



## Rocco F. "Roc" Clemente

August 23, 1921 - March 18, 2012

Mr. Rocco F. Clemente, age 90 of Utica, NY passed away on March 18, 2012. Born August 23, 1921, he was the son of the late Antonio and Angela Maria (Naimo) Clemente.

Rocco was a graduate of both T.R. Proctor High School and Clarkson College where he received a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering. During World War 2, he attended the Army Specialized Training Program at Harvard University prior to serving as part of Company G, 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division assigned to Patton's Third Army during The European campaigns. During the Battle of the Bulge, he attained the rank as First Sergeant. It was on October 25, 1947 that Rocco married the former Frances Cucci; the couple shared in the most loving and compatible relationship of 64 years.

Following the completion of his service time and further study at Clarkson College, he worked for the New York State Department of Transportation as a civil engineer engaged in the planning, survey, design and construction of the thruway and major highways throughout the central New York region. After his retirement from the state he became the City Engineer for the city of Utica where he served a 2 year term under Mayor Stephan Pawlinga.

Licensed as a Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor, Rocco was engaged in numerous consultant assignments with OW Hubell Companies, and Oneida County. He had a number of technical affiliations with State transportation

units and Utica Technical boards. Roc was also affiliated at Utica College as an Adjunct Instructor in their Contract and Construction Technology Program for a period of approximately 20 years. He was actively involved in volunteer services at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church as a trustee and Administrative Assistant for several years. Rocco was most active socially with Tau Phi Zeta Fraternity and the Briscolieres where he enjoyed friendships with his lifelong friends.

Rocco is survived by his loving wife Frances; daughter Loretta D'Alessandro of Acton, MA, and son Paul of Harvard, MA; and three grandsons, Michael and Andrew D'Alessandro, and David Clemente, all residing in Boston, MA. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Jessie Clemente; nephew, Anthony Clemente; and cousins Vincent, and Robert Clemente; as well as numerous nieces and nephews from his sister Maria Arcuri's family. He was predeceased by his sisters Marie (Philomena) Arcuri and Maryann Diecglio; and brother, Michael Clemente.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 11-12 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the American Heart Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Rocco's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday afternoon at 12:00 from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial with Military Honors will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 21.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Service

**MAR 21.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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MAR 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482  
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Paul and family,*

*Louis and I are sorry to hear the news, but glad that we had the opportunity to meet Paul's dad in the early 80's during the time that we were "condo neighbors" of Paul's, in Ashland, MA. We have fond memories of Rocco. Our sincere condolences to the entire family.*

*Doug Shapiro and Louis Chrostowski*

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**Douglas Shapiro** - March 27, 2012 at 05:13 PM

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“ *Roc was such a special man, friend and boss.*

*Many years ago he hired me to work at the DOT and I had the distinct pleasure of seeing him not too long ago. I will always remember the smile on his face when he realized it was me and introduced me to his wonderful wife.*

*Roc started out as a boss, became a mentor and most important a loving, caring friend who will be missed terribly. I am sorry I will not be able to come and pay my respects to this wonderful man, but there has been a death in my family also. I just wanted his family to know how dearly I love him and he will always be remembered lovingly. God Bless you my dear friend. May you rest in peace. All my love.*



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**Kathi Tamer** - March 20, 2012 at 09:27 PM

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“ Nancy Duesler-Watrous lit a candle in memory of Rocco F. "Roc" Clemente



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**Nancy Duesler-Watrous** - March 20, 2012 at 05:22 PM

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“ To Fran, I was so sad today when my sister sent the obituary that Roc had passed. I loved you both so much as family loves each other. You were very important to my family and my parents and they loved you so. We all have wonderful memories and pictures of all the fun times you all had together. I know now that Roc is up there in heaven with my Mom and Dad and they are remembering as well. Fran you take care of yourself and know that what you and Roc had was a very special love. Doreen (Tinelli) Jesionowski

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**Doreen Jesionowski** - March 19, 2012 at 12:55 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire family on the passing of Rock. He was a true gentleman and a good friend through out the years. I feel I owe my career to him and the best thing I ever did was listen to him and have his support and help through out my time both inside and outside of the workplace. More than a relative he was a mentor and good friend and always had a smile and a nice greeting for us when ever we saw him.....Dave & Maria Ionta

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**David V Ionta** - March 19, 2012 at 09:34 AM