



## Joseph R. "Papa Joe" Fusco Sr.



Joseph R. "Papa Joe" Fusco, Sr., age 82, of Rome, passed away quietly, with loving family and friends at his side, on Friday, May 4, 2012. In 1956, he went to work full time at Griffiss Air Force Base; working on the flight line refueling aircraft. He worked his way up, eventually becoming the operations foreman of the entire fuels branch at Griffiss. During this time, Joe also worked for several local companies over the years such as the machine shop at Utica Gear, Nolan Fuels, Smiyth Ford, and several other local garages. He drove a truck for many years, with Bestway Lines, Carl's Drugstore, Friendly Gas, and several other companies. Joe was united in marriage to Wanda F. Milewski in 1949. They shared a blessed union of 28 years until her passing in 1977. They are survived by seven children; Christine Bambury, Barbara and Michael Crone, of Erie, PA, Margaret Morgia, of

Sackets Harbor, NY, Joseph Jr. and Laura Fusco, of Rome, NY, Mary Rose Fusco, of Lewisberry, PA, Donna and Brad Kirch, of Camden, NY, Angela and Sam D'Urso, of Rome, NY; as well as eighteen grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. Joe is predeceased by a daughter, Sharon; and a granddaughter, Amelia Bambury. Joe later wed Maxine (Bonk) Quinn on February 14, 1981. He leaves behind four beloved step-children from their union of 31 years, Kathryn and Fred Jasiewicz, of Rome, Rick and Melody Meisenhelder, of Floyd, Randy and Ann Meisenhelder, of Rome, and Tim and Tina Meisenhelder, of Floyd, as well as six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Joe's family wishes to express their gratitude to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., his Doctors, and all his friends who have been there to support him.