



Mr. Robert K. "Jap" Grande

July 24, 1937 - April 5, 2021

UTICA - Mr. Robert K. "Jap" Grande, age 83, passed away on Monday, April 5, 2021 in the comfort and dignity of his own home with his loving family by his side.

Robert was the beloved son of the late Rocco and Carmella "Cora" (Barbero) Grande. He attended local schools, and was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He was honorably discharged in 1959. The love for his country and fellow Marines remained close to his heart.

On August 20, 1960, Bob married the former Pauline Catera. Blessed with a 60 year union, they were truly soulmates and their love for each other never wavered.

Bob began his construction career in 1959 with ND Peters & Co. where he developed the true love for his trade. He later joined Murnane Building Contractors where he became proficient in all aspects of concrete construction. He cherished the many lasting friendships created there over the years.

Bob's family was the light of his life. A loving patriarch, he truly lead by example. He was always present in his children's and grandchildren's lives, lending an ear to listen, giving words of encouragement, and sharing a story or two about the "old days". They cherished each moment spent with him and will forever carry on his legacy. His daughters, Doreen and Gina lovingly cared for their father tending to his every need in his last days; his sons-in-law, Mike and Tim held a special place in his heart; his sons, Bobby and Paul reassured

him the family would be taken care of; and his grandsons assisted in providing him comfort in his final days. They all NEVER left his side.

Bob's favorite pastimes included bowling and trips to the Saratoga Raceway. He was an avid Yankees fan and founding member of the Social Athletic Club. Bob is survived by his soulmate Pauline, who "loved him from the first moment she saw him", his children, and their spouses, Robert K. Jr. and Mary Grande, Regina "Gina" and Timothy Histed, Doreen and Michael J. Heinrich Sr., and Paul Grande and former daughter-in-law Rae "Toogie" Grande. Grandchildren, Timmy, and Patrick Histed, Michael J. Jr., and Matthew Heinrich, Brittany Mildner, Jessica, and Paulana Grande. Great-grandchildren, Sonja Mildner, Aria Mildner; Rowan Aguilar; and Raelyn Roth. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; sisters-in-law, Shirley Catera, and Marilyn Catera; his loyal friends, Mike Ambrose, Tony Putrello, who was like a son to him, and will be forever known as "5:00 Tony", and Maria and Matthew Kozak. The family was blessed with the love and support of Christine Vetere, and Angel Le, who are an integral part of the family. He will be reunited with his buddies Butch Putrello, and Ralph Ventura. Together, they will resume pouring concrete.

He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Carmella Grande; and his in-laws, Joseph and Cosmina Catera, Michael Catera, Santo and Carmella Catera, Josephine and John Catera, and Joseph Catera.

Bob was blessed to have his family care for him, and when the time came for additional comfort care and guidance, the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care were there. Special thanks are extended to nurses Crystal, Beverly, Annie, and Cari. They are true angels on Earth whose compassionate care was so appreciated.

Visitation will be held Thursday evening, April 8, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Robert's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred.

Face masks covering your nose and mouth are required and social distancing and contact tracing will be implemented at both locations. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Robert's memory may make a contribution to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. online at <https://hospicecareinc.org> or by mail to 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY 13413. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

This obituary was lovingly written by Christine Vetere and Bob's children.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences during your time of grief!
Emil and Janet Paparella*

Emil Paparella - April 17, 2021 at 07:55 PM

TF

“ *To the Family,*

*We are saddened to hear of Bob's passing.
Sending peace, love and light your way .*



The DiNigro family - April 16, 2021 at 07:41 AM

JF

“ *My sincere condolences to the Grande family.... Bob ! It was a pleasure to have known you, Sir !.... Thank you so much for your sacrifice & services protecting our nation..... R.I.P you will not be forgotten, going to miss seeing you stopping by from time on Zoar Ave to visit Ralph... I him said hello please*



Joseph M Foley - April 08, 2021 at 04:36 PM

BG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family , Bob "Charms " Giruzzi .*

Bob Giruzzi - April 08, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert K. "Jap" Grande.



April 08, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *Renee A Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert K. "Jap" Grande*



Renee A Nelson - April 07, 2021 at 08:49 PM



so very sorry for the loss of your dad. May the good Lord get you all through this difficult time

Renee A Nelson - April 07, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert K. "Jap" Grande.



April 07, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert K. "Jap" Grande.*



April 07, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ *My sincerest thoughts prayers to the entire Grande family. Bob will be missed but never forgotten. Take care. Chris Kelly*

Chris Kelly - April 07, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to Doreen, Regina and their family. Sorry to hear about your dad.*

Angela Graziano Pastorelli - April 07, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Bob's passing. He was a wonderful man who would do anything for you. We had a lot of great times together. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Our deepest condolences to Pauline and his entire family.*

Bob & Fran Fuller - April 07, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of my cousin, Bobby. My mom, his Aunt Eleanor, sends her condolences, too. I know Aunt Cora and Uncle Rock were there with open arms to greet him. Rest In Peace, Bobby. - Diane (Borello) LaPolla*

Diane Borello LaPolla - April 07, 2021 at 08:11 AM

DM

“ *Such a great man. I cherish our friendship. May you rest in eternal peace. God Bless you Marine! Semper fidelis*

Daniel Mellito - April 07, 2021 at 07:33 AM

JP

“ *Thoughts and Prayers are with you all. RIP Bobbie. God Bless Janet Putrelo*



Janet Putrelo - April 06, 2021 at 06:07 PM

JB

“ *Jeff And Dana Boliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert K. "Jap" Grande*



Jeff and Dana Boliver - April 06, 2021 at 03:57 PM

JB

We are so very sorry for your loss. Bobbie was one of a kind and will be missed by many. RIP

Jeff and Dana Boliver - April 06, 2021 at 03:58 PM

LO

Our close friend Bob really will be missed but more importantly he will always be remembered.

*Sincerely,
Loretta Francis and Family*

Loretta - April 07, 2021 at 05:54 PM

CL

Gina , Tim and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts for all.

Cyndi LaClair

Cynthia LaClair - April 08, 2021 at 09:46 AM