



Philip J. Coppola

June 30, 1936 - December 16, 2013

Mr. Philip J. Coppola, age 77, of NY Mills and a winter resident of St. Petersburg, FL, passed away on Monday, December 16, 2013. Although his passing was unexpected, he was in the comfort of his home in Florida, in his favorite space, with a cigar in his hand and his sunglasses upon his face.

Born in Kingston, NY on June 30, 1936, Philip was the son of the late Anthony J. and Anna (Moore) Coppola. He attended Utica parochial schools and was a graduate of St. Francis De Sales High School. Following the advice of his parents, Philip enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country stationed in Italy. On April 25, 1964, he married the former Dorothy A. Kelly with whom he shared nearly 32 years. Through their love for one another, they formed compatible parenting skills and upheld many traditional values. His beloved Dorothy passed away on March 26, 1996. Their children are grateful for what their parents imparted to them.

Phil worked as a debt collector for Commercial Credit and later as a Computer Programmer at Control Data Corporation, the position from which he retired. Blessed with a quick, witty mind, Phil was a man of strong opinions and great strength of character. Blended with his extremely kind and generous nature, he always did his best to help whenever someone was in need. He was a supportive patriarch who followed the basketball and football games of his children and had an interest in all their activities. In truth, Phil's children

enhanced his life and they were a major motivation of his happiness. Phil held a passion and appreciation for horse racing and was known to wager now and then. He was also a patron of the friendly poker game, and mastered the art of reading and challenging his opponents. He enjoyed traveling, especially on cruises, because he loved boats and the nautical pleasures of cruising, including challenging the odds at the card table, relaxing in the lounge, observing people strolling on deck, and above all, being among family. He was also a great sports spectator, following with great passion college basketball, and his favorite teams, football's Seattle Seahawks, and baseball's Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He was a member of the Whitestown Vet's, and a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church. Phil thought that all in all, it's been a good life, and "another day in paradise".

Philip is survived by his son, Stephen Coppola of Utica and Mary Catherine Garofalo; and his daughters and son-in-law, Donna M. Aumiller of Deerfield and Daryl Haskell; keeping close in his heart the memory of his son-in-law, Ryan Aumiller who passed away on March 9, 2012; and Lori and Joseph White of Marcy. He also leaves his cherished grandchildren, Joseph Carlomusto, and Danielle Aumiller. His extended family includes his many nieces, especially Tina Marie Coppola with whom he held a special bond; nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sister-in-law Virginia Coppola; and family members of his late wife, Dorothy. Phil was honored by his loyal and meaningful friendship with Paulette and Richard Malek and their daughter Lisa. They tended to Phil with support and strength. In Florida, he knew the friendship of Jacque and Rachael Bastien, Hap and Angelo. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard Coppola.

The family extends appreciation to Phil's niece, Heather Norton, who resides in Florida and was of great assistance and comfort during his untimely passing; as a funeral director she was so kind in offering her personal and professional attention to every detail in escorting him home.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 1:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Philip's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler with Military Honors conferred. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Phil is spending Christmas this year with his wife Dorothy.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
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Tribute Wall

MC

“ Dear Steve, Donna, Lori, Joe, Joey and Danielle,
It was a very sad day for all of us having to say goodbye to such a great guy. He left us all with a lot of funny stories and wonderful memories that will be in our hearts forever. We know he is happy and at peace to be back with his beloved Dorothy. Thank you Uncle Phil for all your love and kindness. We love and miss you. Merry Christmas and tell Aunt Dorothy we say hi and miss her. Until we meet again,
Love,
Rich, MaryAnn, Brian, Kevin and Michelle Coppola



MaryAnn Coppola - December 22, 2013 at 10:40 PM

AS

“ Steve and family,
Your father was a big part of my life. Every Tuesday and Thursday we would have dinner and enjoy a couple of hours of horse betting. I along with Tom tarkowski and Frank Laporte enjoyed his being there with us.
We will never fill the gap of him not being there, but will always remember the GREAT times.
He joined us last year for Christmas and was coming again this year.
Marie and I miss him not being here and share your loss.
Marie & Angelo Santucci

angelo santucci - December 22, 2013 at 11:19 AM

FL

“ Steve, so sorry to hear ..thoughts and prayers sent brother.



Frank LaDue - December 21, 2013 at 07:23 AM

LR

Sorry to read of your father's passing. My husband grew up with Phil and was great friends with him. He was in our wedding party in 1966. We were all friends, with your mom and him before and after our weddings. Up until we all started our families. We have wonderful memories.

Don and Lynne Reilly

Lynne Reilly - December 22, 2013 at 11:46 AM