



Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.

November 27, 1952 - June 17, 2011

Mr. Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr., age 58, of Whitesboro, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 17, 2011 at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester,
with the love and support of his family.

Walter was born in Utica on November 27, 1952, the only son of Walter Marrotta.

He also knew the love and guidance of his grandmother, Goruzza, and his aunts,

Elvira and Nettie. Raised and educated locally, he was a 1971 graduate of T.R.

Proctor High School, and he furthered his education in the area of Business Administration. On April 23, 1977 he married the former Zaffa A. George with whom he shared 34 years; Walt was Zaffa's rock and best friend through thick and

thin, and they truly knew each other's desires and helped each other to achieve

their life's accomplishments.

Walt had an admirable and worthy work ethic, and he was a jack and master of

all his trades and endeavors. In his youth, he managed the Madison Bowling Alley and Vista Lanes. He also established a local roofing company and operated

the Green Thumb Gardens and Florist. Currently, he was employed by Price Chopper Supermarket in Oneida where he worked as the Produce Manager, a position

at which he was proficient and making great strides professionally. But in his most important job as a father, he could be characterized as an awesome and genuine role model, a best friend, and a mentor. He shaped the life of his son with the strength of his love and he was always physically and spiritually present for his son and his family with support and encouragement. Best of all,

his eyes gleamed and his heart heaved with the affection he held for his grandson --- to see his son's son was one of the greatest accomplishments of his

life. A kind and comical soul, he was respectful of all his relationships and was affectionately known to this very day as "Baby Walter" to those who loved him most. Everything was always about the well-being of his "family" who knew

his love, support, comfort of his home, and goodness of his heart. He was a graceful ballroom dancer with his partner, Zaffa, and for those who knew him best, a scotch and a cigar got him in the mood for friendship and good conversation. As a sports enthusiast, he was a loyal fan of the New York Giants, loved the game of golf, and performed his duties as a boxing referee for

many years, inspired by Tony Filipelli. He was a parishioner of St. Louis Gonzaga Church.

Walt is survived by his wife, Zaffa; his son and daughter-in-law, Walter A. and Jill Marrotta of Wake Forest, North Carolina; his grandson, Luca Marrotta, to whom he was 'Poppie'; his father, Walter J., Sr.; and his father-in-law, Anthony George, with whom he shared many good years. Also left to mourn his passing are

his in-laws, Rosann George, Edward and Pam George, Jeanette George, Maria George

and Rachael, and Tina and Dave McCoy; many aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews,

great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

He was blessed with many true and fun-loving friends with special mention of his

'golf family' and then some ... He was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Lucille

George, who will welcome him home and continue to love him as a son.

The kindness and compassion of the physicians and nursing staff at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center ER and Heart Lab were of much comfort. The outpouring

of support from family, friends, and clergy, especially Chorbishop John D. Faris

and Deacon Paul Salamy, and all of their many acts of kindness will be etched in

the family's hearts.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Prayer of Incense will be

offered at 7:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Walter's Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed which will commence on Tuesday

morning at 11:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, celebrated by Chorbishop John

Faris and Deacon Paul Salamy. Committal prayers and interment will follow graveside in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Dear Zaffa and family, I was so saddened to hear of your and your family's loss. No, I didn't know you well, but always thought well of you and your husband. I've known you a long time though and have seen you through the years and know many members of your family. I also saw you and your husband and how well you looked together at dance lessons for a while. I can't imagine the pain you feel and grief to follow, and that is what I am sorry for. To love so hard and true and to lose that You are in my heartfelt thoughts and prayers. May your friends understand your silence or screams and your family hold you up. I know God will never leave you even though you may not believe that right now. And the love of your life will always be that. I pray you'll be okay one day. Therese Plante (T.C.)

Therese Plante - June 27, 2011 at 06:32 PM

KC

“ *Zaffa and Family;
We are truly sorry for your loss and are praying for you and your family.*

Deepest Sympathy

Karen & Carmelo Chirico e Famiglia

Karen Toti Chirico - June 26, 2011 at 10:30 AM

KL

“ *Karen Litz lit a candle in memory of Walter J.
"Walt" Marrotta, Jr.*



Karen Litz - June 26, 2011 at 07:11 AM

KL

*Zaffa & family, Dave just heard thru a mutual friend of Walt's passing. We were so shocked as you probably still are. We are so sorry for your loss! We often talk about our friendship we created with dance class and our after dance meetings @ Zebbs. Zaffa please look us up & contact us. Would love to speak with you & see you. God bless you all & let you family & friends help you through this terrible loss! Peace,
Karen & Dave Litz*

Karen Litz - June 26, 2011 at 07:25 AM

MC

“ *Marie Cittadino lit a candle in memory of
Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.*



Marie Cittadino - June 25, 2011 at 01:19 PM

MC

Zaffa & family I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers and will see you soon. Gob be with you all and give you peace during this difficult time.

Marie Cittadino - June 25, 2011 at 01:22 PM

MC

*“ Zaffa and family,
So sorry to hear about Walts passing he was a great friend and co worker . He would stop by my store for coffee and we had a lots of laughs he would always talk about his family and was so happy with the birth of his grandson.He will be greatly missed by the Price Chopper family.ou and your family wil be in my thoughts and prayers*



Matt Chmielewski - June 21, 2011 at 08:27 PM

JU

*“ With deepest sympathy. Life is never long enough.
Rest in Peace Walt
Gary Velleto*

Juice - June 21, 2011 at 08:16 PM

JL

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



John Lilli - June 21, 2011 at 12:55 PM

LC

“ *Lchmiele@twcny.rr.com lit a candle in memory of Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.*



Lchmiele@twcny.rr.com - June 20, 2011 at 08:22 PM

RG

“ *Zaffa, I am sor sorry for your loss. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Rochelle Grande*



Rochelle Grande - June 20, 2011 at 07:34 PM

MS

“ *Dear Zaffa:
Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Please accept my expression of deepest sympathy.
God bless,
Michele Simmen*

Michele simmen - June 20, 2011 at 05:47 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. He was very muh respected and loved at Price Chopper. He was one of my greatest produce managers and loved by many customers.*

William and Debbi Pawson

William Debbi Pawson - June 20, 2011 at 05:25 PM



“ *William Debbi Pawson sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.*



William Debbi Pawson - June 20, 2011 at 05:22 PM

DJ

“ *Zaffa,*

I am so so srry for your loss. We may not see each other often but there was always such a fondness between us. I graduated with Walt. Then met you at Masonic Home. A lot of good memories. Then we have our bond with our only children born on the same day, a year apart. I always admired you and Walt as a couple. You were great together. Unfortunately I hurt for you knowing all too well what it feels like to lose the one you love and wanted to grow old with. While the circumstances are different the shock and pain are not. You and your family will be in my heart and prayers. If you ever need anything please call. May God give you strength and guidance. Lean on your family and support each other. Also I know you have SO many great memories, may they help to carry you day by day. My friend I wish I could make it better, but know I care and Walt will always be with you. Prayers and Sincere Sympathy.

Donna (Cracchiolo) Jordan

Donna Cracchiolo Jordan - June 20, 2011 at 01:27 PM

DT

“ Donna (DiStefano) Toussaint lit a candle in memory of Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.



Donna (DiStefano) Toussaint - June 20, 2011 at 12:04 PM

DT

Zaffa and family. It is never easy to find the right words at this very difficult time but I am so very sorry for your loss. Walt was a great guy and was loved by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you Keep him close to your heart and remember that he will be with you always. May you find the strength you need to help all of you during this very sad time.

Donna (DiStefano) Toussaint

Donna (DiStefano) Toussaint - June 20, 2011 at 12:16 PM

KB

“ Zaffa, Walter, Jill, Luca and family. I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you throughout this difficult time.

*Our deepest sympathies,
Adam, Kim and Aiden Blecker*

Kim Blecker - June 20, 2011 at 10:34 AM

DG

“ Zaffa and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your Walter. May Gods' blessings and love keep you strong.



Doree' Grabski

Doree' M. Grabski - June 20, 2011 at 09:24 AM

AE

“ Zaffa, Walter, Jill, Luca and family. I am very sorry for the loss of your husband, father and poppie. Walt will surely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I love you guys.

My deepest Sympathies

Anna & Jace

Anna Edwards - June 20, 2011 at 09:02 AM

TG

“ Zaffa& family,
My heart hurts for you all after hearing about Walt's passing.,Zaffa, I always admired how you two were always together&never left each others side..Walt is resting now,but I know he will always be with you.

Tommy& family

Tom Guidera - June 20, 2011 at 08:09 AM

DP

“ Zaffa and family,
I am so very sad for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Denise M. Plante

Denise M. plante - June 19, 2011 at 11:33 PM

DG

“ Zaffa & family, we are so sorry for your loss. Walter will always be remembered, he will always be in your hearts and ours. Our deepest sympathy goes out to your entire family. There is nothing anyone can say or do for you at this most difficult time, except to be there for you. You will be in my prayers. Jim & Denise (Pristera)
Giruzzi & family

Denise & Jim Giruzzi - June 19, 2011 at 09:35 PM

DG

“ *Denise (pristera) Giruzzi lit a candle in memory of Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.*



denise (pristera) giruzzi - June 19, 2011 at 09:31 PM

RP

“ *Walt, Whether you knew it or not, you were the "rock" in Oneida #213. Everyone wanted your opinion, advice or guidance. Of course, even if they didn't want it, you would give it anyway, and we loved you for it! Your smile was your secret to success. We were starting to plan our Proctor High reunion soon, remember? I'm gonna miss you buddy! More than you'll know.*



Robin Pendasulo

Robin L. Pendasulo - June 19, 2011 at 08:30 PM

DM

“ *Walt was a very influential person in my life and I'm not sure he even knew it. He taught me a lot about business and life. He helped me jumpstart my career and I am forever grateful for that. My thoughts and prayers are with Walt and the entire family, I wish i could be there to celebrate his life in person but I will be there in spirit for sure. May God bless you for eternity Walt.*

*My deepest sympathies,
Dave Mason*

David Mason - June 19, 2011 at 08:08 PM

TL

“ *To The Marrotta Family
I am so sorry for you loss. your in our thoughts and paryers*

Therese (Hobaica) Laffey

Therese Laffey - June 19, 2011 at 05:25 PM

ML

“ *Zaffa. we are so sorry for your loss! Please know we are praying for
you and your family. Michele and Jeff Lamandia @ Raspberries*

michele m lamanadia - June 19, 2011 at 02:48 PM

AC

“ *The Marrotta Family We are so sorry for your loss, Walt was a great
guy! He will never be forgotten. Andy & Linda Convertino*

Andy Convertino - June 19, 2011 at 12:17 PM

PM

“ *The Marrotta family
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. We at Price Chopper(Walts
second family) will miss him deeply. I worked with Walt over the
years and enjoyed his sense of humor. He always had a story to
tell.My thoughts and prayers are with you
Patrick Miner*

Patrick Miner - June 19, 2011 at 11:35 AM

KW

“ Walt,

Tamara let us know about the death of your son Walt. We are soooo very sorry for your loss. The good man he became had alot to do with YOU as his Dad. We know you will miss him dearly and may the many memories you have keep him alive in your heart and mind. May God grant him eternal life and you WILL get to see him again someday. Our sympathies to you and your family.

*With Love,
Keith & Jeanne White*

Keith & Jeanne White - June 19, 2011 at 11:13 AM

TJ

“ Zaffa and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Walt was a great guy! My prayers and thoughts are with you!

Teresa Joseph

teresa joseph - June 19, 2011 at 09:47 AM

JG

“ *I lost a good friend, You were always there with a smile, joke or kick in the pants. I will treasure the memories of our lunches and breaks at the picnic table. My heart goes out to your family and friends, your work family will miss you. God has bigger plans for you, that I may not understand, but I will always be grateful for having the privilege of knowing you and calling you my friend. Until will meet again....Rest in peace. Joan*



Joan Giczkowski - June 19, 2011 at 08:47 AM

L(

“ Walt, I am terribly sorry to hear about your father. My heart goes out to you. Your dad was too young. :(God bless your family and may God give you strength during this time. Luckily, you can look at Luca and he will make you smile. The power of the young. You're in my thoughts.

Laura Weimer (Candella) - June 19, 2011 at 08:23 AM

DG

“ Dave Giczowski lit a candle in memory of Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.



Dave Giczowski - June 19, 2011 at 07:59 AM

DG

“ Walt....I am truly going to miss you...whether we spent ime on the golf course or drinking coffee at the stores, there were always laughs and great times.....I will hold those moments close to me for the rest of my life. I love ya man and my deepest sympathies to your family.....Dave Giczowski

Dave Giczowski - June 19, 2011 at 07:57 AM

EO

“ To the Marrotta Family, May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you and yours through this time of sorrow.

Norm & Elaine (Borruso) O'Connor

Elaine Borruso OConnor - June 19, 2011 at 07:46 AM

EO

“ *Elaine Borruso OConnor lit a candle in memory of Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.*



Elaine Borruso OConnor - June 19, 2011 at 07:37 AM

RV

“ *Rosemary Vasile lit a candle in memory of Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.*



Rosemary Vasile - June 19, 2011 at 07:32 AM

RV

Walter was a Wonderful Man with a great sense of humor. He had a great smile and always made you laugh. We had some crazy times at The Green Thumb. My Deepest Sorrow to all the Family. Keep the Faith and all the Beautiful Memories in your Heart....Rosemary Vasile

Rosemary Vasile - June 19, 2011 at 07:37 AM

MF

“ *Walter.....oh how we used to disagree. Then you would show that smile and say "cookie are you mad at me?" and we would laugh. I will cherish the many laughs for sure. Rest in peace, I know there is golf in heaven, and scotch too!*

Michele DiNardi Fields - June 18, 2011 at 10:03 PM

ST

“ To The Marrotta Family No words can express how sorry I am about Walts passing. I will always cherish my friendship and memories I had with him growing up. I will miss him very much. My prayers are with all of you. R.I.P my Friend till we meet again.

Sue & Ray Testa - June 18, 2011 at 06:51 PM

ST

“ Sue & Ray Testa lit a candle in memory of Walter J. "Walt" Marrotta, Jr.



Sue & Ray Testa - June 18, 2011 at 06:45 PM

ML

Very sorry for your loss. Walt was a great guy he could always make me laugh. He will be greatly missed.

Michele LaClair - June 20, 2011 at 03:33 PM