



Joseph U. Celani

May 29, 1933 - February 17, 2018

Joseph U. Celani, 84, of Napoleon, Ohio died Saturday, February 17, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee, Ohio.

Joseph was born in Camden, New Jersey. This is where he would spend his early years, starting his family and career. Joe served in the US Army as an MP.

Joe started his career at Campbell Soup Co. and was later transferred to Napoleon in 1960. He worked for Campbell Soup 43 years before retiring and becoming a courier at The Henry County Bank.

His family was the high light of his life. He met his wife Claire in High School. They had been married 62 years, before she was called home to eternity January 8, 2015.

Joe and Claire had 5 children. Their son Joey had preceded them in death November 4, 2012. He is survived by his children, Carol (Greg) McClory, Napoleon, Ohio; Paul (Deb) Celani, Wauseon, Ohio; Cynthia Celani, Napoleon, Ohio; Peter (Sheila) Celani, Napoleon, Ohio; and Daughter-in-law, Marcie Celani, Napoleon, Ohio. Grandchildren; Tara (Brad) Dumas, Salena (Joshua) Schnitkey, Paul John Celani II, Joshua (Tabitha) Ford, Ashley Kruse, Christopher (Holly) Celani, Amber (Joshua) Sonnenberg, Blake (Courtney) McClory, Amanda Celani and 10 great grandchildren.

Joe had 2 siblings, Lilian Stiles (deceased) and a brother, Peter (Patty) Celani, Avalon, NJ, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe faithfully attended First Baptist Church, Defiance, OH. And if you ask

anyone that knew him, he always had a joke to tell and a smile on his face.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church 1399 S. Jefferson Defiance, OH. Viewing from 10:00-11:00 prior to the service.

Interment will be private at Riverview Memory Gardens.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon.

The family suggests memorials to Henry County Relay for Life or to the Celani family to decide their destiny at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church - Defiance
1399 S. Jefferson
Defiance, OH., OH

Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Defiance, OH., OH

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ We first met Joe at First Baptist Napoleon. He taught Sunday School, and was the song leader. We have come to know him and his family well, and will always cherish the memories that we hold so dear. Since I know where Joe is now, I celebrate his life, and the legacy that he has left behind. I challenge his family to continue to carry the torch of Faith in Jesus Christ that he so boldly shared with others. You are all in our prayers during this time, and we love you so!

Larry & Sue Jameson

Larry & Sue Jameson - February 23, 2018 at 11:56 AM

SK

“ Breakfast with Joe and his family was a special time! 'Twas always a blessing with the Celani's. So glad we're friends! Love, Buff & Steve

Steve Kelb - February 22, 2018 at 05:20 PM

DC

“ Diane Cruz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Joseph U. Celani.



Diane Cruz - February 22, 2018 at 09:52 AM

JL

“ Jerry and Laura purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joseph U. Celani.



Jerry and Laura - February 21, 2018 at 10:24 AM

DW

“ Dick Weichman purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joseph U. Celani.



Dick Weichman - February 21, 2018 at 09:58 AM

DW

“ My deepest sympathy to the Celani Family. I have known Joe since 1952 when we both worked for Campbells' at the Camden, New Jersey Plant. Joe was a good friend, a hard worker, and always in good spirits. May he rest in peace.

Dick Weichman

Dick Weichman - February 21, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph U. Celani.



February 20, 2018 at 10:49 AM

CM

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carol mcclory - February 20, 2018 at 09:57 AM

JS

“ *Joe was a great Italian "gentle man". He loved God, He loved Family, He loved others.
What more could you ask?.His children are living his example.
With sympathy from your friends, John and Sandy*

John W Spengler - February 19, 2018 at 09:57 PM

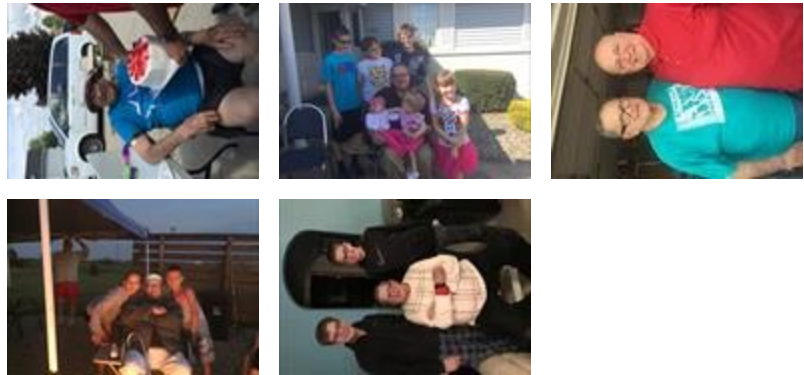
CH

“ *Cindy I'm so sorry for your Loss! Prayers for you and your siblings and families.
Chris & Todd Hesterman*

Chris Hesterman - February 19, 2018 at 02:32 PM

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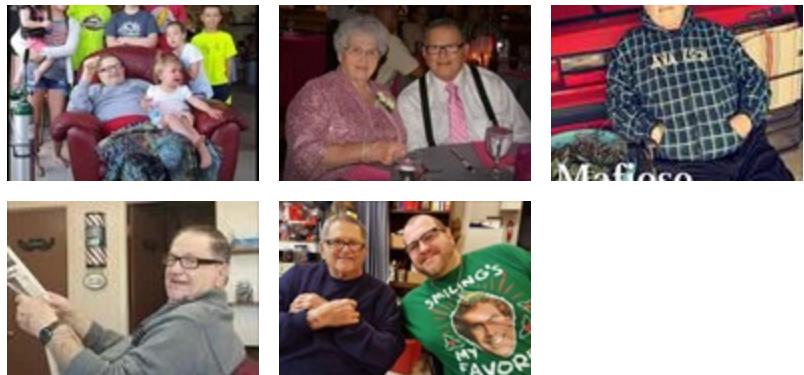
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Tara Dumas (Celani) - February 19, 2018 at 02:15 PM

CC

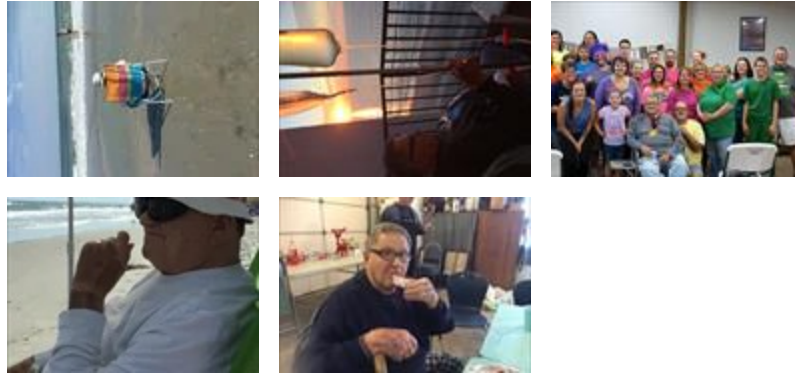
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Cindy Celani - February 19, 2018 at 02:12 PM

CC

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Cindy Celani - February 19, 2018 at 07:50 AM

VW

“ *Joe will be missed what a sweet person he was and a Godly man always smiling and an making others laugh*



Vickie Williams - February 18, 2018 at 11:44 PM

DB

“ *Fond memories of a man who clearly loved and was proud of his family. Joe was always welcoming! I was privileged to join the Celani family for a few gatherings. Joe and Claire raised such a wonderful family. Peace to you all at this difficult time. Darlene Bostelman*

Darlene Bostelman - February 18, 2018 at 06:24 PM