



Mr. George A. Picente

November 9, 1939 - November 4, 2017

UTICA – Mr. George A. Picente, age 77, passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at Rome. Born in Utica on November 9, 1939, George was the son of the late John and Julia (DiBrango) Picente and was raised and educated locally. A proud veteran, George enlisted in the United States Marine Corps honorably serving stateside as well as one tour in Okinawa. George was united in marriage with the former Norma Nelson on June 5, 1965. Their dedication, love, and fun-loving ways proved them to be role models to their children.

A mechanic by trade, George established Picente's Auto Sales & Service located on Nichols and Bleecker Streets. Over the 35 years of his business, George enjoyed hands-on repair work as well as the personal relationships he developed with his customers.

With his retirement from the business, George developed a second career from another passion of his - masonry, and accepted a position at the Cranesville Block Company. He truly enjoyed his work there.

George was many things to many people. As a business man, he was very generous and helped so many people in his own unassuming way. As a father, he instilled strong core values in his family and provided for and protected them at all costs. As a friend, his bonds were sacred and his word was golden. As a parishioner, he devoted his time and energies to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church as a lector and an active participant at parish festivals and fund-raising activities. As a man, he could be opinionated, but you always

knew where he stood. If he was troubled, you never knew it. His favorite way of communicating was through telling jokes, all with his unique sense of timing and delivery. He especially enjoyed Christmas Eve when dressed as Santa, he visited both friends and the less fortunate, brightening everyone's spirits. This, in turn, brought a twinkle to his eye and a smile to his face. For relaxation, George loved his August vacations with his family which included trips to various places in the Adirondacks and time spent at their camp at Sylvan Beach. George lived each day with the knowledge of his mortality; it reminded him to be true to himself and welcome people into his heart. George was a member of the Knights of St. John Commandery #385 where he served as past president, uniting people towards accomplishing their mission.

George is survived by his devoted wife, Norma; his children and their spouses, George A., Jr. and Cathy Picente, Norman J. Picente, Dean M. and Danielle Picente, Brenda L. and Larry Hanshaw, and John A. and Lianne Picente; and his grandchildren, George A. Picente III, Tera Picente; Tina Picente, Dean A. Picente; and Colin J. Hanshaw. He also leaves a sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Steve Donatello; a brother, Anthony J. Picente; a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, uncles and aunts, and his in-laws, Jenny Picente, Frank LaBella, Nellis and Janice Nelson, and Rose Nelson; and special friends, John and Kathy Russo, and Marty Kennedy (and in remembrance, his late wife Nancy), all of whom were longtime family friends and enjoyed life together. George was predeceased by his siblings, Frank S. Picente, John Picente, and Rose LaBella; and his in-laws, Ronald Nelson Sr., Robert L., Sr. and Evelyn Nelson, Wesley O. "Wes" Nelson, Raymond and Patricia E. "Patty" Nelson, and William "Bill" Dinger. The family would like to thank The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at Rome whose staff cared for George with such dignity and love. The Picente children wish to thank their mom for the care and devotion she showed to their dad.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home,

Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Alzheimer's Association to advance a cure for the disease which took George's life and very much affected his family, online at www.alzfdn.org; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. George's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will take place graveside in Calvary Cemetery with Military Honors conferred.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Uncle George i was trying to find Dad's obituary and just ran across yours.. God Bless .. hope aunt Norma is ok. Love you guy's..

Mark Picente - February 03 at 09:48 AM

GK

“ So very sorry to hear of George's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will always have great memories of George! He was a great friend to my parents, an awesome mechanic , loving husband and father. Hope you find comfort in all the beautiful memories you all have. I'll always remember that smile and those jokes!! May he rest in eternal peace. 🙏
The Kennedy Family

gina kerr - November 08, 2017 at 05:42 AM

EC

“ Norma and Family,
So very sorry to read about the loss of George, He will always be remembered for all the help, love, support and laughter he always brought with him where ever he went.
I am very sorry that i will not be able to make the wake of the funeral mass as i have Louis still at home with me and it takes constant care with the same illness that George had, so you know how it is.
Wishing you and your family much loving memories to hang on to.
Esther Comito

Esther Comito - November 07, 2017 at 11:35 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. George A. Picente.*



November 07, 2017 at 09:36 PM



“ *Gary Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. George A. Picente*



gary ollerenshaw - November 07, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ *To George, Kathy, Norm, and the rest of the family, so sorry to her about the loss of George he was a great man and will be missed. Sorry I was not able to make the services but know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. George rest in peace*

Gary Ollerenshaw

gary ollerenshaw - November 07, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ *so sorry for your loss, my heart goes out to you, norma and jo jo and Anthony.*

dorothy elias - November 07, 2017 at 07:24 PM

DN

“ George Jr., Norman, Dino and family. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Growing up as kids and always hanging out,i have many memories of your dad. I will keep all of you in my prayers and may your dad rest in peace. Sincerely Dave & Michelle Newman

David Newman - November 07, 2017 at 10:25 AM

BO

“ My condolences to the Picente family on the passing of your husband/father. I will keep you all in my prayers and especially George. May he RIP.

Bob Ollerenshaw - November 07, 2017 at 08:32 AM

LB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Every time I think of Uncle George, I smile. He was such a funny and kind man! The summer's up at camp were even more fun when he was around. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Lisa A. Bergholtz

Lisa Bergholtz - November 07, 2017 at 07:28 AM

GD

“ Norma and the Picente family. My sincere condolences for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of need. George DiBrango & Family

George DiBrango - November 07, 2017 at 06:07 AM

SB

“ to the picente family so sorry for your loss, may he rest in peace.

sal barbero - November 07, 2017 at 06:00 AM

CH

“ *The Picente Family: We send our heartfelt prayers to you, Norma, Brenda, our daughter, and the other family members on the loss of your husband, dad, and granddad. It is never easy for any of you to lose a family member. But remain mindful that George is now at peace in the hands of God and no longer endures the Alzheimer journey he has been on for the last several years. Each of you will celebrate the memories of George for a long time. We are thankful to George and Norma for the beautiful Daughter, Brenda you brought into our family who in turn delivered a wonderful ("Rowdy") Grandson, Colin, for us to love, cherish and enjoy.*

We will take this opportunity to make a contribution to the Alzheimer Foundation in honor of George.

Charles and Drema Hanshaw

Charles & Drema Hanshaw - November 06, 2017 at 07:44 PM

DB

“ *Picente family, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. He was loved my many. My prayers are with each and everyone of you. May he rest in peace.*

Debbie Barbero - November 06, 2017 at 07:39 PM

TP

“ *Rest In Peace, Poppy. Thinking of everyone, love you all.*

Tina Picente - November 06, 2017 at 06:49 PM

CC

“ Chris Conway lit a candle in memory of Mr. George A. Picente



Chris Conway - November 06, 2017 at 06:43 PM

JO

“ Norma and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I remember his sense of humor; always trying to make people smile. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jody Guarnieri

Jody - November 06, 2017 at 03:19 PM

MT

“ Norma, George, John, Dino, Norman and Brenda,



I'm so sorry for your loss. Although I hadn't seen your father in many years, I have such fond memories of him from the many years with your family. He brought such happiness to my girls when they were young either playing with them at camp or being Santa for them on Christmas Eve at your Aunt Rosie's. His jokes were the best. I hope you can take some comfort in knowing he is finally at peace and no longer suffering from this horrible disease...

Maryrose (Percola) Tucker - November 06, 2017 at 01:53 PM

NM

“ *Nicole Picente Maneen lit a candle in memory of Mr. George A. Picente*



Nicole Picente Maneen - November 06, 2017 at 10:54 AM