



## Arthur J DeCelle III

April 14, 1929 - January 27, 2020

Arthur “Art” Joseph DeCelle, 90, of Saugerties, a man devoted to his faith, his family and country, died peacefully on Monday, January 27, 2020 at Health Alliance Hospital in Kingston. Born on April 24, 1929, in Troy, New York to Arthur and Margaret DeCelle, he grew up in Far Rockaway and Lynbrook, NY. After serving in the US Army during the Korean War, he was a member of the second class to graduate from St. John’s University at its new Queens campus. He married Isabel Fizell, on November 17, 1956 and they relocated to Saugerties in 1957 to begin his journalism career as a reporter for the Saugerties Daily Post becoming its editor, editor of the Catskill Daily Mail and on the editorial staff at the Poughkeepsie Journal and Albany Times Union. He went onto work in public relations for NY State Department of Health, and later managed Schultz Taxi in Kingston.

Love of music was a large part of Arthur’s life joining choirs throughout his life, including decades as a member of St. Mary of the Snow’s Choir. Arthur was a Eucharistic Minister, lector and an original member of its Amazing Grace prayer group. He was Chaplain and past Commander of Saugerties Memorial Post 5034 VFW, former member of the Catskill Glee Club and a long-time volunteer for the Pastoral Care team at Kingston Hospital.

In addition to his parents, Arthur is predeceased by his son Charles.

Arthur was a beloved father to his twelve children in whom he instilled his love of learning, music and faith. He is survived by his wife, Isabel, their eleven children and their spouses,

Arthur (Lien), Francesca Dani DeCelle, Isabel, Margaret Moree (John), Paul (Sandy), Maryanne, Bernadette (Peter), Mark (Sherry), Aimee Lepe (Juan), Christopher (Michelle), Gregory (Moirra) and Nancy. Also 25 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

A procession will form 9:15 am Saturday at Buono Funeral Service, Inc and then proceed to St. Mary of the Snow Church where a 10:00 am Mass of Christian Burial will be said in celebration of Arthur's life. Full Military Honors by the American Legion and VFW will follow immediately. Friends may call Friday from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Buono Funeral Service, Inc.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to support the Choir of St. Mary of the Snow Church, 36 Cedar Street, Saugerties, NY 12477. Please offer your condolences for Arthur and his family at [www.BuonoFuneralService.com](http://www.BuonoFuneralService.com).

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# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**   02:00PM - 04:00PM  
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**JAN**   **Visitation**   07:00PM - 09:00PM  
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**FEB**   **Mass of Christian Burial**   10:00AM  
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St. Mary of the Snow  
3210 Route 9W Barclay Heights, Saugerties, NY, US, 12477

# Comments

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“ I was fortunate & blessed to have met “Art” and many of the DeCelle family members because of my relationship with Nancy. He truly was a kind gentleman, soft spoken and his devotion to his family & his faith was so very strong as his love for his country. Mr. DeCelle represents a breed of men that have past on and are serving the lord from above. Nancy if you get sad just close your eyes and know that father is watching over you from above. My condolences to Mrs. DeCelle and the entire DeCelle Family. Sincerely Doreen Mayer Imbimbo.

**Doreen Mayer Imbimbo** - February 01, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ Worked with Art at ARC. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. He always spoke about his wife so lovingly and always referred to her as " My Bride". Rest in peace Art.

Donna Ruddy

**Donna Ruddy** - January 31, 2020 at 08:21 PM



“ I didn't know - or I forgot - that Art worked at ARC. It doesn't surprise me however. I was in the SFI room at the Pacora Center & worked Grandview & 9W houses in Catskill '03-'07. I met so many truly amazing people there! Thank you for sharing that post.

**John Stockdale** - January 31, 2020 at 09:08 PM

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“ I got to know Art very well during rehearsals for St. Mary of the Snows Contata performances. My greatest memory is when he stood up at the end of the Monday Noon Mass and boldly proclaimed that he had a friend who needed rides to Poughkeepsie for oxygen treatment that he had just started. That was the beginning of my great friendship with Bill Bair & his wife Josephine. Art saved Bill's life when his wife was away one weekend & he was ministering the Eucharist to Bill, which he did regularly for many years, one Sunday afternoon, when he came to his house and found Bill unconscious and called 911. I consider Art my Spiritual Father & I was truly blessed to have witnessed first-hand the charitable, loving, Catholic devotion of a saint.

**John Stockdale** - January 31, 2020 at 06:55 PM

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“ Whenever Monday Club came to your house, Art was a positive force whom I'll always remember. He lived a very good life and you all have much to be proud of. May he Rest In Peace. With heartfelt sympathy for your loss, 😊 Mary Alice Lindquist

mary alice - January 31, 2020 at 03:55 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arthur J DeCelle III.



January 31, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ LAMONT AND FAMILY purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Arthur J DeCelle III.



LAMONT AND FAMILY - January 31, 2020 at 04:32 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur J DeCelle III.



January 29, 2020 at 02:43 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arthur DeCelle III.



January 29, 2020 at 08:07 AM