



Joseph D. Castrilli

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With profound sadness and heavy hearts, the family of Joseph David Castrilli announces that he passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on June 29, 2025, at the age of 82. Joe was a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend.

While Joe was well known for his exquisite home improvements, impeccable landscaping, and passion for gardening, his proudest accomplishments were his deep love of family, unwavering loyalty to friends, and infectious love for life. His warmth, humility, and laughter touched all who knew him.

Born the youngest of four children on April 5, 1943, in Syracuse, NY, Joe grew up on Knaul Street and graduated from North High School, where he met Michele, his high school sweetheart and beloved wife of 59 years. Joe raised his family in Liverpool's Jewel Manor, finding joy in renovating and improving his home.

Joe earned an engineering degree from SUNY Morrisville and proudly served as a member of the Air National Guard. He worked at General Electric for three years before retiring from a distinguished 26-year career as an electrical engineer with Niagara Mohawk in Syracuse. When he retired in 1994, he started his own successful business, AJM Remodeling, built on the philosophy that "no job was too small, all customers word of mouth."

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Concetta Castrilli, his sister Mary, and his brother Tony.

Joe is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Michele (Pollastro) Castrilli; his son, Anthony (Trish); his daughter, Joelle (Jeff) Ross; his son, Michael (George Spencer); and his grandchildren, J.J. (Kalei), Joey, Allie, Nick, Carly, and Sophie. He is also survived by his sister, Anna Stefanco; several nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom loved him dearly.



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During the final years of his life, Joe waged an inspiring and courageous battle against a rare neurological disorder. Joe's family wishes to thank the staff of Hospice of Central New York for their exceptional care.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse. A funeral mass in celebration of Joseph's life will take place at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 3, 2025, in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church, 301 Ash St. Syracuse. Entombment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Foundation of Central New York, 990 7th North Street, Liverpool, NY 13088.



Events

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, July 2, 2025

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


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

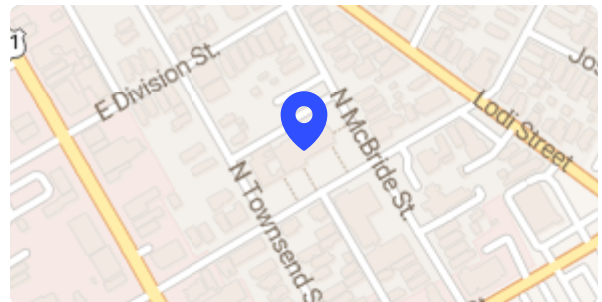


Entombment


 **Thursday**, July 3, 2025

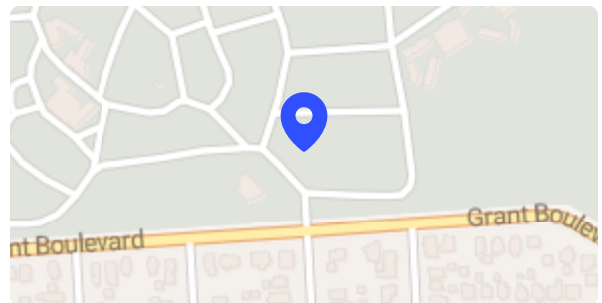
 10:00 AM ET

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



Cemetery Details

 **Woodlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum**
800 Grant Boulevard, Woodlawn Cemetery &
Mausoleum NY 13203





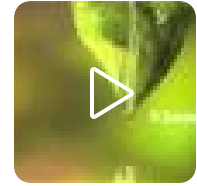
Tribute Wall

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

July 1 at 10:36 AM



Peter T. Fragola Jr. lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

July 6 at 3:04 PM



Peter T. Fragola Jr. sent a virtual gift in honor of Joseph.

It's devastating to lose someone so special Joe was a very sincere person May All of Gods Blessings be Upon the Castilli Family

July 6 at 3:03 PM



Roseann Smith posted:

Dear Michelle, and family. To my favorite handyman. Love to you and your family. Joe was the best. Love you Michelle, Roseann smith

July 3 at 2:19 PM



Linda And John Dadario posted:

Dear Michelle and family we are so sorry to hear about joes passing. He was a kind and wonderful man.take good care of you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Linda and John dadario

July 2 at 4:35 PM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Castrilli family.

July 1 at 2:41 PM





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Kim Chatelain & Jeff Adolph sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Castrilli family.



July 1 at 2:07 PM



Isabel & Don sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Castrilli family.



July 1 at 11:36 AM



Maria, Izzi, And Liv sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Castrilli family.



July 1 at 9:29 AM



Gary, Teri, Maddy, Dominic & Joelle sent an Arrive in Style to the Castrilli family.



July 1 at 9:16 AM



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Patricia Nappi sent a virtual gift in honor of Joseph.

So very sorry Michelle and children. Joe the love of your life is out of pain in Heaven watching over you all ,It's the hardest I know to lose Joe and May he rest in eternal peace and god in some way bring you all comfort from Patricia A Nappi -Dery and Family so sad thank god you have such wonderful memories of a wonderful Man praying for you all 🙏🙏🙏🌹❤️



July 1 at 4:41 AM



Deborah July 6 at 12:23 PM

Michelle and family ,The love he gave will shine through your family... Prayers to all. Deborah Pollastro



Patty Ostuni July 1 at 7:09 PM

Michelle and family .I am so sorry for the loss of joe.I didn't know him but i can tell in your pictures that you had beautiful memories. May he rest in peace. God bless you and your family..Patty Ostuni



Andrew Pollastro July 1 at 5:16 AM

Michelle and family we are so sorry for the loss of Joe. He was a great man. I know that you have great memories of him and with those memories he will always be with you. He is at peace now with the loving lord. We are thinking of you all and our prayers are send. May he RIP. Love you cuz Andy Pollastro



Antoinette Pallotta lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Michele & Family,So Sorry for Your Loss,Joe is in Heaven with the Lord & all the people who Loved him,May he Rest In Peace, Prayers for you all ❤️🙏

July 1 at 4:00 AM



Darryl Crosby sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Castrilli family.

June 30 at 5:03 PM





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Thomas Ross posted:

Mrs Castrilli, Joelle, Mikey, Anthony,Michelle and I were very sad to hear of Papa Joes passing. It was very hard to see him decline but will always remember the "funny" times we always had when we came to Syracuse or saw him at the River. To the entire Castrilli/Ross family, you are ALL in our thoughts and Prayers. Papa Joe will be missed by many, and thought of by many for quite some time. Papa Joe, Rest knowing you have built a wonderful family.Loving Thoughts.....Tom & Michelle Ross

June 30 at 2:05 PM



Much Love — Kathy, Marc, Eli, & Hank sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Castrilli family.



June 30 at 12:41 PM



Joseph Osborne And Tarr Family sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Castrilli family.



June 30 at 11:16 AM



Lisa And Elizabeth Rodriguez Aig Family sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Castrilli family.



June 30 at 11:06 AM



Lisa And Elizabeth Rodriguez Aig Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



June 30 at 11:06 AM



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June 30 at 9:03 AM



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Patty Marco posted:

Michele I am so very sorry for your loss, heartfelt condolences to you and yours.

June 30 at 9:01 AM



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July 1 at 10:36 AM

TRIBUTE VIDEO

A Journey of Life

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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