



Mr. Mark J. DeGrace

August 17, 1979 - May 20, 2023

UTICA- Mr. Mark J. DeGrace, age 43, passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2023, following a valiant battle with cancer resulting from a rare disease, surrounded by his loving family in their home.

Born in Utica on August 17, 1979 to the late Leonard and Louise “Weeze” (DeSantis) DeGrace, he grew up on Hamilton St. in West Utica and was a local high school graduate.

He had a terrific sense of humor and was blessed with a very quick wit. Wherever Mark went, he made people laugh.

Despite his debilitating health, he faced all his obstacles with courage and grace, never letting it get in the way of being there for his family, and they were by his side supporting him every step of the way.

His younger cousins, in particular, looked to him for guidance and found comfort in his nurturing nature. He was the “Driver Ed” teacher for each of them and loved to cook for them. Mark also found a social outlet as a “gamer,” always playing video games with the younger members of the family.

At the time of his death, Mark had a special relationship with the Lord and knew where he was going.

Mark is survived by his siblings and their spouses, Leonard and Tanya DeGrace, Steven DeGrace, David DeGrace and Erica Kunst and his nephew, Lincoln DeGrace. He was also predeceased by a brother, Brian DeGrace who passed away as a child. His loss is also felt by his uncle and aunt, Louis and Linda DeSantis, with whom he shared a special closeness; his cousins, Lisa Crossett and her husband Larry, and Laken and her husband Victor Falcon. He also had a very special relationship with the younger cousins in his family and was more of an uncle: Courtney and Kenny Tinsley; Cassidy and Connor Graff; Cullen Crossett and Angela Lince; Shanley Crossett; Louis Gonzalez; and Jaelin Gonzalez. He will also be missed by many friends especially Rob and Rosie Stevens, Nardo Aponte, Kenny Prescod, Josh Nebush and Danny Ortiz.

The family wishes to especially thank Laken for all the care she provided for Mark throughout the years and a special thanks to the nursing and IMCU staffs at MVHS at St. Luke's for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Mark's funeral service and Celebration of life will commence at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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Celebration of Life

MAY 25. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *R.I.P.
Dave and I will Miss you! Fly high!*



Candace DeMattio - July 23, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ *Damm mark rip brother 😞*

Val - June 25, 2023 at 02:39 AM



“ *It was my pleasure to have known Mark and to have shared many great times at Pasquale's. He will always be remembered for his sense of humor. My condolences to his family, Rest in peace Mark..... Joe Barone*

Joseph Barone - June 15, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ *Hand over heart.*



Karrie DiNigro - May 24, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. DeGrace.*



May 24, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. DeGrace.*



May 24, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *Aunt Louise & I were pregnant at the same time. Mark was born exactly 4 months after my daughter, Mandy Rose. About a month later, Aunt Louise brought baby Mark to my home so we can admire our babies together. It seems like yesterday. My sincere sympathy to his friends & family.*

carole Dapice - May 23, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *Mark will be greatly missed but his warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. I will always remember the fun times we use to have back in the day on varick st those where the good old days will always remember the laughs and the jokes RIP*



Michelle - May 23, 2023 at 10:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. DeGrace.*



May 23, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. DeGrace.*



May 23, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ *Kathleen Crossett Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark J. DeGrace*



Kathleen Crossett Davis - May 23, 2023 at 03:25 PM

KD

“ RIP my friend! I have known Mark since he was 10 yrs old, He was always quiet but he was witty when it came to some joke or if you question him about something funny, He was always kind to me and if I asked for something he never said no or complained at all. A few times he took me to the airport when no else could ! One time when I came to stay at my son Larry's I kind of lost there cat peepers but Mark & Louis came to the resque and got me out of trouble with my family by finding her in the upstairs closet. He and all family never let me live that one down to this day. Mark you will be so missed by us all. But we have some awesome and funny memories with you

Kathleen Crossett Davis - May 23, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. DeGrace.



May 23, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. DeGrace.



May 23, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. DeGrace.



May 23, 2023 at 11:17 AM