



# Robert E. Racona Sr.

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**R**obert E. Racona, 84, of Solvay, passed away Friday, May 17, 2013 at Crouse Hospital. He graduated from North High School with a Regents Diploma. Robert was a WWII and Korean War veteran. He served above the Arctic Circle and later moved to the North Pole where they built a radar site in a place they call Greenland for 1 year. Robert was employed as an assistant manager with Sears and Roebuck for 25 years. He was a longtime member of the Italian American Athletic Club. Robert was a devoted husband and a loving father and grandfather.

He was predeceased by his parents, Louis and Carmella Racona; brothers, Joseph, James, John and Anthony Francis who was killed in WWII; sisters, Carmella (Babe) Laurino, Mary Clark and Lilla Lewis. Robert is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Dolores (Rabaglia) Racona; children, Debbie (Dave) Spataro, Robert Racona Jr., Dominique Racona, James (Karen) Racona and Kathy (Ben) Trode; grandchildren, Jessica (Bob) Bukowski, Ashley Trode, Nicole and James Jr. Racona; two brothers, Louis (Julia) Racona and Nick (Joan Aragona) Racona along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 8:00 am in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME and 9:00 am in St. John the Baptist Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Burial will follow in the Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse on Monday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.



# Events

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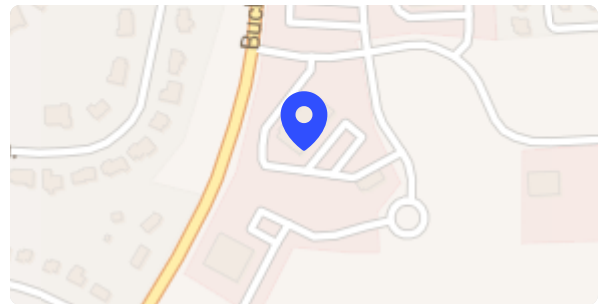
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## Visitation

**Monday**, May 27, 2013

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

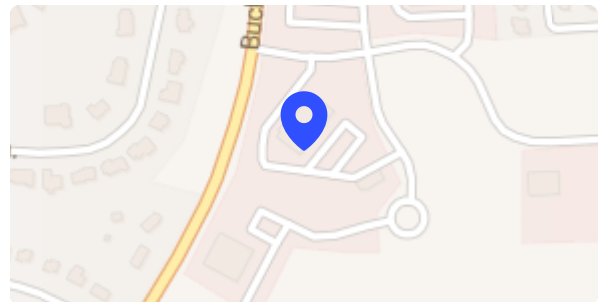


## Service

**Tuesday**, May 28, 2013

8:00 AM ET

**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

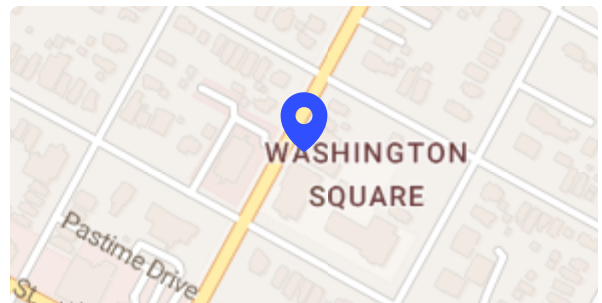


## Funeral Mass

**Tuesday**, May 28, 2013

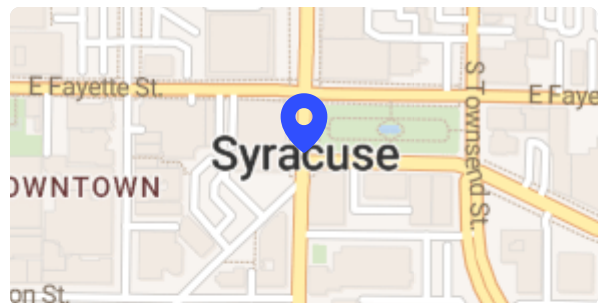
9:00 AM ET

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
406 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208



## Cemetery Details

**Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery**  
4069 Howlett Hill Rd., Syracuse NY 13215





## Tribute Wall

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PO

**Polli** posted:

In my heart you hold a place, That no one could ever fill  
Here will always be a heartache, and often a silent tear,  
But always the precious memories  
Thank you my friend for you and your family and I  
Have Shared many dinners and chats together I'll cherish forever  
Of the days when you were here. I remember everything about you, your voice, your smile, the way you talked, and best of all the request for a cup? I remember all the words you said to me, some funny, some kind, some wise, and some ..... You knew how to bring out a smile No matter what you said I remember every moment we shared, seems like only yesterday, for you are my friend until we meet again  
Plz bring mom to dinner send her hugs and my best also to all of you Polli

May 25 at 8:51 AM

AM

**Andrew Mondo Iii** posted:

Jeannette and I extend our sincere condolences to Mrs Racona and the family. We enjoyed listening to Mr Racona's stories about his time in the service and we remember the story about him in the paper about his duty in Greenland. May he rest in peace. Jeannette and Andy Mondo

May 24 at 9:46 AM

FS

**Francine Scollo** posted:

Mrs. Racona (Mom) & Debbie, I am so sorry to hear the passing of your husband/ dad. He was such a warm funny, funny man, I always enjoyed his stories, and insight on life ect. He was a great man. God bless you and your family. My prayers are with you. Francine Boccardo - Scollo

May 24 at 5:08 AM

TP

**Tari Pittenger** posted:

Kathy, Ben and Ashley - we are so sorry for your loss. Please take care. The Pittengers

May 24 at 2:32 AM

RD

**Rich Diamond** posted:

My heart goes out to the entire Racona family during this time of your sorrow. I have many fond memories of Mr Racona, Bob and Jim during My Le Moyne park days

May 24 at 2:29 AM



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EC

**Eileen Stack-Corsette** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the Racona family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. Tom Stack, Eileen Stack-Corsette and Shannon Corsette

May 23 at 8:19 AM

RS

**Robin (Su)** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



May 23 at 6:55 AM

RT

**Roseanne Lewis (Tortora)** posted:

To Kathy -I am so sorry. I wish you Peace and Strength at this time and please know that God is taking care of your Dad and all his needs are met now. My prayers to you, your Mom, and your family. xoRoseanne Lewis (Tortora)

May 23 at 2:05 AM

JE

**Jessica** posted:

Papa, I cannot believe you're gone. I miss you terribly. I am so blessed to have got to see you minutes before you passed. I will always love you with all of my heart and soul. I will forever cherish the so many memories we have had together. You have done so much for me and taught me so much. You never missed any of my dance recitals, or cheerleading events or anything I was involved in. You and Nana treated me like a princess when I was younger and I'll never forget all the vacations and places I got to see with you. You were not only Papa to me, you were like a dad. I know you're in heaven now with your parents and siblings. Everyone will always take care of Nana. I love you and miss you. Love, You're granddaughter, Jessica xoxoxo

May 22 at 5:51 AM

DP

**Dorothy Zimmerman(Pappas)** May 24 at 9:09 AM

I am so sorry about your loss. I knew Mr. Racona as T WINKLE TOES. HE was a very funny man , always made me laugh. My deepest sympathy to his wonderful family. May his memory be eternal. Dorothy from Geddes Bakery .



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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