



Stephen A. "Steve" Punzi

July 24, 1928 - August 19, 2007

Mr. Stephen A. "Steve" Punzi, age 79, of Utica, passed away on Sunday, August 19, 2007, at the Presbyterian Home for Central New York.

Born in Utica on July 19, 1928, Steve was the son of the late Cosma (Dongia) Zaccania Punzi. He was raised and educated locally. As a veteran, he served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1953-54. On September 25, 1954 he married his soul mate, the former Jacqueline F. "Jackie" Vitalone, with whom he shared 48 years as a supportive husband until her passing on March 30, 2003.

In 1955 Steve began his extensive 35 year career as a draftsman at General Electric. A dedicated employee, he enjoyed his work and had good memories of his co-workers and the company. A gentle, easy going father, he was always ready to lend a hand and support his children. Blessed with a friendly nature, he was easy to talk to. He took pleasure in spending time with his family and friends, and felt that they were the highlights of his accomplishments in life. He was a long time and avid Yankee fan, and at one time he was a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054.

Steve is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen O. and Cheryl Punzi of Niskayuna, NY, and Mark J. Punzi and Annette Santoro of Utica; his daughter and son-in-law, Annalyn and Gary Mosakowski of Columbia, NJ; and his grandchildren, Julia Punzi, Krista Mosakowski, and Jenna Mosakowski.

Also surviving are his sister, Louise Boyda; his nieces and nephews, Carl and Elaine Vitalone, Darlene and Mark Dunn, Joseph and Joanne Vitalone, Gary

Vitalone, John and Leslie Punzi, Lorraine and Jim McEvoy, and Victor Bumbalo; many great-nieces and great-nephews, several cousins, and in-laws, Josephine Vitalone, and Marie Punzi, both of Utica. He was predeceased by his brother, John J. Punzi; his in-laws, Carl A. and Rosemary Vitalone; his step-sisters and brother-in-law, Mary and Guy Bumbalo, and Grace Maine; and his brother-in-law, Henry Boyda.

The family extends thanks to the staff at the Aspen Unit of the Presbyterian Home for Central New York, and Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare for their concern and attentiveness.

In keeping with Steve's wishes, there will be no public calling hours. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Steve's Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church. The family will receive guests at the conclusion of the service. In lieu of floral offerings, please consider memorial donations in Mr. Punzi's honor to the American Cancer Society or to Donate Life America; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will take place at Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall



“ *To my Cousins, my sincere sympathy goes to all of you with the passing of "Uncle Steve". I have great memories of him and your parents, who were always so kind and supportive. No doubt, they are reunited and happy.*

Best wishes to all,

Love, Gary##imported-begin##Gary Vitalone##imported-end##

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“ *Uncle Steve - you were the sweetest man anyone could ever know. Your pleasant nature and bright smile will be sorely missed by us all. We know you are where you really want to be now up in heaven with "Jack". Until we meet again, we you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Mark and Darlene Dunn##imported-end##*

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“ *Steve:*

We're very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. His kindness and smile will always be remembered.

God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Michael & Judith Labombarda##imported-end##

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“ *My sincere sympathies to the entire family during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lorraine Punzi McEvoy##imported-end##*

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the Punzi family. I work with Jackie for many years at Utica College in the same office as her. I met Stephen many times while I worked there. I will keep you in my prayers and may God comfort you in this time of great need.##imported-begin##Becki##imported-end##*

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