



## Leland J. Califano

January 8, 1920 - February 20, 2011

Albany-Leland J. Califano, 91, died Sunday, February 20, 2011 at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Antonio J. and Josephine Sparano Califano.

Leland graduated from MT. Pleasant High School and attended Port Arthur College, Port Arthur, TX. He received his degree in Radio and Telegraph Communications. He went on to serve in the Merchant Marines during WW II as the ship's radio operator (Sparks).

He retired in 1983 from the New York State Office of General Services where he was an Assistant Electrical Building Engineer. For over 70 years Leland was a HAM Radio Operator (W2FYA). He was a member of the Albany Amateur Radio Club, and enjoyed swimming and spending time at his camp at Sacandaga Lake. Leland was predeceased in 2008 by his beloved wife, Marianina V. DellaRocca Califano.

He was the father of Antonio J. Califano (Donna) and Joseph T. Califano (Carol); grandfather of Anthony E. Califano and Joseph P. Califano; brother of the late Ann DiCerbo (Anthony), James Califano (Ellie) and Martha Ali (Dominic); brother in law of the late Michael DellaRocca (Betty), Ralph DellaRocca (Antonette), Frank DellaRocca (Fannie), Ferdinand DellaRocca (Mary), Helen DeSimone (Joseph), and Jennie Brozowski (Marcel); many

nieces and nephews survive.

Relatives and friends are invited to call Friday, February 25, 2011 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, with a funeral service at 6:00 pm conducted by Leland's cousin, Rev. John Califano.

Interment will take place Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery and all are welcome to gather at 10:00 am at the funeral home to proceed to the cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Leland J. Califano in a special way may send a contribution to St. Catherine's Center for Children, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leland J. Califano*

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“ *Tony, Joe and Family*  
*Sorry we can't make it tonight, but our thoughts are with you all.*

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“ *Tony and Donna,*  
*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing.*

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