

MICHAEL J. VELLOTTI
1926–2006

FAMILY HISTORY:

Michael J. Vellotti was born in Troy, New York on June 5, 1926 to parents Pellegrino and Mary (Palluotto) Vellotti. Michael had 3 brothers; Alexander, Anthony, Martin and 3 sisters; Pauline, Anne, and Thomasine.

EDUCATION:

Michael graduated from La Salle Institute in 1944. He also graduated from Siena College in 1951, attending college upon his return from the military.

HISTORY:

Michael entered into the United States Army on September 12, 1944. He served during World War II and was stationed in Europe as a rifleman and messenger, driving a jeep throughout Germany. He rose through the ranks from Private to being promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Vellotti was in charge of the battalion message center supervising 5 men. He served in the European Theatre of Operations for 18 months. He was honorable discharged on August 20, 1946. For his brave and honorable service to his country, Sergeant Michael J. Vellotti was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

PERSONAL:

Michael married Florence (Hall) Vellotti on November 8, 1953 at St. Patrick's Church in Troy, NY. He was the father of 1 daughter, Rosemary and 3 sons; Peter, Walter, and Michael Jr. He was blessed with 7 grandchildren; Jeanette, Michael L., Daniel, Meghan, Lauren, Troyce, and Michael J.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

He was employed by General Electric, Schenectady as an Engineering Technician for 10 years and worked for the New York State Department of Transportation retiring after 28 years as a Materials Engineer.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Michael was a lifelong communicant of St. Patrick's Church. He was very active in the Troy AARP holding several offices, organizing trips and running the yearly

daffodil flower sale. He was an active member of the Italian Community Center in Troy and enjoyed challenging games of bocce with friends and a member of the BPOE Brunswick Lodge 2556. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening, playing music on his clarinet and violin, and traveling.

Sadly, Michael J. Vellotti passed away on January 8, 2006 and was buried at the Cemetery of the Evergreens in New Lebanon, NY.