



Joseph M. Priola

April 27, 1923 - December 19, 2019

Joseph M Priola, 96, of Westvale passed peacefully to meet our Lord on Thursday, December 19, 2019. Predeceased by parents, Philip and Meghina, sisters, Angeline, Carol (Martin) Guinta, Mary (Carl) Sorrendino, brothers, Dominick (Anna), Anthony (Frances), Andrew (Laura) and Peter (Frances). Joseph was a lifelong resident of Syracuse growing up at 1259 State Street in the shadow of Archibald stadium. The youngest in his family, Joseph spoke fondly of his childhood and youth. He graduated from Central High School in 1943. Joseph was a hero of World War II believing strongly and defending his parents dream of making a better life in America. Joseph earned five battle stars in the war culminating with storming Omaha beach at Normandy with 3rd Army. Joseph received a commendation from General George Patton for “outstanding anti-aircraft defense through superior training, skill and coolness under intense enemy bombardment and strafing.” After the war, Joseph met the love of his life, Rosalie Adornato, and spent seventy-two years in wedded bliss. Joseph was a true renaissance man, a master of all trades, from the ground up he built their home in Westvale to provide a better life for his family. Joseph was employed as a carpenter with General Motors at the Fisher Body plant in Syracuse for thirty-six years. He also returned to Central Tech, teaching adults’ carpentry and woodworking.

Affectionately called Papa by his children and grandchildren, Papa’s pancakes, pastries, pizza and pies are legendary and one of his greatest joys was baking treats for his family. An avid fisherman of many waters, his favorite, the St. Lawrence River of the Thousand Islands, where he and his wife and family spent over fifty years of vacations at “camp” and catching his own personal record Northern Pike at ninety-one years. Joseph and Rosalie enjoyed many road trips over the years from honeymooning in New York City to loading up all the kids in his station wagon and traveling to several memorable destinations. In retirement, Papa and Grandma took many bus trips through Geddes Seniors, enjoyed memberships in the Moose and Italian Heritage Clubs, enjoying the connections they made over the years. Joseph was also a true chemist when it came to his wine making, winning several medals over the years. There was nothing beyond Papa’s reach. Joseph’s strength, determination and kindness is only overshadowed by his modesty. Papa gave of

his time, talents and treasure to his churches, St. Peters and St. Charles and everyone around him. Joseph spent a year as President of the Knights of St. John's and several years as a member in good standing. Joseph was also a member of the American Legion and he and Rosalie sponsored children overseas. Papa was always there for his family, building, repairing and always mentoring with sound advice and never judgmental. His love will remain in our hearts for eternity.

Joseph is survived by his wife Rosalie (Adornato) Priola; his children, Maryanne, Joni (Kevin) Fuess, and Joseph J. (Theresa); grandchildren, Dr. Joey (Amanda), Jenna, Nicholas Fuess, Meghan Fuess, Adam Fuess (Catie), Evan Fuess, Preston Fuess and many loving nieces and nephews.

Joseph's family extends gratitude and thanks to St. Joseph's hospital, Peregrine Senior Living of Onondaga Hill, and all the doctors that treated Joseph throughout his life and their extended family for their love and support. Also, a very special thank you to St. Francis House who provided love, exceptional care and comfort to our Papa.

Calling hours will be on Monday, December 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at St. Charles/St. Ann's Church. A funeral mass will follow at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joseph's name to The Ehlers- Danlos Society, St. Jude's Children Hospital or Francis House.

Cemetery

Assumption Cemetery

2401 Court Street
Syracuse, NY, 13208

Events

DEC 23 **Calling Hours** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

St. Charles - St. Ann's Church
501 South Orchard Road, Syracuse, NY, US, 13219

DEC 23 **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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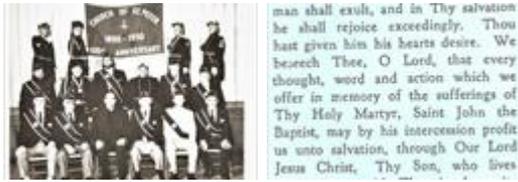
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