



Stephen C. "Steve" Garramone

December 26, 1919 - July 11, 2009

Mr. Stephen C. "Steve" Garramone, age 89, a 52 year resident of Frankfort, was called by the Lord on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at the St. Luke's Home. His loving family was by his side at the time of his passing.

Born in Utica on December 26, 1919, Steve was the son of the late Rocco and Rosantonia (Pisani) Garramone, originally of Laurenzana, Italy. On January 13, 1945, at St. Anthony's Church, he married the former Lena "Lee" Prestigiacommo with whom he shared 64 years; Lee was always proud of Steve's lifetime accomplishments and his determination and ambition in pursuing his goals.

After 20 years of dedicated service, Steve retired from the Kelsey Hayes Co. where he held a position in the maintenance department. During his working career, he established Garramone's Mobile Manor in Frankfort which he continued to operate until his passing. At one time, he was employed by the City of Utica as a heavy equipment operator. An inventive man who was well-read, Steve valued learning and applied his knowledge to common sense solutions to everyday problems. An avid cook and talented baker, his specialty was Italian pastries. Fond memories and stories of his friends, Joe Spano, Don Calucci, Sam Mott, and Sal Noti were shared with the entire family, and he loved being with his baking buddies. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Steve is survived by his wife, Lena; his children, Helene and Fred Jufiar of Frankfort, Eugenia "Jeanne" Partipelo of Oneida, Stephen, Jr. and Maria

Garramone of Utica, and John J. Garramone, Sr. and Maria Calenzo of Frankfort; his grandchildren, Mrs. Michelle (Keefe) and Rick Rigsby of NM, Wayne D. Keefe, Jr., of CA, Angela Partipelo of Oneida, Vito and Angela Partipelo of GA, Gina Partipelo of Oneida, Stephen J. Garramone, Joseph and Diane Garramone, all of Utica, John J. Garramone, Jr. of Albany, Sara Garramone of Syracuse, and Jessica Calenzo of Frankfort; and his great-grandchildren, Daniel and Amanda Rigsby, Krista Partipelo, Vito A. Partipelo, Jason and Kaylen Douglass, Miles Partipelo, Alexandria Garramone, Jaden and Janae Mazza, and Matthew and Ryan Gauthier. Survivors also include his sisters, Filomena LePorte of Utica, and Carm Graziano of Whitesboro; his brother, Michael Garramone of Utica; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, with special mention of Louis Garramone, Jr.; and sisters-in-law, Marie (Prestigiacomio) Punzi of Rochester, Julie (Cecere) Garramone, and Kay (Leo) Prestigiacomio, both of Utica He also leaves his friends, Bill Matthews of AZ, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and their family of Frankfort, who affectionately knew Steve as "Grampa". He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Shelly Garramone; his sister, Madeline Napoli; and his brothers, Louis J. Garramone, Sr., Joseph Garramone, Lawrence Garramone, John Garramone, Frank Garramone, and Rocco Garramone.

The family extends a special thank you to Dr. Garth Garramone for the guidance he provided, allowing Steve an additional three years of life and providing strength to the entire family throughout his illness.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 5:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Steve's funeral service will commence on Tuesday afternoon at 12:00 noon from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Anthony & 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.

Tribute Wall



“ John, this is the lady that met you at Calvary Cemetery on Father's Day with your son. My sister Rosa and I were tending to the flowers at my sister's, brother's and mother & father's graves. We spoke at length about your dad and the great things that you treasure about him. We are so very sorry that he has had to leave you and your family. There is nothing easy about losing our loved ones...but, as we spoke of in the cemetery, the blessings we have received and have yet to experience are many. The sadness never goes away, but it does get easier to embrace with the passing of time. He is always as close as a memory. with our deepest sympathy to you all.....Lee and Rosa###imported-begin###Leonarda Priore###imported-end###

July 15, 2009 at 03:57 PM



“ DEAR AUNT LEE &FAMILY.....MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUIM SORRY UNCLE STEVE SUFFERED SO MUCH NOW HE IS AT PEACE WITH GRAMMA LOVE DOROTHY###imported-begin###dorothy###imported-end###

July 15, 2009 at 03:52 PM



“ John, Sara and John,
I was so sorry to hear about your Dad/Grandfather. My thoughts are with you!
Sincerely,
Diane###imported-begin###Diane Shephard###imported-end###

July 14, 2009 at 04:18 PM



“ *Lena & Family*
Sorry for your loss. We have alot of memories of Steve. He is truly in a better place. Our prayers are with all of you. God Bless you all##imported-begin##Joe & Audrey Mackey##imported-end##

July 14, 2009 at 08:49 AM



“ *Uncle Steve, Thanks for the special memories at our famous family reunions, all those hours you would stand there making your wonderful chicken, sausage and peppers etc... but always had a smile on your face and love in your heart!##imported-begin##lisa##imported-end##*

July 13, 2009 at 03:48 PM



“ *Mr. Garramone will truly be missed. He was a special person in my life. He was like a grandfather to me. My prayers and thoughts go out to all those affected by this loss. Special thoughts and prayers go out to Lena in this hard, painful time.##imported-begin##Nicole Rodriguez##imported-end##*

July 13, 2009 at 10:16 AM



“ *sorry to hear of your loss, carmen##imported-begin##carmen green##imported-end##*

July 13, 2009 at 09:50 AM



“ Great Grandpa, I will never forget the time we spent together making your famous tripe stew. That is one of my fondest memories of us. I am proud to have had you as my grandfather. Love, Amanda###imported-begin###Amanda Rigsby (Great Granddaughter)###imported-end###

July 12, 2009 at 09:28 PM



“ Great Grandpa, thank you for teaching me the difference between saying 'goodbye' and saying 'so long'. You always said that goodbye was forever and that saying so long meant we would meet again. I will miss you very much and for now I will say so long. Love, Daniel###imported-begin###Daniel Rigsby (Great-Grandson)###imported-end###

July 12, 2009 at 08:59 PM



“ You will be in heart always Uncle Steve. Love, Rochelle###imported-begin###Rochelle McCollum###imported-end###

July 12, 2009 at 12:00 PM



“ Grandpa, you will be missed dearly. Thank you for always being willing to travel and see us no matter where we lived. I am thankful for all your wonderful recipes you passed down to me that my family will keep making for many years to come. Nothing can take the place of your cooking but we will do our best! God bless you!###imported-begin###Michelle Keefe-Rigsby (Grand-daughter)###imported-end###

July 12, 2009 at 10:31 AM



“ Gramps,

Sorry I can't be there to see you off. Thanks for all the great memories. Missing you already.

Love,

Wayne##imported-begin##Wayne Keefe (First Grandchild...#1)##imported-end##

July 11, 2009 at 09:58 PM