



Philip J. Chieco

October 28, 1926 - September 25, 2007

Mr. Philip J. Chieco, age 80, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on October 28, 1926, Philip was the son of the late Leonardo A. and Jennie (Salamido) Chieco. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. He pursued his collegiate studies at the State University of N.Y. at Oswego where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, and continued graduate work at Syracuse University. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was stationed in Germany during the Korean Conflict. On August 19, 1950 he married the former Delores Veytovich with whom he shared 57 years. They were best friends and were blessed with a wonderful family life which was so gratifying.

Philip was exemplary in his lifework as an Industrial Arts teacher with the Utica City School District. He will be best remembered as a good natured teacher and a dedicated mentor to his students. Phil was a credit to his profession. He viewed all life's challenges as character building opportunities, always upheld a positive outlook. He was an inspiration to his family, friends, and co-workers. He took time for each of the responsibilities in his life and he did so with a suave and confident demeanor. He was most proud of the accomplishments of his children, especially in the area of their education. During his leisure time he enjoyed wine making, gardening, traveling, vacationing in Florida, and fishing with his son Phil. He was blessed with vocal

abilities and sang with Il Coiro Italiano. He was a member of the Utica Teachers Association, and the International Association of Machinists. He was a parishioner of St. Agnes Church.

Philip is survived by his wife Delores; his daughter and son-in-law, Michele A. and Ed Szwedo of North Carolina; his sons and daughters-in-law, Leonard R. and Susan Chieco of Hopewell Junction, NY, and Philip D. and Eve Chieco of Clifton Park, NY; and his adored and cherished grandchildren, David, Cheryl; Kelly, Nicholas, Brian, Kevin; Philip, and Gregory. He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Paul L. and Ruth Chieco; and his sister and brother-in-law, Julia and Frank Cecere.

In keeping with Philip's wishes, there will be no public visitation. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Memorial Mass of Christian Burial which will commence on Friday afternoon at 1:00 at St. Agnes Church. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Philip's honor to the Masonic Care Community of NY; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **28**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
700 Kossuth Ave
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ Dee,

We were very saddened to here of Phil's passing. I know the last couple of years for you both have been very trying. I remember coming to Utica and your trips here to Cohoes to see both of us. The great talks, the card games, and Phil's wine. Both my father and Ted loved it. He will be missed.

Please accept our deepest sympathies. We will be in touch.##imported-begin##Rita M. Clairmont and Julia Shannon##imported-end##

September 30, 2007 at 02:14 PM



“ *It's been 50 years since I've had the priviledge of being Mr Chieco's student at Brandegee School. He was a patient understanding teacher who helped you learn, not just gave you instructions and said do it. There have been so many times I have thought of him and the extra help he gave me. Everytime I tackle a wood project , I think back to his saying " Cut the wood a little longer, you can always shorten it". He was a good man and a great teacher to me. Not just in Industrial Arts, but in life, relationships, and family matters. I will miss him but never forget him. My condolences to your family. We will keep you all in our prayers. God Bless,,Gene DiFondi##imported-begin##Eugene DiFondi--Sun City, AZ##imported-end##*

September 28, 2007 at 01:33 PM



“ We will always remember Mr. Chieco from his warm smile and fun loving nature. His wine was always a hit!!!
John and Allie VanLuyk, Jayne Rinaldi

September 27, 2007 at 08:31 AM



“ Dee:

I was so siorry to read about ophil's death on the Internet. My sincerest sympathies to you and your kids. It has been years, but I just wanted you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

Love,

*Pam Hobbick-Nasto
Las Vegas, Nevada
Pam Hobbick-Nasto*

September 26, 2007 at 11:29 AM



“ *I have such fond memories of Phil during my growing up years as Michele's BFF (Best Friend Forever) and will never forget the great time I had with the family on that famous trip across country. May you all find peace and comfort in the great life you shared with him! God Bless!*
Linda (LoConte)
Anderson

September 26, 2007 at 11:28 AM



“ *Mr. Chieco was an outstanding husband, father, and grandfather. Our family is saddened by his loss and send our prayers. God Bless!##imported-begin##Joseph A. Montanaro & Family##imported-end##*

September 26, 2007 at 09:42 AM