



Joseph DiCello

July 26, 1924 - October 28, 2009

A memorial services will be held at 4 pm Saturday, October 31, 2009 at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, for Joseph Dominic DiCello, 85, who passed away Wednesday, October 28, 2009 after a long battle with Parkinsons. Ben Martinez, of the Mesa Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, will officiate.

Joseph was born July 26, 1924, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to Frank DiCello, of Platonia, Catanzaro, Italy, and Mary Mancuso DiCello from Italy. Joseph was married on July 14, 1945 to Jean Celestia Ranchel, who survives him at the family home. He was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. His children all survive him, Isabelle Gotsche, and her husband, Gordon of Roswell, Frank DiCello, and his wife Catherine, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, John DiCello of Roswell, and Jennifer Sanchez and her husband, Elmo, of Roswell.

Joseph is survived by his brother Mike DiCello, and his wife, Theresa, his sister, Emma Shulski , whose husband, Bill, now deceased, was a dear of friend of Joe's. They are from Kenosha, Wisconsin. His sister, Katherine Lee, lives in Georgia. Her husband, James Lee, now deceased, was also a beloved friend of Joe's. Joseph's sister, Rose Fran Ruffalo, of Sarasota, Florida, is now deceased.

Joseph has 15 grandchildren, David Gotsche, Robin Guzman, Jonathan Gotsche, Gabriel Gotsche, Rachel Booker, Joel Gotsche, Dion DiCello, Dana DiCello, Ryan Witt, Jerry Witt, Jeannette DiCello, Jacob DiCello, Michael DiCello, Joseph Sanchez, and Amanda Sanchez.

He also has 8 great-grandchildren, Alek Guzman, Kristian Guzman, Anthony DiCello, Aiden Witt, Dason Gotsche, Eli Gotsche, Mason Gotsche, and Madden Gotsche.

His good friends were Bob Chiasson, Steve Yankovich, Merle Gotsche, and George Joseph, all deceased. Also to be mentioned are long-time friends Leon Edmark, Jessie Leos, and Joe Cillis.

He worked very hard through his life, often working two jobs at a time to take care of his family. He was very self-sacrificing, for which his family remains appreciative. He worked in the Wisconsin branch of the Civilian Conservation Corps, constructing recreation sites, later at Arneson Foundry, and for many years at Simmons Mattress Factory in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

He and his wife, and his dear friend and brother-in-law Jim Lee and wife Katherine Lee, opened Midwest Music Store. Many fine musicians today owe their expertise to that venture.

In Roswell, Joseph owned two businesses, "Woodland", a cabinet shop, and "The Basket Tree," a gift store. Joseph was a fine carpenter.

He was a great father, husband, and a faithful friend. He loved to shoot pool and play pinochle. He had a playful sense of humor. Joseph volunteered his time to help construct Kingdom Halls.

Thanks to Jehovah God, we have the hope of seeing our Dad again in the Paradise on earth, when he is resurrected to good health again. (John 5:28,29)

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph DiCello*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *To the DiCello family. Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family. Uncle Joe was a great man and a great family man. When he visited Sarasota, Fl to see my mom, Rose, (his sister)he all made us laugh. He knew how to light up the room with laughter. As we grew up, he was a great uncle to all of his nephews and nieces. He will be deeply missed. And we will keep him in our heart. Love, Sandy and family*

Sandra Rossa - November 21, 2009 at 09:26 AM



“ *Grandpa enjoyed his family more than anything else. He was gruff with the boys, loved to box and arm wrestle with them, but he showed a tender side when it came to his girls. At family gatherings, all Grandpa had to do was to sit in his armchair, and everyone would flock around him. He'd curl up to have his back scratched and rattle off his silly puns -he always made me laugh, even though I'd heard the same one at least 100 times. He kept his sense of humor even when the Parkinson's got the best of him, often chuckling at his own inability to express himself. Grandpa holds a special place in my heart. I loved him so much and can't wait to see him again.*

Robin Guzman - November 10, 2009 at 08:54 PM

CR

“ DEAR FRANK, KATHY AND FAMILY. WE ARE TRULY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY. YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. LOVE, ROB AND CHARMAINE

CHARMAINE AND ROB - November 05, 2009 at 05:57 PM

TS

“ Reading the news of Mr. DiCello's brought both sadness and smiles. You see I am one of the individuals, who as a youngster, remember carrying my accordion each week for a lesson and then later for piano lessons. I share my knowledge of music with my beautiful three grandchildren and family, of which I have a daughter and son. I spent many an hour playing accordion with Mr. DiCello's son Frank and even won awards at contests held in Milwaukee. We were neighbors as well. A fine family and the memories that the family have will lighten the sadness in the days ahead. My condolences to the family and especially to Mrs. Jean, who taught me to enjoy music. Sincerely, Theresa (Terri) Dorff Slay

Theresa Dorff Slay - November 04, 2009 at 01:36 PM

PL

“ Dear Jean, I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I always liked him and thought of both of you often since the years that I was married to Joe Ranchel in Kenosha. Joe's son Joey is still in Kenosha and has 4 grandchildren now, which makes me a great-grandmother 4 times. Please give my condolences to your family and I hope you are all well. Love to all.

Pat LeBeau - November 03, 2009 at 07:12 PM

HF

“ *Our Deepest sympathy to Joseph DiCello family, who he adored.
From The Huck FamilY (In Kenosha, WI.)*

Huck Family - November 02, 2009 at 02:31 PM

MB

“ *i will miss him, very much.
love Sis*

marion booker - November 02, 2009 at 12:33 PM

RR

“ *just wanted to say he was a great uncle and better man and for him
I am better man with love and hope for our family I will keep his love
and teachings in my heart save a saw for us, love rich ruffalo*

richard ruffalo - November 01, 2009 at 10:33 AM

TC

“ *Dear Jean Dicello and Family,
Our deepest sympathy to each of you. We pray that Jehovah
comfort you and continue to bless you in the days ahead. We are so
thankful that Jehovah is so loving in giving us the hope of the
resurrection. We all loved Joe and will miss him.
Christian Love, Trini and Gloria*

TRINI & GLORIA CHAVEZ - October 31, 2009 at 03:12 PM

TC

“ *Joseph DiCello*

TRINI & GLORIA CHAVEZ - October 31, 2009 at 03:04 PM

MW

“ To my lovely Auntie Jean and wonderful cousins Frank, Izzy, John, and Jenny, my fondest memories are those of visits with you. Joe was very special to me -- his smile, jokes, hugs, and overall presence were what helped to create those memories. I love him and all of you very much and though I can't be in Roswell today, my thoughts and spirit and love are with you. Let your love for each other continue as an unbreakable bond within your immediate and extended family.

My condolences and love to all of you.

Marla

Marla (Gaustad) Warner - October 31, 2009 at 11:14 AM

DL

“ Dear Cousins and Aunt Jean, Uncle Joe was a gift to all of us. He is and always will be special to our hearts. You will remember all the good times and how he touched so many lives is such a positive attitude. I'll always remember his "knock knock jokes" and Oreo Cookies. Our prayers and thoughts are will you. Love Deb, Paul and Isa

Debbie Lee-Maggio - October 29, 2009 at 07:05 PM

JS

“ Love you, Dad!

Jennifer Sanchez - October 29, 2009 at 05:54 PM

AK

“ Dear Jean and Family, I will always remember the good times we had when we went to visit you. They are treasures in my heart. You are all very special people and are loved VERY MUCH! Not only was Joe a good brother he proved to be a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. I will miss him.

Aunt Katie - October 29, 2009 at 05:16 PM

DW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We are going to miss "grandpa Joe" as we affectionately called him. Our fondest memory of him was playing cards with him. We are going to miss him but we know it is not for long before we will get to see him again. Thanks to our loving God Jehovah we have that hope of the resurrection. We love you.

Doran & Mari Weed - October 29, 2009 at 08:36 AM

JT

“ Dear Dicello families: We are truly and deeply sorry at the loss of Joe. We remember his good and playful nature and that will be missed by all. We look forward to seeing him again in the new system when he will be young again.
Love,
The Torres family

Jeremy,Monica,Kyle and Collin Torres - October 28, 2009 at 04:27 PM