



Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Mesagna

September 29, 1953 - December 23, 2023

UTICA – Mr. Ronald T. “Ronnie” Mesagna, age 70, is now at rest after passing away on Saturday, December 23, 2023.

Ronald was born in Utica on September 29, 1953, the son of the late Joseph M. and Yolanda J. “Linda” (Trombetta) Mesagna. He attended Roosevelt Elementary and graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1972. Ronald proudly served in the U.S. Army as a Paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division. His heroic missions were precise and well calculated, and his time stationed in Europe instilled in him a deep respect for the U.S. flag and he defended it against all its enemies.

Ronnie worked as a machinist at Kelsey-Hayes, a position he genuinely enjoyed, appreciated and often spoke of during his 10 years with the company. He held memories of his family close to his heart. He was always the first to check in on loved ones during illness or times of need, demonstrating his value and helpful nature. Ronnie was a unique individual and known to be a private person. He was a lover of all sports. He never missed a game and was an avid fan of the New York Yankees, cherishing the historic Mickey Mantle. He also supported the New York Giants with equal fervor. His love for the game of baseball began in high school and as a young adult, he was known as a great catcher when he played for the American Legion Post. Fall was his favorite season. He appreciated the walks that he took in Proctor Park, always in amazement of the historic design of the inner-city space. He was independent and was proud to have made a mark on this

world for the way he cared for others.

Roonie was a spiritual man who knew the graces of the Lord, guiding him through life's journey. His faith and personal spirituality were sources of strength and comfort.

Ronnie is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Charlene T. and Joseph R. Pisani; and his brother, Eugene M. Mesagna. Ronnie was predeceased by his brothers, Joseph A. Mesagna who passed away in 2021, and Frank Mesagna who passed away in 1993. Ronnie also leaves to cherish his memory his nieces and nephews, David and Kelly Baptiste; Ralph and Stephanie Mesagna, Cheli and Aaron Lepree, Jennifer Mesagna, and Frank Mesagna; and great-nieces and great-nephews, including Derrick, Stella Rose, and Starlyn. He always held close the memory of his great-nephew who preceded him, Nicholas Baptiste. He is additionally survived by his aunt, Doris Trombetta who he adored; and many cousins, especially Darlene Trombetta, Lucille Cook, Philip Macero, Robert DiMarco and his friend Jenna, Ripper Macero, Kari Macero, Mary Ellen Trombetta, Joanne Trombetta, and Paula Trombetta. Ronnie was additionally predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Frank P. and Teresa Rose (Mallace) Trombetta.

Ronnie's life was a testament to the strength of family bonds, the bravery of service, and the quiet dignity of living one's principles.

The family will honor and commemorate Ronnie's life privately. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Ronnie's honor may be made to the Central New York Veteran's Outreach Center online at www.ucdevelopment.org or by mail to 726 Washington St., Utica, NY 13502.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ CATHY Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Mesagna



CATHY Shaw - January 05, 2024 at 02:58 PM

DT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



dwight tullis - January 01, 2024 at 01:59 PM

DT

“ Dwight Tullis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Mesagna



Dwight Tullis - January 01, 2024 at 01:46 PM

DT

super athlete, great line backer #66, and a hell of a catcher 5/9/71 he caught my perfect game against New Hartford's Donny Scholl. where I struck out 18 out of 21 batters for U F A TO WIN COL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME,. never forget you, or THAT DAY, RIP my brother. Amen

Dwight Tullis - January 01, 2024 at 01:53 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of Ronnies passing. I was stationed in Friedberg Germany walking down the street and seen Ronnie, we are both from Utica corn hill. We knew each other. We hung a round for our last year in Germany. I got out before Ronnie by 4 months, when Ronnie got out, I picked him up at Fort Dix. We lost touch of each other after I got married. My prayers are with the family. Sam Cavo

sam cavo - December 31, 2023 at 02:27 PM

FM

“ Deepest Sympathy to all of the family. Ron and Tom were best of friends. The memories and good times will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace and be with his family in heaven. God bless.
Francine Mulchy

Francine Mulchy - December 30, 2023 at 09:28 AM

FG

“ Fred And Janice Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Mesagna



Fred and Janice Greer - December 29, 2023 at 07:24 AM

DS

“ Ronnie and i were teammates on football and baseball teams. He was a good kid. We got along great. RIP my friend.

DAVID SCARLINO - December 29, 2023 at 12:17 AM

GD

“ So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He and I go way back. Prayers to the family

Gary DeCarlo - December 28, 2023 at 06:46 PM

ML

“ Charlene, I am so sorry for your loss. Ronnie was such a nice kid. Always made me laugh.

He is with Frank and your mother now.

Marie (Anna) LoGalbo

Marie (Anna) LoGalbo - December 28, 2023 at 06:05 PM

MH

“ Mary Hosey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Mesagna



Mary Hosey - December 28, 2023 at 11:05 AM

JM

“ Jennifer Mesagna lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Mesagna



Jennifer Mesagna - December 27, 2023 at 11:36 PM

JM

You will forever be missed. I love you Uncle Ronnie. Rest easy

Jennifer Mesagna - December 27, 2023 at 11:37 PM

LF

“ *Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Mesagna*



Lynette Franco - December 27, 2023 at 10:40 PM

AS

“ *May you rest in peace Ronnie..
The Slades from Taylor Ave.. 🙏*

Andrew Slade - December 27, 2023 at 10:02 PM

DK

“ *Rest in peace dear cuz I will never forget the laughs we shared and the fun we used to have. I will never forget how the 3 of us me , you, and Rosie held onto my dad when he passed, we had a lot of love in our family. I will miss you so much cuz!!! I love you. Rest easy and in peace. Cousin Dar*

Darlene Trombetta King - December 27, 2023 at 07:02 PM

FO

“ *I had the privilege to work with Ron at the city . He was a great man with a ton of great stories and knowledge. I enjoyed talking to him and walking with him in the park. He will be sorely missed.*

Fred O - December 27, 2023 at 01:42 PM

RM

“ I moved to the west coast many years ago, my cousin did stay in touch with me and would give me the 411 what was happening in Utica.

We talked Yankees and of course family, Ronnie was attached to my side at a young age ,he was more brother than cousin the times we had together I could write a book ,I will miss him terribly R.I.P. my brother no more pain

You were one of a kind .Love Ripper

Ripper Macero - December 27, 2023 at 01:40 PM

JR

So sorry to hear. I hung out with him and ripper and Marty skermont in my teens. Me and Ronnie “dated” for a bit. Always so sweet. Sorry for your loss. Janet bianco randall... ripper, I as well moved west coast in 79

janet bianco randall - December 30, 2023 at 03:29 PM

AF

My condolences to the families. It's been many years since I last saw Ronnie. We all played little League baseball together with Ronnie and Ripper. Very special times together as kids.

Andrew Flood - February 08, 2024 at 02:12 AM

JR

Ronnie was a great friend and when sick asked me to keep his diagnosis quiet. I loved this lunatic, he was a loyal friend, a great athlete, I hope we play dodgeball in heaven. Joey Raffuel

Joseph G. Raffuel - January 10, 2025 at 02:41 PM