



## Albert J. Pistana

June 14, 1917 - April 7, 2012

Albany-Albert Joaquin Pistana, a recent resident of Saratoga Springs and a long-time resident of Albany, died peacefully Saturday, April 7, at Saratoga Hospital, with family at his side. He was 94. He grew older, but he never grew old.

Albert was born in New York City, in the family home, on June 14, 1917, to Joseph and Carrie Pistana, to whom he was a devoted son. He had two sisters, Marion and Dottie, with whom he was extremely close; they predeceased him. He grew up in Bellmore, Long Island, N.Y., where he graduated from Baldwin High School in 1935. He attended both St. John's University and Hofstra University, where he studied business and accounting. Albert also was a semi-professional football player and continued to follow the game enthusiastically throughout his life.

He was a proud veteran. Albert enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on board the U.S.S. Franklin in the Pacific, which was heavily bombed, and the U.S.S. Hornet. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Victory Ribbon with three stars and a good conduct medal, and was honorably discharged on Dec. 20, 1945.

When he returned from the war, Albert bought a farm in Pleasant Brook, N.Y. He soon met the love of his life, Jeanne Gorman, in Cherry Valley, and they were married in 1949, forming a loving relationship that lasted for 56 years.

Albert and Jeanne enjoyed traveling and spent time in Italy, Cuba and Spain. Jeanne predeceased him in July 2005.

Albert and Jeanne moved from Cherry Valley to Albany in 1951 to raise their children, Michael, Robert, John and Carolyn, and Albert began his long career with the H.D. Lee Company (now Vanity Fair), traveling extensively throughout New York and Canada. Since the late 1980s they maintained a second home in Naples, Fla., where Albert enjoyed golf, which he also played passionately at the Albany Country Club, especially after his retirement in 1982. He was thrilled to achieve three holes-in-one in his lifetime. Vital and independent, Albert was driving himself from Albany to Naples until he was 91 years old.

Additionally, Albert was a savvy stock market investor and an artist who enjoyed both sketching and collecting art, and was fascinated by architectural forms, especially the work of Frank Lloyd Wright. He took pleasure in dining out with friends and family, and was beloved for his excellent sense of humor and his ability to recall and recount anecdotes about life as he and Jeanne raised their children.

In 2010, Albert moved to Saratoga Springs to be near his son, John, and his partner, Kevin Barrows, who cared for him with affection and respect. He loved his home there, and especially sitting in front of his fireplace and spending time in his courtyard.

He was a long-time communicant of Parish of Mater Christi, formerly St. Catherine of Siena Church in Albany.

Albert is survived by his sons John (Kevin Barrows) of Saratoga Springs, and Robert (Cagla) of Heidelberg, Germany; his daughter, Carolyn (Kyle) Tibbitts, of North Carolina; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son, Michael, earlier this year, and a grandson, Joseph.

There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that in honor of his excellent care there, donations be made to Saratoga Hospital, c/o Saratoga Care Foundation, 211 Church St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at Parish of Mater Christi, Albany Thursday, April 12, 2012.

Interment will follow the Mass at Memory's Gardens on Watervliet-Shaker Road in Albany.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain directions or a prayer card, or share a photo with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

# Tribute Wall



“ *Albert J. Pistana*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Oh John and Kevin - I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad, John. I remember Kevin telling me you weren't at an event at Saratoga Clay Arts just a couple of months ago because you were taking your Dad to lunch....you were a very good son.*

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*Margie*##imported-begin##*Margie Rotchford*##imported-end##

April 11, 2012 at 09:11 PM



“ *To John and Family:  
I was so sad to hear about your dads passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. God Bless.*##imported-begin##*Cindy Valiquette*##imported-end##

April 10, 2012 at 12:34 PM



“ *Al was a wonderful neighbor, and we were so lucky to know him and Jeanne. We send our sympathy to you all, and our thanks for inviting us to his great 90th birthday party to enjoy a celebration of his life. Al was so proud of you all, and running into him here was always pleasant. Loved his obituary story, too. Much we didn't know. Our thoughts and prayers. Diane and Jim Reilly*##imported-begin##*Diane and Jim Reilly*##imported-end##

April 10, 2012 at 11:38 AM



“ *John and family...so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Please know that he is in our prayers during this Easter season of the Risen Christ as are each of you as you grieve his loss. He lived a full and wonderful life. May he rest in peace and be with God, Mary and Jesus in Heaven.*

*Debbie and Rich Colozza###imported-begin##deb  
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