



## Mr. Ronald A. "Ronnie" Rosa

June 7, 1942 - April 26, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Ronald A. "Ronnie" Rosa, age 77, was reunited with those who went before him when he passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at MVHS at St. Luke's Health Care with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on June 7, 1942, Ronald was the son of the late Dominick and Lucia (Pietropaolo) Rosa. He attended T.R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran of the Vietnam Era, Ronnie enlisted in the United States Navy where he honorably served his country as a Fire Fighter on base in Annapolis, Maryland as well as spending time at sea. He and his late friend, John Pisano, served together as mariners bonded by a "buddy system". On November 7, 1963 he married his high school sweetheart, Lynda M. Colangelo. They were a fun-loving couple, and their teenage love stood the test of time; they were best friends for 48 years prior to Lynda's passing on September 12, 2012.

Ronnie was a responsible, dedicated employee at Revere Copper & Brass in Rome for many years until his retirement. With a smile that lit up a room, Ron was the "life of the party" and he had a sense of humor to prove it. As the youngest of 9 children, he learned many of life's lessons early as he and his siblings shared responsibilities in managing a huge household. As he matured, he served as the family chauffeur and the cook with the key to all the family recipes. He prepared Sunday dinner, holiday dinners, and camping cuisine. Everyone ate well! His home was equipped with indoor and outdoor kitchens, as well as the famous picnic table topped with Ronnie's Italian favorites that attracted family and friends at any given time. Indoors, a candy

dish on the coffee table was filled with confectionery treats flanked by his outdoor and cook books. In the afternoon, black coffee was shared with his siblings. Wednesdays were Pitch Day, with a buffet in the garage, and Sunday dinner was followed by a friendly game of cards often laced with accusations raised by the Rosa's that others were cheating! He could be entertained by a good John Wayne movie and inspired by cooking programs.

Family was the core of his life. He was so proud of his children and the grandkids ranked #1. He was involved in their lives, supported their events, and made every occasion special.

An outdoorsman, Ron enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, picking wild rapini and mushrooms, with only a few people privy to the places that held a bounty of these Mediterranean delights. He also cultivated a vegetable garden necessary to prepare Italian meals. There were no weeds in his lawn, but there were meticulous patterns of cutting lines produced by the lawn mower and the man guiding it. He also looked forward to traveling with family on day trips to casinos, Fly Creek, the Adirondacks, and the race track at Saratoga, in a family bus equipped with "food and spirits".

Raised in a Catholic family, Ron was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. He wore a St. Anthony medal to guide him on his journey. He was graced with God's gifts, ...and he was so grateful.

Ron is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Nicholas Pastorelli; his son, Frank Rosa and Robin Buttacaroli; grandchildren, Stephanie Rose, and Mary Marissa Pastorelli; sister, Isabelle Guido; brother and sisters-in-law, Dominick and Carmella Rose, and Florence Rose. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, Linda Colangelo, and Cynthia Colangelo; dear friend, Andrea Brescia; and many true friendships that lasted a lifetime. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Adeline and Frank Juliano, Mary and Joseph DeGeorge, Angela "Angie" Rosa; brothers, Patrick J. Rose, John Rosa, and Michael A. Rose; and in-laws, Raymond Guido, twins Francis A. "Fran" Colangelo and Thomas A. "Tom" Colangelo, and Richard Colangelo.

The family extends sincere thanks to Dr. Samir Desai and his staff for their attentive care, and the personnel at MVHS St. Luke's/6th Floor who took exceptional care of Ron and his family.

Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to the Regional Cancer Center, 807 Newell St., Utica, NY 13502 or online at <https://mvhealthsystem.org/location/faxton-campus>. Ron will be laid to rest beside his beloved Lynda.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, services will be held with immediate family only. Please take a moment to connect with Ronnie's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary on our website.

Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Chris and Frank, My condolences to you and your families during this difficult time. Your dad was a great guy and I have nothing but fond memories of him when the families got together. Ken Meola (SC)

Ken Meola - May 04, 2020 at 09:39 AM

 Rich Ajaeb

“ Chris and Family, Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your father.

Rich Ajaeb - May 02, 2020 at 09:40 AM

FW

“ To Frank Robin and Chris so sorry to hear of your loss. May he be joined with his wife in heaven and be resting and at peace. God bless and stay strong are prayers and thoughts are with you. Love always. Frank and Linda williams

Frank and Linda Williams - April 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM

CC

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Ron

Carm and Don Whiting (Colangelo)

Carmelita Whiting Colangelo - April 30, 2020 at 03:46 PM

LF

“ *Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald A. "Ronnie" Rosa*



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**Lynette Franco** - April 30, 2020 at 01:12 PM

LF

“ *Dear Chris & Family...I am so sorry to hear of your dad! May he be reunited with your mom in heaven. Peace be with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Lynette Franco & Children*

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**Lynette Franco** - April 30, 2020 at 01:11 PM

VJ

“ *Chris and Frankie.*

*So sorry to hear about Dad. I always had a great time and a lot of laughs when he cooked for all us girls when Mom had the fall party which was like our pool party. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.*

*Val Jadhon*

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**Valerie Jadhon** - April 30, 2020 at 11:19 AM

CT

“ *So sorry for your loss. I loved going to the Rose party just to play pitch with your dad and the others. Your dad would invite me to play at his house on Wednesday's but at the time I was still working. Wish we were playing right now. Forever he will be missed. Cindy Testa*

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**cindy tesra** - April 29, 2020 at 07:52 PM

CH

“ *Camille Hanzalik lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald A. "Ronnie" Rosa*



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**Camille Hanzalik** - April 29, 2020 at 07:15 PM

CP

“ *Christine, Ralph, Frank and Robin. So very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time. Vln and Cissy Pastorella*

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**Cissy Pastorella** - April 29, 2020 at 06:18 PM

BC

“ *Rosa family,  
So very sorry for your loss. Ronnie and I use to have some very nice conversations when I would be out walking my dog and he would be sitting on his steps enjoying a cup of coffee. He surely will be missed. May he rest in peace. With our deepest condolences your neighbors,  
Patrick & Brenda Castelli*



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**Brenda Castelli** - April 29, 2020 at 11:26 AM

NP

“ *I am very sorry for the loss of Ron, I knew him for over 50 years, hunted with him and his family and friends, especially pheasant. We had many a good time together ,good food and beer, his wife Linda was a ball to be around.Rest in Peace my friend*

*Nick Parrota.,Naples Florida.*

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**Nick Parrotta** - April 29, 2020 at 11:10 AM

RT

“ *Frank and family.  
So sorry to hear of Dads passing. Lot of good memories with him  
and the entire Rosa family. Always had a smile. God bless and Rest  
In Peace Ronnie!  
Rock Tebsherany*

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**Rocco Tebsherany** - April 28, 2020 at 08:12 PM

MC

*Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cannistra and family extend our sincere condolences  
to the entire Rosa family. Ron will be truly missed. Rest In Peace  
buddy. Your friend Jim. 🙏*

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**Mr and Mrs James Cannistra** - April 29, 2020 at 12:32 AM

MC

*God Bless you always 🙏*

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**Mr and Mrs James Cannistra** - April 29, 2020 at 12:34 AM