

Joseph F. Fontanarosa

September 16, 1924 - May 20, 2021

Joseph F. Fontanarosa, 96 of Staten Island, New York died on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at Staten Island University Hospital South

Joseph was the beloved husband to the late Catherine, who passed away in 2013. Loving father to Joseph F. Fontanarosa, Jr. (Karen), Diane Nicolassy (Glenn), Marilyn Fontanarosa and Michael Fontanarosa. Devoted grandfather to Laura Cocivera (Kristopher) and Eric Nicolassy (Cristina). Cherished great grandfather to Ellie and Daniel Cocivera.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, located at 5411 Amboy Rd. SINY 10312. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Service

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Church
5411 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph F. Fontanarosa*

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Eternal Rest - June 14, 2021 at 10:06 AM



Many good times and memories were shared in the Fontanarosa home in Huguenot, (pictured here in 1983). The family purchased this home in 1970 and Joe lived here until his death at the ripe old age of 96 in May 2021. Rest In Peace: {1924-2021}.

Eternal Rest - June 14, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Many people come and go during your lifetime. Most are just acquaintances but only a few can you call friend. Joe was a very dear friend!! He was always there for me whenever I needed help throughout my difficult times, happy times and celebratory times. I will miss you Joe and pray you rest in peace with our Lord and your beloved Kay. Always in our hearts.*

Marguerite Tyerech - May 21, 2021 at 04:05 PM

MA

Beautiful ❤️

Marilyn - May 21, 2021 at 04:59 PM

KB

I remember Joe from way back in the early 1970's when his family moved to Huguenot from Boro-Park in Brooklyn. He was a carpet layer and even had a small store in the Annadale town in those long bygone days. He had some personality and was always loud, boisterous and crazy, ...his best traits ! He was a good father and family man and lived to the ripe old age of 96, an accomplishment in itself. May he now rest in peace with his dear wife, Kaye. They were members of a generation that are all but gone now, ...but will never be forgotten !

Kristopher Brennan - June 14, 2021 at 09:55 AM

DS

“ *Joe was a good man. He and late wife Kay always welcomed me into their home. Joe worked hard for his family and was a good father. If you needed Joe for anything he'd always be there. I'm gonna miss Joe. I'm so glad I had the chance to laugh with him in recent months. He remembered everything I mentioned even the time he picked son Joey and I up in Perth Amboy at three o'clock in the morning yelling you crazy Bast—s. Someday we'll laugh again in heaven Joe 🙏 R.I.P.*

Dennis Scalici - May 21, 2021 at 01:43 PM

JF

“ My father was one of the last of the Greatest Generation. He went to fight to free European Nations from oppression and to keep our country free. When he and others like him came back from overseas he worked hard started a family and instilled good moral values in the children he and my mother raised. He and my mother taught us to be responsible for our actions and whatever we pursued to do it the best we can. There aren't many people in the world like him anymore. Just think he lived to see history unfold before him, from the stock market crash in 1929 to the fall of the twin towers in 2011, he outlived all of his friends and relatives. Truly he was the last man standing. Although the door between our worlds is closed and we're apart, until God opens it you and mom will always be in my heart. Your Loving Son Joseph

Joseph Fontanarosa - May 21, 2021 at 12:56 PM

DS

Beautifully said Joe. Your words flowed like good wine.

Dennis Scalici - May 21, 2021 at 01:52 PM

ES

My father Henry F. Salmaggi, adored Joe. All his Brooklyn stories and memories included him. They went to war together and were truly part of the greatest generation. These were real men..... they taught us well. Joe was always there when needed and with a positive word. Prayers for his family, for sure he is flying high. With sympathy, Elvira A. Salmaggi

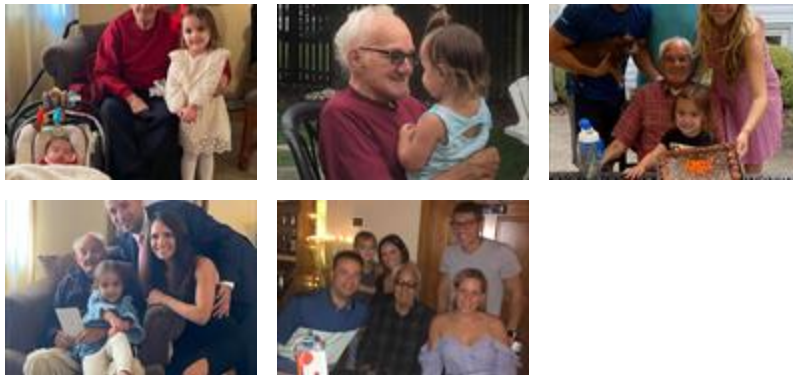
elvira a. salmaggi - May 24, 2021 at 10:44 PM

LC

“ Grandpa, OG (original grandpa), we will love and miss you forever. Thank you for being the absolute best grandpa and great-grandfather to me and my babies. You made our world a better, fun, and funny (!) place. We were the luckiest because you were ours. Give grandma a big hug from us. Have a much-needed cocktail with your pals up in heaven. Until we meet again, please watch over us.

At my wedding we danced to "you are my special angel" .. and now here we are. You are our special angel.

Love you forever, Laura Beth, Kris, Ellie Catherine, Daniel Joseph... and yes, Charlie too even though you called him a lousy mutt every time you saw him.



Laura Cocivera - May 21, 2021 at 12:09 PM

MA

“Daddy you were the love of my life...you will forever stay in my heart. May you find peace with mommy in internal life, and joined by all your family and friends that past - whom you loved and missed each day of your life. May our Great Lord embrace you with all his love and peace...till we meet again my beloved father...Your loving daughter Marilyn ...I miss you so much. "Whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life" John 3:16



Marilyn - May 20, 2021 at 05:50 PM