



## Salvatore "Sam" Castelli

July 22, 1937 - March 11, 2007

Mr. Salvatore "Sam" Castelli, age 69, of Schuyler, NY, passed away on Sunday, March 11, 2007, in the comfort of his home. At the time of his passing his loving wife was by his side.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 22, 1937, Sam was the son of the late Salvatore and Anna (DiSenna) Castelli. Raised and educated locally, he attended T.R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. On November 9, 1996 he married the former Anna Knowles. They shared in a relationship that was blessed with love and respect, laced with humor, and they were best friends to each other.

For a number of years, he resided in California prior to calling Utica his home again in 1988. His work responsibilities and positions varied throughout the years. In most recent times he worked for Northern Safety Co. and was proud to have worked for the family-owned business. Sam loved people, and naturally found the best in others. He was a great conversationalist, a good story teller, and a reverent and kind man with a generous heart. With his kind words and a smile on his face, he had a special way of making others feel good. As an outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing and quadding. A treasured time in his life was his trip to Germany and Italy in 2001, where he spent time with his family, learned of his heritage, and ventured into the experience of a lifetime. At one time he was a member of the American Legion Post 229. He was a communicant of St. Agnes Church.

Sam is survived by his wife, Ann. Always close to his heart was the memory of

his son, John Jose Castelli who preceded him in death. He also leaves his daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Scott Rommel, a daughter by his first marriage; and his grandchildren, including Jacob and Victoria. Also surviving are his sisters and brother-in-law, Josephine Kohl of Pittsburgh, PA, Florence and Edward Siemski of Newport, NY, and Betty Zumbo of CA; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, John D. Longo, Sr., Ann Castelli, and Dolores Castelli. Sam considered his family and his extended family at Northern Safety Co. as his greatest treasures. He was predeceased by his brothers, Albert, Alfred, John, Armond, and August; and his sisters, Antoinette, Valentina, Mary Longo, and Anna Cuda; and his nephews, Anthony F. "Butch" Longo, Daniel Longo, and Rocco "Rocky" John Longo.

The family offers its sincere thanks to Dr. Sloan for his years of professional care and friendship to Sam, and for his kindness and compassion to Anna upon Sam's passing. Thanks also to the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Dept. for their timely response.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Sam's funeral service will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors. Interment will take place at Frankfort Center Cemetery in the spring.

"We love you Uncle Sam"

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church, with military honors  
700 Kossuth Ave.  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Ann:  
*I was very sorry to hear about Sam's passing. I am his nephew, although two years older than him. We were very close as teenagers and served in the army together. Although we have not been in touch for over 30 years, I have fond memories of him. Please accept my sincere condolences.*  
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“ Anna & Family,  
*Our sincerest condolences go out to your and your family. We will treasure the memories we have of Uncle Sam and his stories. One of the most memorable would be the the knife story from his childhood. No matter how many times you heard it, it makes you laugh (although I am sure not funny at the time). He was a good man and always knew how to bring a smile to those around him..... Our thoughts and prayers are with you!###imported-begin##Barb & Bob "Goldy" Goldsmith###imported-end##*

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“ I am very glad to have known Sam for so many years, and to have had Sam for a step father. We went fishing alot and camping, he was always doing something funny. Thanks for all the good times and memories Love Steve###imported-begin##Steve###imported-end##

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“ Aunt Anna,

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of Uncle Sammy when I was younger, the way he would walk on his hands, him and Uncle Val cutting up and teasing Grandma so she would get mad at Uncle Val but never her "baby".*

*Please know that he was so loved by his nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. There can only ever be one Uncle Sammy in a kid's life. I'm so thankful he was ours.*

*Love and hugs,*

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