



# **Carmen A. Cesta**

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## **Carmen A. Cesta**

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**C**armen A. Cesta, 95, passed to the Lord in the embrace of his family on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. A lifelong resident of Syracuse, Carmen was born in Collelongo, L'Aquila in Abruzzi region of Italy. At an early age, Carmen, along with his parents, Vincenzo and Rosa, Made the north side of Syracuse their home. As with many others, schools, Our Lady of Pompei Parish, Schiller Park, The Globe Theatre and Pond Street Hill were where friends were found together. Mr. Cesta served in the U.S. Coast Guard, and in 1946 married MaryAnn Tucci, a marriage that lasted for nearly 64 years until Mary's passing in 2009. Being not-to-distant neighbors from Culbert Street and Becker Street, their north side story of marriage, family and friends would reach into many years. Carmen earned degrees in physical education, teaching and administration from Ithaca College and Syracuse University, leading up to in later years becoming an assistant superintendent in the Syracuse school district. He also in his career had experience as a counselor and school district hearing officer. Carmen's time was spent with family teaching, part-time work, coaching football and baseball as well as refereeing basketball. Well known and appreciated as being very likeable and fun-loving, "Mr. Cesta", as he always was called, even in much later years, was remembered by former students, team players and those he encouraged in academic pursuits or skilled trades. His affiliation with the Syracuse Teachers Association, Chapter 30 of the Disabled American Veterans, the Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity and the "Old Northside Gang" lasted many years. Carmen enjoyed a special avocation in building and maintaining family homes in Syracuse, Tuscarora Lake, Jensen Beach, Florida and Skaneateles Lake. If not and educator, he would have just as surely have been in the building trades. Carmen always was proud to have been one of the first altar servers at Our Lady of Pompei Church for Msgr. William Walsh. The thread of treasuring the practice of the Catholic faith was woven through the family life and marriage of Carmen and Mary.



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Special thanks to the 8th floor staff at the VA Medical Center.

He is predeceased by his wife, MaryAnn Cesta in 2009. Carmen is survived by his son, Father James Cesta; daughter, Ann (Mark) Lepkowski; son, Michael (Angela) Cesta; grandchildren, Brian (Diane) Lepkowski, Alyse (Michael) DiLuzio, Michelle (Chad) Hjort and Carmen Cesta; great-grandchildren, Michael Hjort, Julliano Hjort, Carmella Hjort and Celia DiLuzio; his sister, Laura Dausman; brother, Armand Cesta, along with several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass in celebration of Carmen's life will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday, April 6, 2019 in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church, 301 Ash St., Syracuse, NY. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt. Family and friends may call from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Friday, April 5, 2019 at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carmen and Mary Cesta bequest to Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church or the Community Living Center at the VA Medical Center, 800 Irving Ave., Syracuse, NY.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Friday**, April 5, 2019


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


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

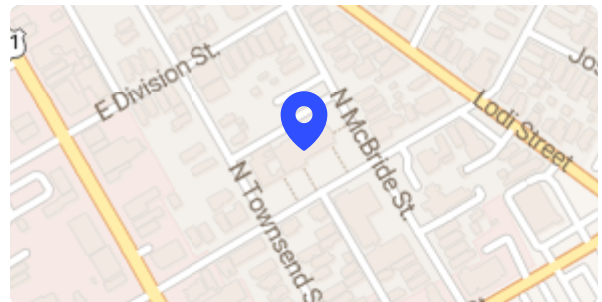


## Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, April 6, 2019

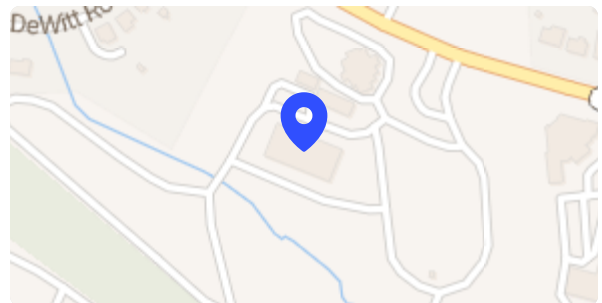
 9:30 AM ET

 **Our Lady of Pompei - St. Peter Church**  
301 Ash St., Syracuse NY 13208



## Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Cemetery**  
4100 E. Genesee St., DeWitt NY 13214





# Tribute Wall

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**John Villani** posted:

To Father Jim, Ann and Mike: I was so sorry to learn that your father passed away. I remember what good neighbors he and your mother were when we all lived on Woodruff Avenue all those years ago. Please accept my condolences and prayers--John Villani

April 22 at 12:48 PM



**Linda Grimaldi** posted:

Father Cesta, I am sorry for the loss of your Father.Love and prayers. Linda Grimaldi

April 5 at 4:41 PM



**Lena Artuso** lit a candle in honor of Carmen.



April 5 at 8:51 AM



**Lena Artuso** April 5 at 8:53 AM

Dear Cesta Family, My husband and I are so sorry to hear of your loss.Our prayers and thoughts are with you all .



**Sue Fiero** posted:

Sincere sympathy to Carmens' family,he will be missed.Carmen and Mary were our neighbors for 36 years.....Carmen was truely a fun loving man,always had a joke, loved to laugh and make you laugh. He spent so much time on his landscaping, which certainly looked great. Took such pride in his home as well.Rest In Peace Carmen.Love your neighbors and friends. Al and Sue Fiero

April 5 at 2:53 AM



**Marty Nave** lit a candle in honor of Carmen.

My sincere sympathies to the family of Carmen Cesta.I and my late father John enjoyed his friendship for many years. I would visit at his home, have lunch together and enjoy a good conversation. I will miss his friendship and jokes. God Bless his soul and perpetual light shine upon him.



April 4 at 4:49 PM



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RW

**Rod Wood** posted:

----My condolences to the family of Carmen Cesta, During the mid-50's, Carmen was one of my gym teachersat Nottingham High School. Always a likeable gentleman.Ran into Carmen several years ago at a restaurant.----Rest in peace Carm.--Rod Wood WSYR-TV

April 4 at 9:10 AM

BO

**Bob Ollerenshaw** posted:

Father Cesta and family, my sincerest condolences on the loss of your father. I will keep him and the family in my prayers, may he RIP

April 4 at 3:56 AM

BP

**Beth Patri** posted:

Fr Cesta, please share my condolences and God's blessings, to you, and your family for me. (My late husband and I were parishioners at Saint Rose.)

April 4 at 3:55 AM

EG

**Elizabeth (Betsy) Goudy** posted:

Dear Cesta Family,Carmen's mom was my grandmother's best friend. Mary Cecconi, who lived at the bottom of the street on First North. We spend many happy days with Rose, and Carmen was already grown and out of the house. She talked about him all the time (when we could understand her lol). My condolences to you all. May God receive him with open arms.

April 4 at 3:38 AM

CG

**Carmenann Guarnieri** posted:

Father Cesta, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My deepest sympathies are sent to you and your family

April 3 at 7:12 PM

MS

**Monico And Rita Soto** posted:

Prayers for strength and peace for the family! Monico and Rita Soto!

April 3 at 7:05 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Cesta family.



April 3 at 6:39 PM



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KS

**Kelly M Sheldon** posted:

Well this morning God took one of my favorites home to be with Him. I will always remember that grin of his when he was being his usual charming self. I now have another Angel to talk to or seek guidance from. My sincerest condolences to the entire family. You are a fantastic group of people and the pleasure was mine to have the honor of knowing Carm in his twilight years as well as your loving family. Many blessings to you all.

April 3 at 2:27 PM

RC

**Ron Cocciole** April 9 at 1:48 AM

To the Cesta Family: Carmen left his mark on the Syracuse City School District. I had numerous interactions with him. He was my physical ed teacher, my colleague, in our administrator's organization. However, the best thing I remember about Carmen--he made me laugh.

JC

**Jacquelyne/Ralph Campese** April 7 at 11:56 AM

Father Cesta, we both are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We will keep you in our thoughts an prayers. Ralph an Jacquelyne Campese

DC

**David O'connor** April 4 at 9:30 PM

Father Cesta, So sorry to learn of your dad's passing. Sympathy and Prayers to you and family.

DB

**Dolores Bremer** April 4 at 4:53 PM

Father Cesta, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. My sympathy and prayers to you and your family

JC

**Jackie Calcagnino** April 4 at 5:41 AM

Our deepest sympathy to the entire family we are so sorry about the loss of a wonderful man who cared so much for others

FW

**Fiorinda B. Wilson** April 4 at 2:47 AM

FATHER JIM, I AM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR DAD. MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY KNOW THAT WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU. THIS CRISIS IS OVER, BUT NOW THE HEALING BEGINS FOR EVERYONE. YOUR DAD WAS A GREAT MAN, AND HE WILL BE RECEIVED BY OUR LORD JESUS. GOD BLESS AND WATCH OVER ALL OF YOU.FIORINDA ( FLO ) WILSON

PZ

**Patrick Zasa** April 3 at 2:39 PM

From Patrick and Margherita. May peace and comfort find you during this difficult time.



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**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Cesta family.



April 3 at 1:48 PM



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

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



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