



Mr. Walter J. Marrotta Sr.

April 22, 1928 - April 30, 2014

Mr. Walter J. Marrotta, Sr., age 86, passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at Mohawk Valley Health Systems at St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving daughter-in-law by his side.

Born in Utica on April 22, 1928, Walter was the son of the late Thomas and Goruzza "Gregoria" (Cerchiaro-Gaetano-Marrotta). He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School.

Walter worked in a variety of occupations during his employment years. He held positions in auto sales, horse race wagering at OTB (Off Track Betting), and the Oneida County Job Placement Program. He helped out with his son and daughter in-laws at The Green Thumb Garden Center. He also enjoyed dabbling in politics. In keeping with his civic calling and nature, he volunteered at our area hospitals. Walter was blessed with the gift of gab and a giving heart; he showed his love the best way he could, and will be remembered as a "man's man". He was a proud grandfather who watched his grandson grow to be the man that he is today. He looked forward to Sunday dinners with his son's family, and the holidays, of course, were no exception. His interests included drawing, solving crossword puzzles, participating in football pools, card games, and fishing with his nephews, the Nole boys.

Walter is survived by his beloved daughter-in-law, Zaffa A. Marrotta of Whitesboro. Always close to his heart was the memory of his only son, Walter J. Marrotta, Jr., who passed away on June 17, 2011. Also left to carry on his legacy is his cherished grandson, Walter A. and his wife Jill Marrotta of NC;

his great-grandson, Luca Marrotta; his brother, Joseph "Joe" Gaetano; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. As a social and affable man, Walter leaves behind his many friendships that he formed over the years. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Albert and Marian Marrotta, Sylvester J. and Josephine Gaetano, and Frank and Kathryn Marrotta; and his sisters and brothers-in-law, Elvira and Emilio J. Santa-Croce, Antoinette "Nette" and Alphonse Nole, and Angeline and Dominick Saporito. A special thank you to Walter's devoted care giver Shari Morinitti for her genuine and heart felt care.

Visitation will be held on Sunday afternoon from 2-4 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The prayer of incense will be offered on Sunday at 3:30. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Regional Cancer Center at FSLH, or the Abraham House, in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Walter's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday afternoon at 1:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be offered by Chorbishop John D. Faris. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-6019

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Dear Walt,
We are so very sorry we weren't able to attend your service as we just found out that you are no longer here with us. Please know that we were certainly honored to have met you and had the pleasure of sharing your company at Tamara and Ron's over the years. Thank you also for your phone calls. You were a real sweetheart and a wonderful man. I know Tamara will miss you dearly. May God Bless you eternally.
With sincere sympathy and love,
Keith & Jeanne White

Keith & Jeanne White - May 08, 2014 at 03:33 AM

CM

“ Zaffa and Family: Alexis, Matt and I are so very sorry for your loss and would like to apologize for not knowing earlier. We last saw Walt when he was volunteering at the hospital; he made us all laugh with his stories. He was a wonderful man, and I know that your memories of him will always be cherished. Love to you and your beautiful family. Catherine Aiello Marrotta, Alexis Marrotta Evans, and Matt Marrotta

Catherine Marrotta - May 06, 2014 at 07:22 AM

MS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of knowing Walter these past couple of years. He was a very intelligent, caring and thoughtful man. I am going to miss seeing him and our conversations about pretty much anything. He could always make me smile. God Bless you Walter. Rest in Peace. You are loved and missed by many.



Marie Smith - May 04, 2014 at 08:10 PM

SM

“ *Walter I will miss you dearly. Sometimes you drive me crazy but I loved taking care of you. You are a true friend that cares. Love you always . Shari morinitti*

Shari morinitti - May 03, 2014 at 01:05 PM

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Tamara DeBernardis - May 02, 2014 at 04:11 PM

ST

“ *Susan Testa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter J. Marrotta Sr.*



susan testa - May 02, 2014 at 02:36 PM

TD

“ *Dear Walt-I am so thankful for our many years of collaboration when I was at the Refugee Center, and especially for our LUNCH BUDDIES group at Cafe Canole. I cherish our close friendship when you made us your "Russian family"-I know Ron and you are back to sharing stories now in a much better place. We love you Walt! Memory Eternal!*

Tamara DeBernardis and your Russian family and friends

Tamara DeBernardis - May 02, 2014 at 01:55 PM

MS

“ *Maria Nole Sportelli lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter J. Marrotta Sr.*



Maria Nole Sportelli - May 02, 2014 at 01:24 PM

MS

“ *Uncle Walt, I wish I could be there to say good-bye. You were such a huge part of our family growing up, always helping with homework and watching silly comedies on tv with us after school. I remember the last time I saw you and how much you still looked so great! We loved your stories but mostly we loved you. I will never forget you and I'll miss you. Say hi to Gram for me! xoxo Love, Maria*

Maria Nole Sportelli - May 02, 2014 at 01:23 PM