



Mr. Rufus "Rufie" Casaletta, Jr.

July 11, 1955 - October 1, 2013

Mr. Rufus "Rufie" Casaletta, Jr., age 58, passed away on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family.

Born in Utica on July 11, 1955, Rufus was the son of the late Rufus, Sr. and Caroline (Cittadino) Casaletta. Raised and educated locally, he attended T.R. Proctor High School.

Rufie was a quiet, humble, and unassuming man, but when necessary, he was also determined and strong-willed. He found peace and pleasure attached to simple pastimes: the fresh air of fishing at Sylvan Beach, the excitement of the casino, and the high spirits of the holidays, especially Christmas Eve with his loved ones. He lived his days true to himself.

Rufie is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Rufus III and Leeann Casaletta; his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Theresa and Michael DiNigro of Frankfort; and his brothers and sisters-in-law, George A. Casaletta and Roberta Marose, and Gary A. and Donna Casaletta, all of Utica. In addition, he leaves his aunts, Carmella Cittadino, Annie Nicoletta, Carmelita Poccia, and Claire Casaletta; nieces and nephews including Domenica DiNigro, Maria DiNigro, George Casaletta, and Gary Casaletta, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law, Lorraine "Lorri" Casaletta.

Gratitude is extended to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Intensive Care Unit at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for all their care and compassion.

The family will honor Rufie's life privately.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Condolences to the Casaletta family.
Fond memories of growing up together.
RIP Rufie!*

John Scata



john scata - October 27, 2013 at 04:40 PM

MA

“ *Rufie, Lee Ann and all of the Casaletta
Family, I met Rufie back in 7th grade also and
formed a great friendship with him that I will
never forget...we had a lot of fun back
then...Rest in Peace....God Bless! Maggie
(Zegarelli) Aceto*



Margaret Aceto - October 06, 2013 at 04:13 PM

RS

“ *Rufie & Lee Ann,
So sorry for the loss of your father but we know he will always be in
your heart. If he knew you like we do he would be so very proud to
call you son. We love you both very much and will always be there
for you.
Love,
Mom & Dad Schavone*

Rosemary Schavone - October 05, 2013 at 03:55 PM

KC

“ George, Gary, Mary Theresa & families - I'm so sorry to hear of Rufie's passing. I remember delivering your paper on Mary St.. You're in my thoughts & prayers.
With Love Kathy Casatelli Syracuse NY

Kathy Casatelli - October 05, 2013 at 11:41 AM

KA

“ Rufie, Gabe and I hearts are heavy for you and we're always here..I hope you find comfort knowing he will be with you always know..Love you too Lee Lee..Love and Friendship Always xoxo

Kristina Altamuro - October 05, 2013 at 10:43 AM

SA

“ Rufie & Leeann,

I am thinking of you both at this sad time. Please know that I am here for you if you ever want to talk or need someone to listen. I remember your father from our teenage years and always enjoyed his company. Always remember, your family and friends will help and guide you through this difficult time.

*With deepest sympathy,
Santina, Pat and Sons*

Santina - October 05, 2013 at 08:56 AM

PW

“ So sorry for your loss.

patty fraccola williams - October 04, 2013 at 04:16 PM

LJ

“ *Louis P. Casatelli Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus "Rufie" Casaletta, Jr.*



Louis P. Casatelli Jr - October 04, 2013 at 02:37 PM

LJ

“ *To Rufus III, Leeann, George, Roberta, Gary, Donna, Mary, Theresa and Mike I have so many great memories of going to your house on Mary Street, I am so sorry for your loss. I hope your good memories will help to ease your pain.*

Louis P. Casatelli Jr.

Louis P. Casatelli Jr - October 04, 2013 at 02:36 PM

ER

“ *Rufie and Lee Ann:*

Ciro and I are so truly sorry for your loss. Losing a parent is one of life's toughest adversities. May you know that you are loved by your family and friends. Our prayers are with you today and every day to come.

*Love,
Ciro and Erica*

Erica Raspante - October 04, 2013 at 08:40 AM

CH

“ *Rufie & Lee Ann:*

I am very sorry for you loss.

Christopher Lambert

Chris - October 04, 2013 at 07:15 AM

LC

“ *I've been waiting a long time to meet you but unfortunately I've never had the pleasure. I just want you to know that you created a wonderful, beautiful, smart, loving, and humble man. And as I read your obituary, it describes my husband to a T. All I can say is thank you to you and Philomena for making me a wonderful husband and I know you'll be watching over us for the rest of our life's.*

Lee Ann Casaletta - October 04, 2013 at 02:30 AM

LM

“ *Rufie, We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers & love to you and your family. God Bless. Love, Gary, Lu & Jake*

Louise Mazza - October 03, 2013 at 03:40 PM

LM

Laura J. Carvelli Mucurio...I remember meeting Rufie in the 7th grade. He was one of the nicest guys I met. We had some fun times in school....We lost touch but from time to time I would see him and we would talk for awhile. Always remembered me and had a smile on his face. Your suffering is now gone my friend...Rest in Peace. I am so sorry for your loss and much sympathy to the family. May God give you the strength to cope with your loss.

Laura J. Carvelli Mucurio - October 05, 2013 at 07:15 AM