

## Half Staff – Joseph S. Santapaola

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GLOUCESTER — Joseph S. Santapaola, 95, husband of Kathleen (Fancy) Santapaola, died on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009 at the Den Mar Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, surrounded by his family. He was born in East Gloucester on Sept. 5, 1914, son of the late Salvatore A. and Mary Jennie (King) Santapaola. He spent his entire life in East Gloucester until moving to Den Mar two years ago. He spent his life on or near the water, as a lobsterman and fisherman, including the first trap off Kettle Island for many years. He also worked at Rocky Neck Marine Railways and later as steward of Sandy Bay Yacht Club.

In his later years, he was asked to recall old memories of events along the waterfront, which have been referenced in several books. He was on the board of the Fisherman's Loan Fund and a charter member of the Cape Ann Ship Modelers Guild. Joe and Kay recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 12, 2009. Joe was a kind and gentle man who will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him.

In addition to his wife Kay, Joe is survived by his children, Marilyn, wife of John W. Thompson of Rockport, Carol, wife of James T. Burke of Crossville, Tenn., Nancy Bader of Pepperell, Mary Jo, wife of James Spofford of Raymond, N.H., Joseph N. and wife Nancy of Georgetown, James and wife Pauline of Gloucester; grandchildren, Karen, wife of Paul Aquipel, Elizabeth Thompson, Kimberly, wife of Matthew Anderson, James Jr. and wife Dawn, Amanda Santapaola, Andy Santapaola, Christopher Santapaola, all of Gloucester, Sharon, wife of David Mucci, Mary Ann Burke, wife of Jeff Wager, Susan, wife of Mark D'Entremont, Barbara Burke, Brian Twomey and fiancée Sadie, Michael Twomey and wife Shannon, Jim Spofford Jr., Christine, wife of Steve Clark, Valerie, wife of Trevor Tulley, Joseph J. Santapaola, Jason Santapaola and wife Danielle, Stacey, wife of Eric Raffi, Brian McCarthy and wife Rebecca, Julie, wife of Chuck Vasques; 26 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Rose Tart. He was predeceased by his sisters, Anna Lane, Jennie "Tina" Spates, Mary Joyce; his brother, Emery Santa Paul; and son-in-law, Donald Bader.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** His funeral will be held from the Greely Funeral Home, 212 Washington St., Gloucester, on Friday, Dec. 4, at 10:15 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass in St. Joachim's Church, Rockport, on Friday at 11 a.m. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The burial will be held in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Gloucester Adventure Inc., P.O. Box 1306, Gloucester, MA 01930; or to the charity of one's choice. Condolences may be sent online to [www.greelyfuneralhome.com](http://www.greelyfuneralhome.com).