



Rocco J. Sassone

August 22, 1949 - March 28, 2011

Mr. Rocco J. “How’s Your Face” (a common Rockyism) Sassone, age 61, a native Utican and a longtime resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 28, 2011 in the privacy of his home.

Born in Utica on August 22, 1949, Rocco is the son of Victoria (Coriale) Sassone and the late Michael T. Sassone, Sr. Raised and educated in Utica, he was a 1967 graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. At one time he was married to the former Jennifer Jastremski-Tine and from that relationship came the blessing of their son.

In 1975, Rocco relocated to Las Vegas where he was employed by various casinos and aspired to the position of pit-boss; he returned to Utica this past year to be closer to family. Attached by feelings of admiration and love, he kept his mother in his heart and had a special adoration for his son and granddaughter. He was a wonderful human being and big brother. He remained a New York Yankee fan and an avid fisherman.

Rocco is survived by his son and companion, Michael Sassone and Carlene Chmura of New Hartford; his granddaughter, Bianca Victoria Sassone; and his mother, Victoria Sassone. He also leaves his sister, Mary Joyce Asselta of Utica; his brother, Michael T., Sassone, Jr. of FL; nieces, nephews, especially his little buddy, Louis, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, with special mention of Joey Sportelli, aunts, uncles; his former brother-in-law, Art Asselta; his longtime and loyal friends, Russell DeVito, Jimmy Ciccone, Anthony “Wooge” and Dyan Sardelli, and Phil and Pinky DeSimone; and his feline

“Beepers”.

Rocco’s family will honor and celebrate his life in a private gathering.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rocco J. Sassone*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *i googled rocco to catch up with him and found out he passed away. I send my condolences to the family. Rocco was a great guy. We worked together at the tropicanna in Las Vegas. I remember he liked the yankees and corvettes. Once again my sincere condolences to his family. Sam loPresti*

sam lopresti - August 15, 2021 at 12:45 AM

RM

“ *Dear Mary Joyce and Family, please accept my condolences. Great memories of Rocky growing up on St. Agnes Ave. Then when I arrive in Las Vegas in 1978 he drove us around to help us find a place to live. He will be missed but never forgotten. Ron Moracco*

Ron Moracco - April 03, 2011 at 09:01 PM

JA

Thanks, Ron. Appreciate it, Joyce

Joyce Sassone Asselta - April 11, 2011 at 11:22 AM

BM

“ My condolences to the family of Rocky. I knew Rocky since 1957 when my family lived on James Street. We later dealt craps together at the Union Plaza in Las Vegas in 1977. I was blessed to have known him, and happy to have spent time with him while he was dealing craps at the Turning Stone over this past Winter. We fondly reminisced about the old days in Vegas and Utica. Rocky was always top shelf, ans one of the best home run hitters ever to come out of Cornhill, I miss you Rocky,and miss the old days in old Vegas. Friends for life....Billy Magee.....The Yankees won their first two if you are keeping score. I know you are FACCA

Billy Magee - April 03, 2011 at 12:46 PM

JA

Thank you so much Billy. He really thought highly of you and spoke of you fondly his short time at TS. Joyce

Joyce Sassone Asselta - April 11, 2011 at 11:23 AM

VL

“ Victoria Sassone Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Rocco J. Sassone



Victoria Sassone Lawrence - April 02, 2011 at 03:25 PM

VL

I miss your face, Uncle Rocky. Love you, Vickie OXOX

Victoria Sassone Lawrence - April 02, 2011 at 03:29 PM

GC

“ *Mary Joyce and family, Please accept my sincerest condolences. I remember all the good times we had as kids on St. Agnes Ave! RIP, Rocky. Grace DiFondi Centola*

Grace M. Centola - April 02, 2011 at 08:27 AM

JA

Thanks Grace

Joyce Sassone Asselta - April 11, 2011 at 11:25 AM

DP

“ *Debbie Pecorello lit a candle in memory of Rocco J. Sassone*



Debbie Pecorello - April 01, 2011 at 06:23 PM

DE

RIP Rocky.....Love, from your cousin Debbie.

DebbiePecorello - April 01, 2011 at 06:25 PM

JA

Thanks Deb.

Joyce Sassone Asselta - April 11, 2011 at 11:24 AM

MS

“ *M'Liss Sudduth lit a candle in memory of Rocco J. Sassone*



M'Liss Sudduth - April 01, 2011 at 02:14 PM

MS

My heart and prayers go our to his family and friends. He will be missed dearly.

M'Liss Sudduth - April 01, 2011 at 02:16 PM

JA

Thanks M'Liss

Joyce Sassone Asselta - April 11, 2011 at 11:24 AM

CR

“ *Christa Rivera lit a candle in memory of Rocco J. Sassone*



Christa Rivera - April 01, 2011 at 01:57 PM