



## Peter P. Fortino

August 21, 1924 - November 4, 2009

FORTINO , PETER PAUL "PETE"

Grand Ledge

Age 85, passed away Nov. 4, 2009 at his home. He was born Aug. 21, 1924 in St. Ippolito, Italy to the late Pasquale and Caroline (Coscarelli) Fortino. He was a life long area resident and graduate of Grand Ledge High School. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Tennessee during WWII and was a member of the American Legion and VFW. He owned Fortino's in downtown Grand Ledge over 20 years and was formerly co-owner of Key Realty for almost 40 years. Pete was a charter member and past president (56-57) of Grand Ledge Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was elected to Grand Ledge City Council and served on the Downtown Development Authority. He was a life long member of St. Michael Catholic Church and enjoyed their cottage on Higgins Lake. He was preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Virginia in 2003, brother Louie Fortino and daughter-in-law Denise (Goering) Fortino. Pete is survived by children: Patrick (Debbie) of Driggs, Idaho, Bob (Annette) of Grand Ledge, Paul of Santa Cruz, CA , Carolyn (Rick) Russell, and Laurie (Jon) Grace all of Grand Ledge, Loving "Paca" to his grandchildren: Sarah, Emily, Molly, Nicki, Peter, Noah, and Joey, brother Dr. James (Carolyn) Fortino of New Orleans, LA, sister Helen (Dr. Joseph) Caruso of Charlevoix, MI. , many loving nieces,

nephews, and cousins. Special thanks to Jackie and Amanda for their kind care. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, 11:00am at St. Michael Catholic Church. Military graveside services will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday 2-4 & 6-8pm, Vigil 7:30pm at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be made to Grand Ledge Rotary Foundation P. O. Box 122 Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 or St. Michael Church 345 Edwards Street Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837.

# Tribute Wall



“ My condolences to the family. Rest in peace Uncle Pete.##imported-begin##Jack Calabrase##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathies are with the Fortino family during this time of sorrow. My Uncle Pete and Aunt Virginia hold a special place with me as my god parents. I have great memories of both during the holidays at &quot;Grandma Fortino's&quot; ! Uncle Pete was a good man and will definitely be missed.Love Joe and Cyndi##imported-begin##Joe and Cyndi Fortino##imported-end##

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“ Please accept our deepest condolence,on the passing of your Father In Law (Pete).Our prayers are with you ,Laurie,and Family.Take care Buddy Morey Anzaldua##imported-begin##Morey &Micki Anzaldua##imported-end##

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“ My condolences go out to my cousins at the loss of their father -- my Uncle Pete. I have so many fond memories of Uncle Pete. He would organize those large family breakfasts and could be counted on to spread good humor when he was around. He will be missed.###imported-begin##Leah Fortino Ragiel###imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Fortino family at this time of great loss. I love the picture that was chosen, as this is exactly how I remember Uncle Pete, always with a smile on his face and full of joy. I have so many fond memories of our family visits to Michigan and Uncle Pete is a large part of them. Love to you all,Andrea###imported-begin##Andrea Fortino Taulli###imported-end##

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