

Mr Rosario A. Dapice Jr.

February 24, 1932 - February 21, 2015

Mr. Rosario A. Dapice, Jr., age 82, passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family at his side.

Born in Utica on February 24, 1932, Rosario was the son of the late Rosario and Maria Antonia (Sarno) Dapice. Raised and educated locally, he attended the Utica Boys' Trade School. A proud veteran, Rosario honorably served his country in the United States Army, 351st Infantry from 1952-1960 stationed stateside and later in Italy where he guarded the Yugoslavian border. On October 30, 1954 in St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church, he married the former Artie Peters with whom he shared 60 years in a loving, nurturing, and adventurous relationship built upon the values of family.

In his early years, Rosario learned the art of printing from his brothers. These skills led him to a position at Griffiss Air Force Base where he worked as a sheet metal mechanic retiring after a 36-year career. Endowed with an enduring work ethic, even after retirement he held various part-time positions. Rosario was a charming and animated conversationalist blessed with a happy spirit and a peppy personality. He held an intense pride in his family and loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and his great-grandchild. At home, his family affectionately referred to him as a professional tinkerer and a Mr. Fix-It. He loved working around the house. In his spare time, he pursued his high-tech hobby as a C.B. radio operator able to communicate with people from all over the world. He was a member of the former Sons of Italy Lodge

and the North Utica American Legion Post #229. One of Rosario's most memorable accomplishments of his life was the honor and privilege of serving as an Altar Boy at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church during his youth.

Rosario is survived by his wife, Artie; his daughters and sons-in-law, Rose and the late Robert Polera of VA, Linda and Michael Doyle of Binghamton, and Melissa and Greg Misterman of PA; his grandchildren, Robbie and Jen, Michael Paul, Rory, Amanda, Alan, and Phillip; and his great-grandson, Sebastian Michael. He will also be missed by his brother, Frank "Cheech" Dapice of Utica; and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Gloria and Edward Montemurro, Rita D. and Felix J. "Phil" Talarico, Louise and Carl Tripepi, Josephine and Stanley Schmitter, and Carmelita and Edward Long; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Frances Dapice, Rocco J., Sr. and Rose Dapice, and Anthony and Ena Dapice; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry Lee and Pearl Rose Peters; and his in-laws, Maebelle and Peter Zito, Robert J. and Edith Peters, Annie and Harvey Weddle, and Myrtle Peters.

The family wishes to thank the Utica Ambulance personnel and the Emergency Room staff at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their outstanding care and efforts during a difficult time.

Visitation will be held Friday morning from 9-11 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a donation to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or AMVETS.org in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Rosario's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 11:00 from the funeral home and at 12:00 noon at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno with Military Honors conferred. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Wiklacz Family lit a candle in memory of Mr Rosario A. Dapice Jr.*



The Wiklacz Family - February 28, 2015 at 03:46 PM

DL

“ *Dan Levett lit a candle in memory of Mr Rosario A. Dapice Jr.*



Dan Levett - February 27, 2015 at 07:27 AM

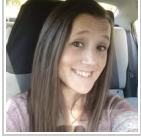
DL

“ *To Mrs. Dapice and family,*

I'm truly saddened to hear of Rosario passing. I also worked with him at Staples, and truly enjoyed working with him. He always had something witty to say, and would always try to put a smile on your face. I'll miss his always up-beat attitude and willingness to help everyone. My prayers go out to you and your family, and may you rest in peace Rosario.

-Dan Levett

Dan Levett - February 27, 2015 at 07:27 AM



“ To Mrs. Dapice and family,

I am saddened to hear of Rosario's passing. I worked with him at Staples. My favorite was when he would say "Ask me if I care" and when you did, he would say "Nope". He made all of us laugh. My prayers go out to your family. May you rest in peace Rosario.

Mary Trophia - February 26, 2015 at 09:47 PM

DS

“ Artie and Family,

Sorry to learn of Rosario's passing. I always remembered him fondly from the times he would come into Rite Aid (Daw's) to pick you up with the kids. A great, funny guy with a beautiful disposition! May your greatest memories sustain you during this sad time. My sincere condolences. Dan Salsbury

Daniel Salsbury - February 25, 2015 at 05:21 PM

CB

“ Dearest Rose and Family,

As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring the memory of your father Rosario.

With love and hugs

Joe and Cathy

Cathy and Joe Bradley - February 24, 2015 at 10:18 PM

KT

“ *Kathy & Tom lit a candle in memory of Mr Rosario A. Dapice Jr.*



Kathy & Tom - February 24, 2015 at 03:49 PM

KB

Tom & I are so sorry for the loss of your dad Rose. Prayers are with you and your family Love you

Kathy Donowick Brusgard - February 24, 2015 at 03:50 PM

PW

“ *Such a wonderful man! So many memories as I practically lived on Cosby Road and always knew I could go there anytime I needed a brown bag!. He will surely be missed. My heart goes out to dear Artie, Rose, Linda and Missy.*



Love you all, Patty Williams

Patty Williams - February 24, 2015 at 09:10 AM

DC

“ *Doreen And Bernie Carcone lit a candle in memory of Mr Rosario A. Dapice Jr.*



Doreen and Bernie Carcone - February 24, 2015 at 09:02 AM

CT

“ I will never forget the times when we would see Uncle Jr. in Rite Aid after mass on Sunday mornings. As soon as he saw me he would grab my cheek and pince it. He then would smile and say "Hi Sweetie". I will always remember him this way. I actually looked forward to him doing that but would pretend I didn't. I think he knew that I loved the attention.

Until we meet again Uncle Jr. - I love you!

carm tripepi - February 24, 2015 at 08:09 AM

ME

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Melissa - February 23, 2015 at 03:57 PM

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Melissa - February 23, 2015 at 03:55 PM