



Michael Paul Palumbo

August 22, 1991 - November 7, 2019

ITHACA - Michael Paul Palumbo, age 28, went home to the Lord when he passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, November 7, 2019.

Born in New Hartford on August 22, 1991, Michael was the son of Paul J. and Dorothy A. (Otero) Palumbo. He was a graduate of Frankfort-Schuyler Central High School/Class of 2010. Michael earned his undergraduate Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Master's degree in Higher Education & Student Affairs Administration from Buffalo State University in 2017. He had so hoped to begin his Doctoral program.

Michael was a leader and his mission was to assist college students in attaining and maintaining total well-being while facing the rigors of higher education. He aspired to be a great educator. He began his academic career at Buffalo State University as a Resident Assistant and Orientation Leader. Secondly, he served as a Support Services Professional at the Buffalo State School for students with Autism. From 2016-2019 he was the Residence Life Coordinator at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and in August of 2019, he joined the staff of the Office of Residential Life at Ithaca College as Residence Director, the position he currently held.

An energetic and empathetic young man, Michael was purposeful and progressive in his desire to counsel and care for those in his circle of life, whether family or friend. He was an intellectual, poignant and persuasive when discussing politics and speaking his mind to educate others on his viewpoints. He was fortunate to have been raised in a family that loved him deeply and praised his accomplishments. Michael was as humorous and witty as he was humane and wise, attributes he inherited from his dad. His mom was his go-to person and she gave him all her love. To his sister, he was her "rock", and they shared a strong sibling bond. Holidays were happy times when family gathered and traditions were honored. He loved his mother's Puerto Rican heritage and hearty cuisine. He had his favorite foods in his younger years, but he ventured into the vegetarian landscape, then transitioned into the vegan, and eventually, back to vegetarian, so his dad threw on an apron and prepared veggie meals to please his son's palate. In high school, he played soccer, and although he was a Buffalo Bills fan, he recently attended a Michigan College "Wolverines" football game. As a teen, he listened to music of a different genre, and in his 20's, he wanted everyone to know what sphere of music moved his soul.

As Michael matured, he became closer to nature, and he strived to “change the world” by persuading people to be open-minded and proactive in addressing the devastating effects of climate change. His reasons were obvious, — he was his own person and he had a ton of facts to support his theories. Michael stood his ground and held on tightly, ...to his hope for a better future.

Michael is survived by his parents, Paul and Dorothy; his sister, Malena Palumbo, to whom Michael was a great brother; maternal grandparents, Fred and Linda Otero; paternal grandparents, Anthony and Marie Palumbo; aunts and uncles, Felicia Otero, Richard Otero and Todd Gonyea, Cyndi LaClair and the late Michael Otero, Tom and Maria Palumbo, Sharon and Vinny Ciccone, and Gina and Jimmy Seaman; many cousins; and special friend, Shadae.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Michael’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday morning at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John’s Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street

Utica, NY, 13501

Events

NOV **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.

932 South Street, Utica, NY, US, 13501

NOV **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Historic Old St. John's Church

240 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY, US, 13501

Comments



“ Paul and Dorothy: I am so sorry for your loss my thoughts an prayers are with you all

Mike Scialdo

Mike Scialdo - November 14, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ President Collado and the Ithaca College Community purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



President Collado and the Ithaca College Community - November 13, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ Paul and Dorothy,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful son. Sending you and your family love and blessings.

Always,
Denise VanGerner

Denise - November 13, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Michael Paul, you have accomplished so much and did such amazing things in the short time you were here on earth. You have touched the hearts with your most gentle soul to everyone you have crossed paths with. You will forever be missed by us all. May you Rest In Peace

Luke, Colleen and Boys - November 13, 2019 at 05:37 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



November 12, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



November 12, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ Paul and Dorothy, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved son Michael. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!
Love Lori Pileggi Nicolette.

Lori Nicolette - November 12, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ From: Deb Lucas Mott purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



From: Deb Lucas Mott - November 12, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ Hearing this broke my heart, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Let the memories get you through this. i Wish you peace to bring comfort, the courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart

Love and miss you guys

Mari Beth

Mari Beth Nicastro-Price - November 12, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



November 12, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



November 12, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



November 12, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ so sorry for your loss may god be with your family now and fore

Rick Bernier - November 12, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ Dorothy and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Jill Kane

Jill Kane - November 12, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



November 12, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ Palumbo Family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your Son, Brother, Grandchild, Nephew. My Thoughts and Prayers are with All of You.

Lori David - November 12, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ Our sympathy and prayers to the otero and palumbo family sorry for ur loss. Carmelo and Dawn cotto

carmelo and dawn cotto - November 12, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



November 12, 2019 at 04:29 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Paul Palumbo.



November 12, 2019 at 01:27 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire Palumbo family. So sorry for your loss

Paula Aversa - November 11, 2019 at 10:03 PM



“ So sorry to hear this news of the lost of your son. May God be with you and your family, may he rest in peace.

Jamie and Carrie Pizzo - November 11, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ I offer my deepest sympathy to the whole family. What a tragedy to lose someone so young and handsome. May God be with you all at this time.

Sam Simonette - November 11, 2019 at 02:05 PM