



Vincent F. Tropea Jr.

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Vincent F. Tropea Jr., 70, of North Syracuse, passed away Saturday at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Syracuse and worked for Solvay Iron Works for 50 years before retiring in 2011. Vincent lived and loved life for his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Sandra E. (Piano) Tropea; two children, Vincent Michael Tropea of Clearwater, FL and Lisa Marie (Jamie Loaiza) Tropea of Orlando, FL; granddaughter, Chloe Lynn Tropea; sister, Marcia (Samuel) Ferranti of Syracuse; sister-in-law, Linda Kenney of Syracuse; two brothers-in-law, Steve (Pat) Piano of Syracuse and Michael (Grace) Piano of Ohio; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10:00 am in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME and 11:00 am in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Family and friends may call at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse on Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North St., Liverpool, NY 13088.



Events


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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, March 13, 2012

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


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



Service

 **Wednesday**, March 14, 2012


 10:00 AM ET


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



Funeral Mass

 **Wednesday**, March 14, 2012

 11:00 AM ET

 **Epiphany Parish - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**
425 Beechwood Avenue, Liverpool NY 13088





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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



March 9 at 8:00 PM



Lisa Marie posted:

❤️ To this very day, I miss you more than words could ever express 😞 I need my Pa 😞

September 28 at 8:27 AM



Vincent M Tropea lii posted:

Happy Birthday Pop! Miss you.

April 3 at 7:06 AM



Lisa Marie Tropea posted:

Still ❤️

March 11 at 5:56 AM



Vincent Tropea posted:

Hey Dad, Happy 50th Anniversary up there!! We all miss you and Mom...Mike

February 13 at 1:37 PM



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VT

Vincent M Tropea lii posted:

Hey Pop, I hope you two are tearin' up the dance floor up there. I have the greatest picture of you, me and Gramps on my night stand that I talk to often. Visiting this sight to see if anyone still comments made me cry instantly right here at my desk. I as does Lisa miss you and Mom very very much. We have a lot of "Mom-isms" that we joke about and laugh every time we think of her in the stores and driving everyone nuts. She was really funny and it is a shame that we realize that after she is gone. I am sure that you are taking great care of her up their. Chloe is in school and doing great. You would be so proud of her. She talks about you and even cries when she holds pictures of you and Mimi. Yes, Mom wanted her to call her that... Please know you and Mom are still thought of often and will never leave our hearts. If you could send Geese a little sign and some love, I am positive she would appreciate it! Miss you so much, "Mike"

October 28 at 9:44 AM

LT

Lisa Marie Tropea posted:

Hi Pa, The holidays are over once again and I am still not certain I will ever be myself again since you & Mom have passed. It just doesn't seem to get easier like people said it would. I actually went into seclusion for most of the holidays... I know you wouldn't want me to feel this way, but I can't seem to help it.. I swear I am trying to get my life back to my old normal, but since Mom passed & went to meet you in heaven, I'm just stuck. I feel so lost without either one of you. I thought I would be at peace when I knew she would be with you again, but for some reason I feel empty instead of content. I have not asked you for much in my life because I was always grateful for whatever you gave to me, but I must ask you for this: Please give me peace in my heart & help me heal the emptiness & pain I feel over the loss of you & Mom... I need this more than anything to be able to move forward in my life & I haven't managed to find it on my own. I love & miss you Pa. I even miss Momma Bear too... I pray you are happily enjoying Heaven together on a big fluffy cloud dancing to the oldies.. So if you wouldn't mind sprinkling down some peace, love & happiness into my heart, I would be eternally grateful. You were are and always will be the best Pa a girl could ever ask for and I look forward to seeing you again one day... I love you always, Pumpkin (your baby, Lisa)

January 11 at 4:28 PM



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LT

Lisa Marie Tropea posted:

Dear Pa, It has been nearly a year & 3 months since you went to Heaven... As you can see by me still going to this tribute page, I miss you tremendously... still.... I was hoping that the sadness in my heart would heal, but it hasn't. I have been able to mask it better though. I don't cry in front of everyone when I speak of you now, only when I'm alone do I release my anguish. I dream of you often yet most of the time you don't speak & I wonder... could it really be you just visiting me when I am in a vulnerable state of mind? I hope so. It has been a very trying time since you passed... I'm certain you had no idea things would have turned out how they did. I hope that for the most part, you are ok with all of the decisions that were made. It certainly wasn't easy doing anything that has had to be done in the past year without having you to run it by and consult with first. I didn't know if I was capable of making big decisions without you because throughout my entire life, I always talked to you first when I was faced with a dilemma. I found myself seeking guidance from others but it was just not the same. Now I try to look deep inside myself & wonder "what would YOU do?" It has worked for the most part, but there are times when I just can't be as selfless as you were, I guess what I mean is that I don't want to sink with the ship so I stay afloat as best as I know how without letting things effect me in a bad way.. I miss you Pa... Every minute of every day. Ps: You'll be happy to know that I'm not afraid of dying anymore. That's because I am now more certain than ever that there IS a Heaven & that it is beautiful & breathtaking because there is no way that God would take you & not lead you to somewhere glorious where you belong...I love you, always,~Lisa Marie~

May 29 at 3:42 PM

RH

Roberta & Brad Hooper lit a candle in honor of Vincent.



April 11 at 8:20 AM



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ST

Sandra E. Tropea posted:

Dear Vince, From the first day I saw you at the gas station in Lakeland when you said "Little girl, you better put your top up because it looks like rain", I knew I was in love! It was definitely love at first sight. Then I was lucky one day when Bert Maestri introduced me to you. Just think, if we never got married, Vincent Michael, Lisa Marie & our grand daughter Chloe would not be able to be here today. We both knew that we were blessed to have children that were so good and that loved us so much. You accepted me No matter what, from 108 lbs all the way to 208 lbs... You use to say to me, "If you gain 10 more pounds woman, I'm outta here!" but you never did leave because you loved me so so much, as I loved you. Once you retired, my whole life changed. You were always over my shoulder & would even tell me how to cook the meals that I had been preparing for you for nearly 50 years. That was because you were always watching those cooking shows that you enjoyed so much. When I think back to our "Jewel Manor" days, we had so much fun & had so many friends. They all loved you because they were so happy to have a neighbor like you. What other man do you know had " 3 wives " (as you liked to call us, including Carol, Amy & myself) with Judy Klein wanting to get on your list as wife # 4? They all stood by you in the last year of your life as you suffered. Every day I watched you and it was the hardest thing for me to see you like that. It really broke my heart when I could not help you. I would cry every night in bed because I loved you so much. You were the best father, husband & friend that anyone could ask for. Our children would say to me while you were sick to be strong & to not be so sad around you, it sure wasn't easy on my part, but I did it. Every now and again I think about the times we would say "I'll meet you in the Situation Room" (our little joke) when we would disagree. Because as you and everyone else that is close to us knows, my favorite saying was " NO, I'll do it MY way!" You spoiled me rotten my entire life with you and now that you're gone, I don't know how to do anything at all! I need you back Vince, because I love you so much. You should also know that I loved your family very much. Marcia was by your side the entire time. To think that even Father gave me the "OK", and soon after I knew that he and Mom Tropea loved me too. This was the hardest thing I had to write in my entire lifetime. You would be proud of me if you could see me now. I miss you Vince, but just think, we will be together even after we are both gone because God wanted for us to do that...but in the meantime, I'm looking forward to spending time with our children ,who have been helping me "Big Time", (Vinny & Lisa), our son-in-law (Jaime) and our granddaughter (Chloe)...Love you so, so much... Your wife, Sandy

March 11 at 5:08 PM



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Vincent Michael Tropea posted:

Hey Pop!What a trooper your Daughter has been. She stayed back with Mom for a few more days to help her get more things in order. Lisa even saved her from running out of oxygen in TJ Maxx! Yes, she i still up to the same antics. I love her even more for that because as you know, I had to get back to the millions of Spring Breaker's at the Resort in Florida. Unlike Lisa, I am not waiting for the signs....you have already given me a few, and I love and appreciate you for that. I keep telling her, she will get hers, as she WAS your Pumpkin! She just needs to be patient. I really think that she felt you yesterday and the day before when her and Jaime found your eternal resting place. That will be the place that Lisa and I will go to talk to you when we visit. Thank you for the trees, the bird, the bench, the wings, the head phones and most of all the SU game I watched with you on my way home at 35,000 feet! I will continue to look for and feel you every day. Contrary to popular demand, I still have some Elmer's glue left in the bottle you gave me. I will help my Sister try to keep the plane flying straight!! love you "Frankie", and I love Mom and Lisa very much too."Mike"Vincent Michael

March 21 at 7:32 AM



Roberta Fornarol lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

Lisa MariaMy deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this troubled time.

March 19 at 8:47 AM



Lisa Marie Tropea posted:

Dear Pa,I know this might seem silly, but I feel as though writing to you on this tribute wall some how makes the chance of you seeing it, greater... I sat out on the front porch for a couple of hours this afternoon to be closer to you, since I know it was your favorite place to be when the weather was nice. You would have loved it. To be honest though, I couldn't bring myself to sit in the chair that you use to sit in because I was hoping you'd join me.. I don't know if you did, but I left it free for you just in case. I still can't believe you're gone:(The thought of never hearing your voice, seeing your face, or even kissing your cheek is just so surreal. I know it will take time & that is something that I have no control over. What I do have control over is honoring you with the promise to do the best I can to help Mom.. So please give me the strength to be the glue that will keep this family together as you did. I miss you Pa, and although I knew this time would come, I had no idea that it would leave me this empty. I long for the day to be reunited with you so that my heart will be filled back up again...It's been a weekYet still I feelMy broken heartWill never healGod called you homeSo you're at peaceFrom pain and sufferingYou now are free...I miss your smileI miss your faceOur tender momentsCan't be replacedThey say you're nearSo I'll believeJust send a signTo help pain easeYou're in my heartWhere you've always beenUntil that dayWhen we meet again...~I miss you Pa~Love always,Pumpkin

March 18 at 4:46 PM



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CN

Christine Nichols lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

Lisa Marie - Mom (Barb) and I are thinking of you and your family. You have our deepest sympathy. Your dad is at peace with God. Christine Nichols

March 18 at 3:44 AM



DC

Denise & Tim Chase lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

March 14 at 9:54 AM



DD

Donna Duba posted:

Our deepest sympathies to the Tropea family . . . your friends at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort.

March 14 at 3:59 AM

JK

Judith Klein posted:

Our dear Friend, as we bid you a fond farewell today, we all make a promise to you , to never let you slip away from our hearts. There won't be a day that will pass that someone, somewhere will speak of you, think of you or recall a cherished memory of you. You have touched everyone that ever knew you. We all feel the same sadness at the loss of you but we all stand together with pride for having had the great fortune of being a part of your life. Today we pay tribute with the utmost respect , until we meet again Vince , we love you with all our hearts.....Judy

March 14 at 3:30 AM

MF

Mary Beth Ford lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

March 14 at 3:01 AM



SL

Sandi Lowrey lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

March 13 at 7:00 PM





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Karyna And Kevin lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

March 13 at 2:38 PM



Maria Castano lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

March 13 at 1:24 PM



Nancy & Gabo lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

March 13 at 1:21 PM



Karen Whitman Teller lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

March 13 at 10:49 AM



Rita A. Nappa lit a candle in honor of Vincent.

Dearest Vince, (Sandy, Vincent Michael and Lisa)Did you have any idea how MUCH you meant to everyone who really knew you?! Of course you didn't. You were much too humble to know that! Did you know how many lives you changed by your wonderful example in life. Of course you didn't! Well, all of us that were lucky enough to be your good friends knew it then and really know it now!! I'm thinking even way back on our wonderful "Jewell Drive" days, you were everyone's favorite neighbor - I know you were mine!! Male or Female! Thank you for the impact you had on my 3 sons - showing them what a true husband and father should be! They surely are honored that your family requested them to carry your casket!! I speak also for my husband Dan, who as you know loved you like a brother!! We can't speak without shedding tears of what a tremendous loss you will be to us and all your wonderful close friends, who helped and wanted to be with you right to the end!! We LOVE you and will MISS you more than words can say.... Rest in Peace with the angels my friend.....Dan, Rita and children. xxxxxxxx

March 11 at 5:08 PM





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VT

Vincent Michael Tropea lli posted:

Dearest Father, You were not only my Dad, my mentor and my friend, but you were my HERO. You taught me lessons in life that most men never learn. The void that I feel will NEVER be filled. I can only hope that I can be half as good to your new Grand Daughter as you were to Lisa and I. That would make me a great father. I will make sure that Chloe will know and love who you were. You affected and influenced so many people, but most importantly my Sister and I. Breathe easy Pop, and I know you are where you wanted to be now. Tell Grandma and Grandpa I said hi! Love always and forever, Vincent Michael and Chloe Lynn "Mike" and "Bean"

March 13 at 4:07 AM

DM

Dominic Mercurio posted:

Dear Sandy and family, We are so sorry to hear of Vince's passing, reading it on the internet from our Florida home. What a beautiful tribute your daughter wrote about her Dad! May you always cherish the beautiful memories of your life together and wishing you and all your family comfort and strength during this difficult time. May Vince rest in the arms of our loving Savior. Marlene and Dom Mercurio

March 13 at 3:45 AM



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LT

Lisa Marie Tropea posted:

Dear Pa, I miss you... As I sit here writing this, I know that you are in a "better place" and that you are no longer suffering, but I still can't help the fact that you being gone is the single most heart shattering thing that has ever happened to me. Everyone keeps telling me that in time it will get better, but they didn't have you as a father. You were my everything, and you are irreplaceable. The moments we've shared and memories I have will be locked in my heart and mind forever. I am honored to call myself Vince Tropea's daughter because you are the single most admired man I have ever known. If having your blood run through my veins means that I have even an ounce of your character, then I am truly blessed. Your teachings have made me strong and independent. They say that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, but I must say that it is impossible to follow in your footsteps because you are simply, one in a million. I admire you, I respect you, and I wish to emulate you... I only hope that your teachings will not cease, and that you will continue to guide me with your undeniable wisdom of life & people and how to make the right and honorable choices that I face in the years to come. As I reminisce on the past 41 years of my life, I find it hard to accept that I will no longer have you to turn to when I am lost... You have never failed me, not once... You always knew exactly what to say. The advice you gave was always expert and impartial. I will do my best to make you proud because I believe that you will always be with me. No one could ask for a better guardian angel than you. When they asked me if I would like to have something special written under your obituary, I said that there wasn't enough paper... Any one who has ever met you knows exactly what I mean. There is no end to the overwhelming effect that you have had on all that you have come across. I believe that in the days since you passed, your name has been spoken of in honor amongst hundreds of people in their homes, in their workplace & in their prayers... You were just THAT kind of guy. I will think of you and miss you every day of the rest of my life... I love you Pa, ~Forever, Daddy's Little Girl~ Pumpkin

March 11 at 5:08 PM

JC

Juan Camilo shared an album called **New Album Name.**



March 12 at 5:57 PM

SG

Susan Marie Green posted:

Although it was only for an afternoon, I feel that I am a very lucky girl, to have met Vincent Tropea. What I met was a very kind man whom loved his children & his wife Sandra. Thank you all for giving me that opportunity. Susie

March 12 at 3:55 PM



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AH

Amy Hunter posted:

The Sweetest Tribute from a Daughter to her Father.... I asked Lisa if I could share this beautiful pome she wrote to her dad and she "yes"....The Greatest Man I Ever KnewStrength and WisdomStyle and Gracelf you Ask Me, I'll Tell YouHe Can't Be ReplacedI Know Of No OtherWith His Kindness and CharmIf You Needed a HandWell, He'd Lend His Whole ArmHis Humor Was DryBut His Manhattan's Were SweetAnd Out On A Dance FloorHe Was Light On His FeetAlways Cracking A JokeTo Put Other's At EaseHe Never Met a StrangerAnd Was Easy to PleaseNot Much Did He Ask ForJust Respect and A SmileHis Loyalty Was FierceAnd His Tenderness, MildSo With Conviction I Tell YouIf Truth Need Be ProvedVincent F. Tropea Jr.Was The Greatest Man...I Ever Knew....~ Lisa Marie Tropea ~

March 12 at 10:17 AM

JR

John Alexander Ramirez posted:

I never told you, my short and breif encounter with you left an unspeakable mark on my life. The true ebodiment of chivlary and manhood, in a world were gentelman are few. I feel blessed for crossing paths with you in this jurney we call life. The legacy you layed will live on.....Thank you for the light you shined,John Alexander Ramirez

March 12 at 10:14 AM

KP

Kristin Perla lit a candle in honor of Vincent.



March 12 at 9:00 AM

MB

Marietta & John Blasi lit a candle in honor of Vincent.



March 12 at 6:36 AM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Tropea family.



March 12 at 4:42 AM



Julia Baker March 12 at 5:07 AM

Dear Vinnie, My thoughts go back to our kid days of fishing, swimming and playing monopoly all day at camp.....we had fun didn't we? You will be in my heart forever. Love Judy Mezzatesta Baker



Judith Klein posted:

Dear Vince, our very best friend, we can only find peace in knowing that the pain and suffering is finally over for you. You taught us even at the end of life how to be courageous, dignified and strong. You left all of us who knew you 'rich' with memories and love in our hearts.. it is with great sadness as our life goes on that we will miss all the special time we spent together but will keep you forever in our hearts. We want to thank his wife Sandy and his children Vinny and Lisa for allowing us to spend the time we needed to be with Vince at the end. It is the love and devotion we saw as they cared for this very fragile life that was left in their father that we found comfort. It was not devastating as we thought it would be, it was magificently beautiful.....Our love to you all Phil and Judy Klein

March 12 at 4:23 AM



Solvay Iron Works, Inc. sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Tropea family.



March 12 at 4:20 AM



Solvay Iron Works lit a candle in honor of Vincent.



March 12 at 2:52 AM



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AH

Amy Hunter posted:

Dear Vince, we'll miss you a ton! We've have a great time with you and Sandy over the last 36 years. The void in our hearts cannot be filled. We are happy you are now pain free, breathing easy and we're sure the trip "upstairs" is everything you thought it would be. You were an amazing son, brother, husband and father and a most wonderful friend. All our love,Dick and Amy Hunter

March 11 at 5:08 PM

KT

Karen Whitman Teller March 13 at 10:46 AM

Dear Mr. Tropea, I was lucky enough to grow up with your children and be a part of the "Jewell Drive family". You were always bigger than life to me and looking back it was more than just being tall! You were always kind and caring even when we were not on our best behavior. Which was often from what I recall. You always made me feel special and important as a kid and that meant the world to me. Vinny and Lisa are lucky to call you their father and your absence in their lives is something that I could not imagine. It is funny, I was just telling someone about Sandy's cookies the other day and I think about your family every year and wonder how they are doing when I use one of her receipes (that I can not duplicate no matter how I try). Even though it has been many years since I have seen the "Jewell Drive family" that I spent so many years of my life with, the pain of the loss of someone you loved does not diminish due to time or distance. My heart aches for your family. Your passing is a great loss to those that know you and those you had not met yet, you will be greatly missed!Love & peace to you and your family,Karen Whitman Teller



Media

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of
REMEMBRANCE

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Juan Camilo shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

March 12 at 5:57 PM



GREAT FAMILY MAN MAKING BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES!



Memories only last if you share them

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



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