



Roy John Gratopp

January 5, 1941 - April 19, 2005

GRATOPP, Roy J., 64, a lifelong resident of Utica, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital, Detroit. He was born January 5, 1941, in Pontiac. Mr. Gratopp was employed in maintenance for Utica Community Schools. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica. He joined the Utica Fire Department May 1, 1961, became a lieutenant November 1, 1965, was named captain, August 1, 1967, and retired from the Fire Department on January 1, 2004. He is survived by his children, Timothy Marie Gratopp, Mark Gratopp, Kevin Shannon Gratopp, and Matthew Gratopp. Grandson , David; brother-in-law, Dick Gagnon. , mother and father-in-law, George and Betty Force. He was predeceased by his wife, Karon on November 6, 1990; parents, John and Mabel Gratopp; and sister Evelyn, Evelyn Gannon. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 VanDyke, Utica, with the Reverend Dr. Mark A. Hill officiating. Burial will take place in Utica Cemetery, Utica. Visitation is Friday 5-9pm, Saturday 2-9pm, and Sunday 2-9pm with a firemen passing review at 7pm, at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, 3 blocks east of VanDykeUtica. Additional visitation is 10am-11am Monday at the church. Memorials contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association. Memories may be shared with the family at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall



“ Roy John Gratopp

March 25, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ You have my sympathy and may I offer my condolences for the loss of Capt. Gratopp. He was always very kind to me and very helpful to all in maintaining a safe environment in what could be very dangerous circumstances. When I left the department Capt. Gratopp made sure I received my helmet. He was at all times a gentleman and I will remember fondly the long conversations at the restaurant following training meetings. God bless your family.

Tim McGillen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss, I respected your father very much. I learned alot from him over the years. My deapest sympathy to your family.

Steve Fox - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM