



Romeo W. DeCola

July 17, 1931 - February 10, 2012

Mr. Romeo W. DeCola, age 80, of Utica, passed away on Friday, February 10, 2012 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on July 17, 1931, Romeo was the son of the late Ernesto and Maria Christina (Circelli) DeCola. Raised and educated locally, and honorably served his country as a proud veteran of the United States Air Force. On July 24, 1954 he married the former Julia Usmail with whom he shared 44 years prior to her passing on March 28, 1999; Romeo and Julia shared an enduring love and devotion to each other.

A welder by trade, Romeo worked at Midstate Steel until his retirement. Currently, he was under the employ of Walmart where he served as a door greeter, a position he truly loved, up until the time of his illness. He was so well-suited for this job because his outgoing personality allowed him to warmly welcome customers who endearingly remembered him by name. At home, he was a devoted husband, a kind and generous father, and an adoring grandfather. He held a great respect for nature and was an avid sportsman, hunter, and fisherman.

Romeo is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Vincent Lamberto of New Hartford, and Donna and George Augunas of Ben Salem, PA; his sons and daughters-in-law, David and Anne DeCola of Whitesboro, and Daniel and Gail DeCola of Remsen; and his grandchildren, Ian and Jaime Lamberto of New Hartford, Bryce Lamberto of Las Vegas; Alex Augunas,

Adam Augunas, and Autumn Augunas; Emily DeCola, and David DeCola. He also leaves his nieces, especially acknowledging Cheryl Gibson, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Evelyn DeCola, Christine Petyak of PA, and Virginia and Albert Santamaria of Barneveld. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Mattio and Carmella "Pudgie" DeCola, George and Nancy DeCola, and Adolph "Tuffy" DeCola; and his sisters and brother-in-law, Rose DeCola, and Mary and Nicholas Pezzulo. The family wishes to acknowledge the professionalism and courtesy of Dr. Atul Butala, and the 6th Floor Oncology Unit doctors, nurses, and staff at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, especially Shelly Letson. In keeping with Romeo's wishes, the family will honor and celebrate his life at a private gathering. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Dave, Annie and Family - We are so sorry for your loss. Our sympathy and our prayers are with you. God Bless.*
Rose and Karen Moylan

Karen Moylan - February 13, 2012 at 12:24 PM

RT

“ *susan im very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad , he was a great guy who took me under his wings when i became a people greeter at walmart he was always making people smile and they all knew him by name i know everyone that worked at walmart will miss him roger tartaglia*



roger tartaglia - February 13, 2012 at 12:09 PM

BP

“ *Dear Susan abd Family:*

Sorry to hear of your father's passing, we send our deepest condolences.

Beth Pedulla and family

Beth Pedulla - February 13, 2012 at 12:07 PM

MS

“ Dear Susan and Family:
I was so very sorry to read of your Dear
Father's passing.
Know that he and you, his loved ones, are in
my prayers.
God bless,
Michele Simmen



Michele Simmen - February 13, 2012 at 09:50 AM

KB

“ I met your Dad Susan when we were 15. It was great to still see his
smile and chat with him during my visits to the market. So very sorry
for your loss.

Kay L. Bloom - February 13, 2012 at 09:45 AM



“ Dear Sue and Family: We are so sorry for the loss of your Father.
He was such a wonderful and cheerful man. Whenever I walked into
WalMart he was happy and before that he greeted me at Price
Chopper. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
The Kall Family

Diane Cone-Kall - February 13, 2012 at 06:03 AM

TB

“ I am very sorry for your loss, and grateful for the opportunity to have
worked with Romeo. He was always there with a smile and a "Hi
Doll" whenever I walked through those doors. He will be missed.

Tracy Bartella - February 12, 2012 at 03:39 PM



“ *Romeo will always be a special friend, a great People Greeter. I will remember all the times he would come to me to get on the computers or try to help someone find a job. Every morning he was working how he really start your day off with his singing. Romeo you will be missed*
Penny your Personnel Coordinator

Pandora (penny) - February 12, 2012 at 07:48 AM

GA

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George Augunas - February 11, 2012 at 10:09 PM

BL

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. Romeo will be missed by anyone that knew him. My favorite memories of him are when he was singing. He always had a smile & a song to brighten my day. Rest in peace old pal. Your friend from Wal Mart Bonnie J. De Land*

Bonnie J. De Land - February 11, 2012 at 08:46 PM

KR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Romeo was a people greeter in the garden center and he was always in a good mood and made everyone smile! I will miss working with him Kathy Richmond*

Kathy Richmond - February 11, 2012 at 06:57 PM

TF

“ *Romeo and Julie are together again. We're so sorry for your loss but know now he is at peace. They and all of you are in our family prayers.*

Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - February 11, 2012 at 05:24 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Romeo at Walmart, he was such a great guy. I have to say, he would make me laugh, I worked in Personnel office and he would get so mad at the computers and I will tell him it's ok we'll cheat... Again I am so sorry to hear this... God Bless you all...*

Pamela D

Pamela Daprix - February 11, 2012 at 04:13 PM

JM

Romeo was the kindest man I knew. I worked with him for several years at Walmart. He always had a smile on his face and everytime I walked into Walmart he would make me laugh. I could tell he loved his grandchildren very much, as he always talked about them. He had a great sense of humor and always had an encouraging word for me. He was just a great guy to be around. He will be missed greatly.

Jill Martinelli - February 11, 2012 at 05:12 PM

LC

He was such a kind and loving man. I will miss him more then I can say. RIP My dear wonderful friend.

Lorraine Czeck - February 13, 2012 at 04:47 AM