



John Colceri

August 31, 1930 - October 24, 2009

John Colceri, dearly beloved husband of Donna for the past 56 years, passed away on Saturday morning, October 24, 2009. John was a loving and supportive father to his three sons, John Thomas, Michael Edward and Daniel Shannon; his daughter-in-law Pamela and the proud grandfather of John Adam, Brittany Lynne, Brianna Suzanne and Daniel Wyatt, as well as his great-grandson, Cameron Lee. John was born in Canton, Ohio on August 31, 1930 to Achim Titu and Rafira Colceri. John attended McKinley High School in Canton where he set numerous Ohio State records as a member of the football team, being named to the McKinley Football Hall of Fame in 1986. John attended Syracuse University where he played football under Ben Schwartzwalder from 1949-1951. John was a member of the Sheet Metal Local 58 and lived in the valley in Syracuse his entire married life. John will be remembered by his family and friends and all who knew him as a good and decent man, strongly protective of his family and always bringing a laugh with his never-ending sense of humor. His passing leaves a hole in the heart of each member of his family. He will be forever missed but never forgotten. Services will be private. John will be interred in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York. Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc. 4612 S. Salina Street Syracuse, New York

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Colceri*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - October 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Donna, I am truly sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of you, John and the boys (when they were little) When dad would say - I'm going to go see Johnnie and Donna do you want to go - I jumped at the chance. I loved to see both of you and yes Johnnie always made me laugh.*

I remember my parents going out to dinner with both of you and the Fontaines. or coming up to the house for a visit. Oh, yes, the talks of Syr. football!!!!!! I was happy to see both of you when I was up there last.

Johnnie, Bob F. and my dad are smiling down on us. Again, my deepest sympathy to you and the boys.

July 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dad, Not an hour goes by that you're not thought of. Words don't exist that describe the weight of our loss. Or our love. Each of us is so proud, so fortunate, so thankful, to have had you as our Father. You'll always be a part of us. Somewhere you're still smiling. And we know everybody around you is smiling too.

November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I wanted to send my sympathies to Colceri family for the loss of your Husband and Father, John. You were great neighbors and friends and made the valley a nicer place to grow up. My sincere condolences to Mrs. Colceri and sons. Michael Peterson

November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ He will always be remembered as you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant, may you find comfort...And, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family. I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith. -2Timothy 4:7. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5

October 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We just want to wish all of the family peace during this hard time. I'm so glad I had the pleasure of meeting John back in 1994, and got to know what a nice man he was.

October 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Papa John was always a joy to be around. Donna and John have been like a third set of grandparents. Papa John you will be sorly missed.I thank god for giving me the opportunity to know and grow my life ,just knowing you.Goodbye

October 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Donna and Family,Please accept my deepest sympathy for the passing of your loving husband and fatherJohn. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.I have many fond memories of John and Donna. My father, Dr. Charles Planer loved having Donna in the office helping him with his patients.I remember going into the office all the time to see Donna. I also remember the many times John and Donna would come to the house for holidays or just stop in for a Sunday afternoon visit. I believe we all had a special bond and close relationship.I thank you for the love you and John gave to my father and our family. John was a kind, caring and wonderful man who loved his family very much. It was my privilege to have known him. I hope that Donna and your family can find comfort knowing what a special and wonderful man John was. My heart and thoughts are with you.

October 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear DonnaYou and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss John and seeing him at the dinner. You guys watched me grow up there and seen me start my own family. Now my children see you on our visits to the dinner. You two have touched many lives at the dinner and have become a part of a bigger family than you realized. With love Vicki,Tbone,Mason and Madison Homer

October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Papa John What a great person, friend to many, you were always thinking of others, with a kind heart, and caring words of wisdom. Dearly Papa John you touched so many hearts with your big broad smile and jolly laughter, your laugh would make other people start laughing., and of course our dirty jokes that we would tell each other ..Donna you are a very special lady ,Who we all love.. Always in our Hearts, Roberta & Mike Burr & Dalton Potter*

October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *There are just too many fond memories that I have shared with John and his family. I grew up right down the street from the Colceri home. I have not lived in Syracuse for awhile but the Valley is always my home. I spent many times with Donna and John doing so many things over the years that developed me as who I am today. John was like my second father always there supporting not only me but the whole O'Brien Family. Mainly watching me and Danny get into a lot of trouble and my parents can validate that for sure! He made me laugh! You never knew what surprise he had next. Danny, me and John loved the Giants and watching them together every Sunday even though they weren't as good as now. As I sit here and write about the time I spent with John just makes me think back more and more of the memories that I will always have in my heart. I feel a loss as well. I thank God for the time I spent with him. I will pray for the Colceri Family! I miss all of you Donna, Mike, Tommy, and Danny who called me the other day to inform me of his Dad's passing! My Family and I Love all of you! I hope to see all of you soon!*

October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael and Family: You may not remember me from our Corcoran Days, but I saw your Dad's obituary and wanted to send som warm thoughts your way. Your Dad sounds like a wonderful man. My dad passed away in January, so I know this is a very difficult time. Hope all is well with you.*

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