



## Mr. Joseph R. Hale

November 3, 1955 - August 7, 2021

Mr. Joseph R. Hale, 65, of Cortland passed away on August 7, 2021 at Guthrie Cortland Medical Center. Born November 3, 1955 in Cortland Joe was the son of Robert and Barbara Sears Hale.

Joe had recently retired from Cortland Cable Co., and had spent the past several years as the Maintenance Man and caretaker of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. Joe loved his family and family gatherings, he was affectionally referred to as "Big Joey The Grillmaster" He dearly loved his grandchildren, his Kitty; Bella and he also enjoyed Golf.

He is survived by his wife; Michelle Passalugo Hale; his father, Robert Hale of Cortland and his children; Gregory (Kylee) Hale of Unadilla and Rachael Croft of Cortland, his grandchildren; Cattaltyna, Isabella, and Matthew and Megan. Joe was preceded in death by his sister; Nan, his mother; Barbara and by his son; Matthew Hale in 2005.

in keeping with his wishes there will be no public services as they will be private and at the convenience of family. Contributions in Joe's memory may be made to St. Anthony's Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)



# Tribute Wall



Mariann  
Viel

“ *Michelle and family: Please accept our sincere condolences in the passing of Joe. We just heard the news "today". Our one memory of Joe is picking up the cotton candy machine from your house to use at our church's carnival-themed picnic. Of course, the Lafayette restaurant.*

*You are all in our prayers at this tough time* ❤️

*Mariann and Rich Viel*

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**Mariann Viel** - September 24, 2021 at 11:53 AM

RC

“ *Dear Michelle and family - I have such fond memories of Joe from school and always wished that he would come back to a reunion so we could reminisce about some of the wonderful times we shared. He sure was a great, fun-loving guy and I will always cherish those memories. My deepest condolences to all your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Ruth Stout Case.*

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**ruth case** - September 08, 2021 at 10:05 PM

DH

“ *To Joe's family, I am deeply sorry for your great loss. Though I haven't seen Joe in years, memories of him go back to when I was very young. We went all through school together. He had a great sense of humor and could always make me laugh. My thoughts are with you. Sincerely Donna Munson Hill*

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**Donna Munson Hill** - August 14, 2021 at 08:46 AM

DQ

“ Dear Family, Joe Hale was a friend above all else somebody you could always talk to even if you hadn't seen him in many years; he was always the same. I wasn't a Homer guy when I came in from Truxton, when the two schools merged. However Haley or just Joe made us feel welcome. Joe later married a really nice Truxton girl! Michelle Pasalugo. She was just the ticket for Joe and he and I became even closer seeing him so often at Michelle's dad's place, "The Hiawatha Inn" in Truxton. I know he loved his family because that is all he would talk about when you saw him. He also would ask about yours too! Great family man and friend and classmate of Homer 1973, love you Joe!

Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. David & Susan Quinlan

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David Quinlan - August 13, 2021 at 02:33 PM

PM

“ Dear Bob Hale, Michelle, and family: I am so very sorry to learn of your loss of Joe. My brother and I had such fun as kids playing "cowboys & indians" out in the middle of nowhere with Joe and Nan. Precious memories for us. My deepest sympathy to your family.  
With kind regards,  
Pat Masterson-Race (Patty)

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Pat Masterson-Race - August 13, 2021 at 12:46 PM