



Joseph P. Ruggeri

June 30, 1928 - October 22, 2015

Joseph P. Ruggeri, 87 passed away Thursday, October 22nd at home with family at his side. He was born in Johnstown, NY on June 30, 1928 to Vincent Ruggeri and Raphelia Passero Ruggeri.

Joe graduated from Johnstown High School in 1946 and Cambridge Junior College in 1948. On August 27, 1950 he married Jane H. Wyllie and together they enjoyed 65 years of marriage. He worked as a bridge superintendent until 1951 when he was drafted in to the Army for the Korean Conflict. He was attached to the 25th Division, 65th Combat Engineer and then become Company Commander of "C" Charlie Company and was stationed in the D.M.Z. 38th Parallel. During the truce period he had the honor of building a stadium that held 10,000 troops for Marilyn Monroe to entertain.

After service he returned home and in 1966 settled in Broadalbin and started a horse farm where he trained and raced standard bred horses from 1967 to 2000. He raced at many tracks throughout New York State and New England. Joe very much enjoyed working with, teaching and being around young people. He was a loving father to his son Vincent as well as foster father to 27 foster children. In 1978 he combined this with his knowledge of horses and became a teacher for BOCES, teaching Equine Science at his farm until 1990. He continued his work with children by working as a part time Youth Division Aide at Tryon.

Joe was a member of the Broadalbin American Legion #337 and VFW Post #8690 and enjoyed the many friends he had within these organizations.

He was predeceased by his son Vincent, his parents, his sister Grace and brother Vincent. He is survived by his loving wife Jane; grandchildren Alexandra Ruggeri, Joseph Ruggeri and Vincent Ruggeri; great-granddaughter Crickett Antis; sister Vincy Bague; brother Frank & wife Ann and many nieces and nephews.

Joe loved people, had many friends and loved life. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11 am at St. Joseph's Church 7 North Street Broadalbin with Rev. Jun Segura, officiating. Burial will be at the Gerald B. H. Solomon-Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville at 1:30 pm. Calling hours will be held on Monday from 4 -7 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice or to the Brennan Memorial Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Gerald B.H. Soloman Saratoga National Cemetary

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY 12871

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
(518) 883-5323
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<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
7 North St.
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Final Burial

OCT **27**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Joe new so many people and so many of us will always thinks so highly of him.Horses were my love and Joe and Jane came into to my life in Ct.I was given the honor of taking care of their trotting race mare Miss Sackindoga.Not sure how this mares name is spelled.She got my interest in harness horses. Driving horses have turned out to be my life time passion. Mine are for pleasure not racing.Joe let me drive her and of course it was a thrill that lasted a lifetime. What a great family the Ruggeri s are.

We all miss you Joe.

*Bonnie Clotfelter
Huggins, Mo.*

Bonnie Clotfelter - October 27, 2015 at 02:44 PM



“ *Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Joseph P. Ruggeri.*



October 26, 2015 at 02:00 PM

BL

“ Dear Jane,
The Lattimer family shares in your sorrow during this difficult time.
Please know our love and prayers surround you and your family.
Stay strong! Joe was a wonderful man and will live on forever in our
hearts. He will be with you always.
Love and prayers~
Barb & family

Barbara Lattimer - October 26, 2015 at 12:54 PM

TF

“ The Offenburg Family purchased the Simply Lily
for the family of Joseph P. Ruggeri.



The Offenburg Family - October 26, 2015 at 09:45 AM

FG

“ Frank & Ann, Ann Mary Frank & Grace
purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue
and White for the family of Joseph P. Ruggeri.



Frank & Ann, Ann Mary Frank & Grace - October 26, 2015 at
07:39 AM



“ Jane,

I'm so sorry for your loss, and we know how much Joe will be missed. He was really one of the good guys! He was one of my mom's favorite cousins, and she told us so many stories of their childhood together. You both have been so gracious to all of us, in opening up your home to us the many times we visited. Thank you both for all of the great memories!

*Love,
Marianne, Nancy and Families
Your Michigan Family*

Marianne Dobek - October 25, 2015 at 08:21 PM

RC

“ *DAD you were a big influence on my life, you taught me many thing that I do to this day. I am going to miss you greatly. you were a great man, dad, and mentor. rest in peace dad. love bobby and denise carter*

robert carter - October 25, 2015 at 06:16 PM

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“ *Jane and family: We have so many great memories of Joe, he was a great guy with a smile and laughter that was unforgettable. They just don't make'm like that anymore! He is leaving a vacancy for sure. Prayers and hugs, Bob & Eileen DaBiere*

Eileen & Bob DaBiere - October 25, 2015 at 11:17 AM

SW

“ *So sorry to hear about Joes passing I worked with him and jane at tryon, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you*

squeak warner - October 25, 2015 at 11:04 AM