



Joseph James Antonette

April 4, 1920 - November 25, 2011

Joseph James “Joe” Antonette, 91, of Salem, passed away Friday morning, November 25, 2011 at Oconee Medical Center. Born April 4, 1920 in Brooklyn, NY, he was the son of Josephine Manetta and Giacomo Antonette, and the last surviving of their nine children together.

A proud veteran, Mr. Antonette served in WWII, as well as worked on several security projects with the U.S. Army to define air space over the Eastern seaboard in the early 1960's. He returned from service to marry the love of this life, Ann Gyger, and spent the next 30-some years working in management for the FAA as a supervising Air-traffic controller at the New York Center and raising his family in Glen Head, NY.

Mr. Antonette was an alumnus of Grover Cleveland High School and Adelphi University as well as a proud member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church and the First Citizens Bank of Clemson Advisory Board of Directors. During retirement, he volunteered with the Dr. Viscardi School- a school for special needs children, devoted time to Meals on Wheels, and chaired various fundraisers along with his wife. As one of the first full-time residents of Keowee Key, it is where he pursued his passion for the game of golf and spent time entertaining guests and grandchildren. A lover of all things food and travel, his fondest memories are of vacations to Italy with his family.

Mr. Antonette is survived by two daughters, Jo-Ann Antonette Brooks and her husband, Randall, of Columbia, SC, and Kathy Antonette Peterson of Greenville, SC; grandchildren, Randall Ellis Brooks, Jr. of Houston, TX, Elizabeth Peterson Paul and her husband, Adam, of Johns Island, SC, and James Joseph Peterson of Windsor, CA. He is predeceased by his loving wife of 64 years, Ann Gyger Antonette.

A Mass of Ressurrection will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday, December 5, 2011 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Seneca, SC. A private interment will take place after the Mass. The family will then receive friends in Papineau Hall adjacent to the chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph James Antonette*

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“ *Joe and Ann were wonderful neighbors on Channel Lane. God's blessings be with all the family.##imported-begin##Carol Todd##imported-end##*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I have known Mr. A since 1985 when i worked at the golf course at keowee key. He and his wife were always my favorite 2 people that i had the chance to meet there. As the years went by we were always running into each other around town and we would stop and talk forever. It always made me smile when i saw them out together. No matter what was going on with them they would want to hear all about my kids and what was going on in my life. I am sure you guys know this already but you are truly blessed to have had such a wonderful man for a father and grandfather.##imported-begin##Robby Peden##imported-end##*

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“ *My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Reg Tatum##imported-end##*

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