



## Joseph A. Rocco

January 7, 1949 - December 2, 2019

Albany-Joseph A. Rocco, 70, entered Eternal Life Monday, December 2, 2019 in the arms of his loving wife after a courageous battle with cancer at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Born in Albany, Joseph is the son of Mary Carbone Rocco and the late Pasquale Rocco.

Joseph was a graduate of Cardinal McCloskey High School and attended HVCC. He was a member of the National Guard. Joseph was a well known, accomplished and respected drummer (with a solid funk pocket) who played in many local bands for over 60 years. He is a member of the Northeast Blues Hall of Fame.

Joseph retired as a Real Estate Broker for the United Group of Companies. He was a driver for CDTA, and also a broker for the Galesi Group.

He was the loving husband of 47 years of Susan E. Van Olinda Rocco; devoted father of Peter Rocco (Kathryn), Marisa Hutson (James) and Christian Rocco (Andrea); cherished Pa of Sophia, Christopher and Matthew Rocco and Benjamin and Lucy Hutson; brother of Patsy Rocco (Germaine), Debbie Barnum (Red), Kris Pease (Jeff), Eileen Linnell (Jim), Diana Rocco,

and Stephanie Galietta (Mike); he is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and fellow musicians. "May he forever rest on the 2 and the 4."

The family would like to thank Drs. Shaffer, Pirotti, Cedeno, Rasias, Savage and their staff for their wonderful care.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joseph's family Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Friday, December 6, 2019 at 8:15 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to All Saints Catholic Church, 16 Homestead St., Albany, NY 12203 at 9:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Albany Rural Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, light a virtual candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com).

Those wishing to remember Joseph in a special way may send a contribution to the American Cancer Society, 1 Penny Lane, Latham, NY 12110.

# Cemetery Details

## Albany Rural Cemetery

68 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY 12204

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

DEC 6. 9:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
16 Homestead St.  
Albany, NY 12203

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph A. Rocco*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *To The Family Of Joe Rocco,  
I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. PLEASE KNOW THAT JOEY  
WILL LIVE FOREVER IN ETERNITY. THIS IS THE PROMISE OF  
OUR LORD.  
KNOW THAT JOEY IS WITH YOU ALWAYS.  
KEEP YOUR FAITH STRONG.  
JOEY WAS A WELL RESPECTED GENTLEMAN, AND ALL THAT  
KNEW HIM, ENJOYED HIS COMPANY AND HIS POSITIVE  
ATTITUDE.  
PLEASE KNOW THAT HE WILL LIVE THROUGH US ALL.  
MAY HIS MUSIC LIVE FOREVER WITHIN US!  
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.  
GOD BLESS US AND BE WITH US!  
GARY CARPINO  
FELLOW MUSICIAN*

gary carpino - December 11, 2019 at 01:07 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jonathan Cohen - December 05, 2019 at 06:55 PM

AN

“ *Annemarie lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Rocco*



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**Annemarie** - December 05, 2019 at 04:20 PM

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“ *Sue and family, so very sorry for your tremendous loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers*  
*Nancy Friello Franklin*

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**Nancy** - December 05, 2019 at 03:19 PM

DP

“ *Joe was a friend of mine who I have not seen in many years. He was my neighbor in Clifton Park in the late 60's. I always enjoyed he and Pat when we were in our late teens and really enjoyed hearing them practice with their band, and watching his father work on something new in his baking, like making the capital building out of sugar. I never have and never will forget you Joe. Rest in peace my friend. Dave Peck Halfmoon*

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**David Peck** - December 05, 2019 at 09:51 AM

LB

“ *Such a tremendous loss. My thought are with his adoring family, with whom I have had the pleasure of sharing so very many childhood memories with. Although many years have passed, I will always treasure the memories we all shared. Especially at the annual Memorial Day picnics and swimming at the Mater (Monte) Cristo pool.*



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**Lori Batchelder** - December 04, 2019 at 06:13 PM

PW

“ Joe and I worked together at Albany Savings Bank way back in the early 70,s. He was fun, and professional, and I remember him always drumming with a pencil or his hands. Didn't know then how much drumming was a part of his life. Mike and I met Sue with Joe at a party. You could tell how much in love they were. Although many decades have gone by, social media allowed us to reconnect and catch up on kids, grandkids, and life in general. My sincere condolences to Sue and family on his loss. You are in our prayers.  
Peg and Mike Williams

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**Peg and Mije Williams** - December 04, 2019 at 04:08 PM

GC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was such a great guy, him and Sue were such a wonderful couple. He was a wonderful son, husband, brother,uncle, cousin and grandfather. A wonderful friend. I am so proud to have known Joe as well as the Rocco family as a whole. He will surely be missed. R.I.P. Joseph Rocco , Love Gloria Casola and Family

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**Gloria casola** - December 04, 2019 at 01:54 PM

RT

“ Susan, Peter Marisa,Christian, Ida, Pat, Deb, Kris, Diana, Eileen, Stephanie - Donna and I send our heartfelt condolences for your loss. From conversations and posts, it is abundantly clear that Joe had lived a full and rich life, surrounded by love and affection. It is our misfortune not to have had the opportunity and privelage of meeting Joe, but the stories you've told and his smile in the pictures I've seen speak volumes to a talented and happy guy, loving husband and Dad, devoted son, and the best big brother siblings could possibly ask for. Your memories of all the good times will carry the day.  
Rick and Donna Towner

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**Rick Towner** - December 04, 2019 at 01:01 PM

PG

“ *Deb and Kris: I'm so sorry to hear of your brother's passing. Joe was such a sweet guy and great drummer--I loved playing gigs with him! ~ With love from Pete Giroux*

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**Peter Giroux** - December 04, 2019 at 12:18 PM

GB

“ *Sue and Pete : I was really sorry to hear about Joe . He was a really nice guy and a great drummer . He will be missed by all who knew him.*

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**greg bell** - December 04, 2019 at 11:50 AM

MD

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Joe at United Group for many years. He could always be counted on for a warm smile, to check in on how you were doing, and, of course, make us laugh! My deepest condolences to the Rocco Family, he will be missed! -Michaela (Gabriele) DiGiacomo*

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**Michaela (Gabriele) DiGiacomo** - December 04, 2019 at 10:32 AM

MG

“ *Sue - I am so sorry for your family's loss. Joe was one of the best and certainly one of the funniest men I ever had the pleasure of meeting and working with. No matter what he was doing he always had a smile and some pleasant words. He and I actually made up some 'code words' back in the 70's while working at Albany Savings Bank and to this day I still use them on the right occasion - and always think of him when I do.  
Marc Goldstein*

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**Marc Goldstein** - December 04, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Rocco.



December 04, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ Sue, Peter, Marisa, and Christian and families.. I am so sad for you. I knew Joe since high school and he always was so kind, so nice and funny too! Ron and I got to know him better through you Sue, my dear friend. May he Rest In Peace on the 2 and the 4. ❤️❤️  
🙏🙏 Peggy and Ron Pisani

**Peg Pisani** - December 04, 2019 at 08:23 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the Rocco Family. I'm deeply saddened and will miss seeing him @Stewart's, we worked together @ CDTA for many years. He was a great friend. We always compared who had the best pressed shirt. He was very meticulous and well-dressed. Fond memories of him I will treasure forever.

**Ralph B Commisso** - December 04, 2019 at 05:55 AM



“ My deepest sympathies on the passing of Joe. He brought music to our ears and soul. Thank you for that Joe. May he Rest In Peace.

**Patty Bulger Setford** - December 03, 2019 at 09:37 PM



Sue, my sincere condolences on the passing of Joe. May the good Lord hold him in the palm of his hand. Debbie Fredericks Reehl

**Deborah Fredericks Reehl** - December 06, 2019 at 01:14 AM

KG

“ Susan and family,  
So very sorry for your loss. Joe was a great man. You are in our  
thoughts and prayers 🙏  
Marie and Miggie McCarg  
Karen and Mark Gebhardt

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**Karen Gebhardt** - December 03, 2019 at 08:09 PM

VK

Susan and children his grandchildren, His Mother, his sisters and  
brothers and all family my prayers are with you all in this sad time with  
the passing of Joe. He was one of a kind special person. He will  
forever be in your hearts. Grieve if you must but only for a  
while..because he would want you to smile...My deepest condolences.  
Vickie Kelly

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**Vickie Kelly** - December 04, 2019 at 10:48 AM

JL

Such a great person from a nice family, I will never forget spending  
time at the family home admiring their fathers creations, listening to Joe  
and Patsy practice, sharing laughs and good times. Joe's passing is  
definitely a big loss to his family and anyone lucky enough to know him,  
so sorry he's gone but so glad I had the privilege to know him! Jim  
Lounello

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**JimLounello** - December 04, 2019 at 07:17 PM