

Joseph P. Bottini is a retired schoolteacher. A Rome native, he graduated from Rome Free Academy, Utica College and completed graduate studies at Utica/Rome (SUNY-POLY).

A veteran of the United States Army, Joe is a Child of God in Christ attending the Cassville Community Baptist Church where he plays the flute in the Praise Band.

Joe has co-authored Utica: Then & Now and Legendary Locals (both with Arcadia Press), Oneida County: An Illustrated History (Oneida County History Center). He writes a local history article for the Greater Utica history magazine. He presently serves as the Oneida County Historian.

He has a passion for sharing local history, giving various PowerPoint presentations in addition to Landmarks Society sponsored Walk & Talks. Included in his projects was participation as researcher/writer for the Bagg's Square history mural in the spring of 2016.

In November of 2018 Joe was honored with a “Living Legend” Recognition by the Oneida County History Center for his work with local history. In 2018 Joe received Community Service Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Oneida Chapter. In February 2018 Joe was the receipt of the 2017 Legacy Award presented by the Bagg’s Square Association., in 2019 he received a Distinguished Service and Lifetime Achievement Award for historic Preservation

Joe lives in Sauquoit with his lovely wife Mary, the father of two adult daughters and sons-in-law; Maria Guyette-Medvetz and Richard Medvetz, Michelle and Thomas Wolsey; grandfather of three cherished grandchildren: Mia Guyette, Thomas Wolsey and Danielle Wolsey.