##Duane & Danielle (DeVincenzi) Clausen##imported-end##*

July 18, 2007 at 03:11 PM



“ *To Vita Busa and family of Mr. Peter Busa,
We are so sorry for your loss. For the short time that you had met Pete he made a great impression on us. We got to know a person who compassionate and kind hearted, never complained and always smiled! We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and in our prayers! Remember that you always have friends in Syracuse!
Love always, Yuri and Sarah##imported-begin##Yuri Pashchuk and Sarah Betts##imported-end##*

July 10, 2007 at 11:04 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Busa, you may not remember myself or my wife from New Hartford.
I was very close with Peter through the former John Devincenzi and Albert Alberico Sr. of Utica. Peter and I would spend many hours sharing stories of :outdoor sports, Utica politics and "the old country". Although I am not originally from the Utica area , shortly after arriving in 1988, I was introduced to Peter. Over the years i came to know him quite well. I could always gaurantee a sharing of wisdom and a welcoming smile from him. Recently, Peter and I participated in a local funeral procession , and as always, Peter shared such compassion to me. Please be assured we will miss him greatly.
As I type this i can still see both of you at the New Hartford Shopping Center restaurant laughing and joking!
If the legacy of a man's life is measured by the people he has smiled at and touched , then a big part of Peter will live on in all of us!
May God be with and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Mark and Janet Logan##imported-end##

July 10, 2007 at 01:06 AM



“ Vita and Joe I am so sorry to hear of your loss you will always be in my prayers##imported-begin##Jean Riccardo##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 05:44 PM



“ Joe and family,
I am sorry to hear about the family loss of Mr. Busa. I had heard last week that he was not feeling well. It's hard to think about it now, but in time you will remember all the good times which will get you through the sad times. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bob Ollerenshaw##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 10:32 AM



“ Dear Busa Family,
Peter was a wonderful man, I have many memories of old times when Joe and I were teenagers looking to Peter for guidance. This is a great loss of a man who had such a big heart and was loved by many. Try to remember all the good he has done in his life so that the memories will last forever. Unfortunately, I cannot be there to show my respect, however, my family will keep him in my prayers. Mike (Dippy) DiPierro##imported-begin##Michael DiPierro##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 08:08 AM



“ Vita, Joey & Mary Ellen

Sending my sincere sympathies and prayers of comfort for all of you. I remember each of you from my childhood days on Tilden Ave at Don & Judy's house. I live in Virginia now so I won't be able to attend the calling hours but will continue to keep all of you in my prayers. God Bless##imported-begin##Lisa Mattison Bates##imported-end##

July 08, 2007 at 11:57 PM



“ Dear Vita,
We are so sorry to hear about Peter. He was such a sweetheart.
Johnny always thought so much of him.
Take care and we will call you soon. You are in our prayers.
Our love,
Johnny and Donna###imported-begin###John and Donna
###imported-end###

July 08, 2007 at 04:31 PM



“ Dear Joe, Mary Ellen and kids,
We are so sorry to hear about your Dad and Poppy. We did not
know he had been ill.
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
We will call you this week.
Take care of yourselves.
Love,
John and Donna###imported-begin###John and Donna ###imported-
end###

July 08, 2007 at 04:26 PM



“ For the 3 months I have known you, you were the best landlord I
ever had. That showed a lot for your character from day one. I know
you're in a better place now, in the hands of the lord. May the Lord
hold you in his arm's and take away the pain.

From your tenants at 1409 Brinckerhoff ave. May you rest in peace,
forever.###imported-begin###Robin Alford###imported-end###

July 08, 2007 at 02:59 PM



“ I am so so sorry for your lost. My heart & my prays will always be with you.##imported-begin##Carlos Rios##imported-end##

July 07, 2007 at 12:21 PM



“ Vita and Family,

I am sorry to hear of Peters passing. It has been many many years since I saw either you or Peter.It seems like just yesterday that Peter came from Italy and became the new kid in our class in Brandegee School. Somehow we became best of friends for a long time with me, with my cousin Dick Guarascio, the Puma Brothers and a few others from around Mary Street. I left Utica in 1964 and have not seen either of you since then. But, I will always remember you both with the fondest of memories. May the Lord give you and your family the strength to carry on and may the Lord accept Peter with open arms. Your old friend, Joe Caramato (Tampa, FI)##imported-begin##Joe Caramato##imported-end##

July 07, 2007 at 09:15 AM



“ Vita ~~ I cannot even begin to express to and your family how badly I feel about Peter. The both of you proved to me that there is still sincere love and goodness in this world, and the examples you have set should be a reminder to all that life is precious and gratitude and kindness are gifts that touch not just those who possess it, but those you have shared your lives with. I can tell you that I feel blessed to have you both in my life, and I know that Peter is in a place that radiates the happiness and goodness he expressed and shared and lived by. He will never be forgotten, and his spirit lives on in those fortunate enough to have been blessed with his presence. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts, Vita. I love you very much. God Bless ~~ Jude Orendorf###imported-begin###Jude Orendorf###imported-end###

July 07, 2007 at 08:46 AM



“ Vita Honey - I am so, so sorry for you loss. I watched you and Peter many times, especially in Wal-Mart and saw the love you two shared with each other. When we love ,someone always gets hurt. Thank God for all the good years He gave you two. Vita, in the coming days you will be in my prayers that God will strengthen you and comfort you with His everlasting love, peace and grace. God Bless Joyce###imported-begin###Joyce Semeraro###imported-end###

July 06, 2007 at 11:50 PM



“ Dear Vita and Family, I am so sorry for your loss . My heart goes out to you and your family . Here is a prayer for you and your family . You are as near as the very air we breathe, and the light around us, yet our thoughts' farthest reach falls short of you. Let your light penetrate our darkness, to reveal to us the glory and joy of your eternal presence. amen. With much love Missy your secretary in micu###imported-begin##Melissa Moody###imported-end##

July 06, 2007 at 05:29 PM



“ Vita,Joey Mary Ellen & Family

*I cannot express our Heartfelt sympathy..
Peter was such a wonderful husband, father and "Best Friend" to everyone.*

*Words cannot express your loss.
I pray God will give you great strength at this time.
Peter will be the "Italian Angel" in Heaven*

Cousin Cookie, Frank & Shane###imported-begin##Cookie Frank & Shane###imported-end##

July 06, 2007 at 02:21 PM



“ Vita, Joe, Mary Ellen, Ashley, Brittany and Pete,

Michael and I want to extend our deepest condolences for your loss.

Though we only had the privilege to be with Peter on a few occasions we felt we got to know him as a family member and came to love him as such. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless you all.

Eileen and Myke###imported-begin##Eileen and Michael Gallo###imported-end##

July 06, 2007 at 02:10 PM