



Sandy J. "Red" Cardinale

April 15, 1924 - February 15, 2007

Mr. Sandy J. "Red" Cardinale, age 82, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2007, in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Islin, Pennsylvania on April 15, 1924, Red was the son of the late Sisto and Florence (Petrucci) Cardinale. He also knew the love and guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Rossi and their daughters of Utica. On November 26, 1953 he married the former Rose M. Potenza who passed away on June 17, 2002. As two people who were well suited to one another, Red and Rose shared a loving union of almost 50 years. They valued the preciousness of family that exist to this day which are examples to their daughter and her family.

During his working life, Red was a route man for Wonder Bread and Blue Ribbon Cakes. He was also well-suited for the retail world and was a car salesman for Koerner Ford, Cater Lincoln, and Dodge City. As an "honest car salesman", he loved people and strived to please his customers. Red enjoyed the last stage of his working career as an aid with Ryder and Birnie Bus Company. He was pleased to share his personality with the young adults and children he served. He would also be remembered by many as the "coat check attendant" at Alfredo's Banquet Specialists.

A dedicated family man, Red was an open, loving, care-free spirit with a unique and memorable sense of humor. For leisure entertainment he enjoyed the excitement of chance at the off-track-betting lounge, and old time television series on channel 37. He also took personal pleasure in fishing,

especially during the years at his camp at White Lake, and the many memories of family gatherings there. He was a parishioner of St. Agnes Church.

Red is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Florence A. and Thomas S. DeSimone of Utica; his adored granddaughter, Amanda Nicole DeSimone; and his companion with whom he shared much happiness, Dorene Silano of Utica. Also surviving are his nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Jack Potenza and family, Peter and MaryKay Capponi, Jack Capponi and family, Tom and Sharon Allen, Brenda Osborne, and Joanie Roberts; his great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, including Ann Hicks and family, and friends, Mary Maio and family, and Marilyn and Richard Wester. He was predeceased by his brothers, Angelo Cardinale, and Frank "Blondie" Cardinale; his sisters, Pat Ernenwein, Mary Cardinale, Agnes Saraceno, Elaine Merry, and Betty Romano; and his in-laws, Nicholas and Madeline Potenza. He also shared his life with his son-in-law's father, Sam "The Barber" DeSimone, a dear friend who preceded him in death.

Sincere thanks are extended to Dr. Sudershan K. Dang, a friend and physician, Dr. Atul Butala, the Central NY Cardiology Group, the nurses and staff of the 4th and 6th floors of Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, the Rehabilitation Dept. at the Heritage Health Care Center, and the dedicated staff of Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., especially Janice, Roseann, Irene, and MaryAnn. All of Red's caregivers offered quality care with much compassion and concern.

Visitation will be held Sunday (today) from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Red's honor to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Mr. Cardinale's funeral will commence on Monday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Service

FEB **19**. 9:30 AM (ET)

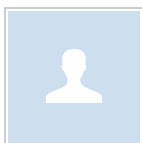
St. Agnes Church
700 Kossuth Ave
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ Florence, I was sorry to read your father passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless You All.##imported-begin##Cathy (Scicchitano) Preacher##imported-end##

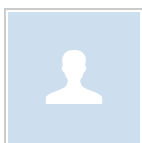
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“ Flo,
Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love,

Tom and Rosemary##imported-begin##Tom and Rosemary Walker##imported-end##

February 18, 2007 at 04:22 PM



“ Flo, Tom, and Amanda:

Uncle Red, is now laid to rest in heaven among the other angels we know, but his memory will live on through us as Aunt Rosie's does. Growing up I can remember all the time we spent together in the garden, and the talks we shared as he cared for the tomatoes. In the future when I see a tomato hanging on a vine, I'll always think of him. He was one great tomato.

Love his godchild,

Michele##imported-begin##Michele (Maio) Morawiec##imported-end##

February 17, 2007 at 11:31 AM



“ Florence,
I am your cousin Freddie and me and my family hearts go out to you on the loss of Uncle Red. I will always remember his humor. We can't be there with you in person, but we are with you in our hearts and prayers for God to comfort you and your family during this time of great loss of such a wonderful man. God Bless###imported-begin###Rev Frederick G Mery Jr###imported-end###

February 17, 2007 at 08:36 AM



“ Florence, Tom, and Amanda,
*We struggle at times like this, to find the right words that we hope might calm the moment.
But we live our lives with those we love, in a way that cannot be described by words alone.
We're born, we grow, we work, we laugh, we cry, we have highs, and lows, and eventually we reach a point, where all we need to do is done. And then we move on. The sorrow that we feel when those we love pass on, can be measured only, by the love we shared when they were with us.
How nice it is, that your Dad and Poppy, was able to do all the things he did. How wonderful it is, that he was able to do it with us.
He had a great ride, his journey has come to an end, and he is back with his Rosie,
"Thank You Red"
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