



Mr. Michael A. Berardino

January 15, 1937 - February 2, 2021

UTICA - Michael A. Berardino, passed on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare.

Michael, 84, was born in Utica on January 15, 1937 to Michael Berardino and Alessandrina (Colabove) Carlesimo Berardino. He was educated at T.R. Proctor High School where he found his love of history, and continued his education at Harpur College where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. It was there that he met and fell in love with the former Patricia B. Bracco. He pursued the equivalent of a Masters Degree from several other colleges. On August 23, 1958 he married Patricia with whom he shared 61 years prior to her passing on January 8, 2020.

Michael taught high school History at Oriskany Falls High School until it merged with Waterville Central. He remained at Waterville until his retirement. Michael was very active with the Masons for many years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Utica. He was of the Catholic faith and a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Left to mourn his passing are his daughter, Diana C. Berardino; his nephews and their wives, Robert and Lettie Sgroi, and Nicholas and Colleen Sgroi; and his friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Father Thomas Carlesimo; sisters, Anna Carlesimo Sgroi, and Jennie Carlesimo Silvestri; and niece, Sandra Sgroi.

The family is grateful to neighbor Sharon St. John for her many acts of kindness and care. A special note of thanks to Richard Bougard for tending to

the property when Michael was unable to, and to all the doctors, nurses and aides that cared for Michael at the Masonic Care Community Rehab.

The family honored and commemorated Michael's life privately. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Michael's Final Blessing and Prayers of Committal at Calvary Cemetery Chapel on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Face masks covering your nose and mouth are required, and social distancing and contact tracing will be implemented.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Michael's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

RN

“ I remember Mike very well. He worked part time eveningsfor my Father at Uptown Liquors on Genesee St. In S. Utica. One funny story....Mike was a big man and strong. My Dad had to give Mike steel keys because Mike broke several aluminum keys off in the door lock. Mike was always very diligent and kind to everyone and especially my family. Rest in peace Mike. Godspeed

Robert D Noonan - May 26, 2025 at 01:21 PM

DG

“ I just saw this as I was looking for a loved one's information. I want to express my sympathy for your loss. I was one of Mr Berardino's pupils in Oriskany Falls many years ago. He was a kind, funny man, a good teacher, outstanding. He will remain in my memories as one of the good ones. Debra Potts Grizzle Royston, Ga

Debra Grizzle - June 29, 2021 at 07:26 AM

EK

“ *Mr. Berardino was not only one of my favorite all-time teachers, but he has a huge impact on my life. He is the one who suggested that I take a career path that led to me attending college in Washington, DC and then spending 25 years in the field of international relations. I still remember a small group of us students actively looking for him during lunch breaks so we could discuss current events. He would always cheerfully engage us in conversation and treat us with respect. I thought the world of him.*

His family should know that I wouldn't be where I am today without him. And I still think of him. My only regret is not being able to tell this to him in person before his passing.

Eric Kennedy - Waterville, Class of 1986

Eric Kennedy - May 18, 2021 at 03:02 PM

JH

“ *Jeremy Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael A. Berardino*



Jeremy Hayes - March 23, 2021 at 09:58 AM

JE

“ *Mr. Berardino was an absolute favorite! I loved his class. He often called me Mary Ann as he taught my mom too. I'll always remember him bringing in pickled herring for us all to try. Great, kind man. Sending sympathies to his whole family. Jennifer and Phill Sexton*

Jennifer - February 15, 2021 at 08:11 PM

SK

Mr. Bernardino was my Social Studies teacher in Oriskany Falls. I can still see him walking back and forth in front of the "black board" pretty much fighting the wars he was teaching us about. He also was one of our chaperones to Washington DC when we went on our senior trip. A wonderful teacher. Rest peacefully Mr. B.

Susan Borkowski Kovacs - May 17, 2021 at 03:41 AM

DO

“ We worked with Mike for many years at Waterville and were sorry to hear of his passing. Lots of memories.

David and Dana O'Brien

Dana O'Brien - February 12, 2021 at 06:15 PM

BB

“ Diana, So sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. We had a lot of fun at Waterville teaching together. He had a good sense of humor which you need when you teach high school kids. He was also a good member of our retired teachers group. Mary and I send our sympathy.

Bob Byrd

Bob Byrd - February 11, 2021 at 02:20 PM

JW

Diana, so sorry for your loss. As I used to address him as "chief" he was the ultimate educator, confidant, friend and family man. His passion and perseverance was always evident in his classroom and his conversations. He will be missed but his memories will carry on.

Jim Van Wormer

jim Van Wormer - February 14, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JE

I was lucky to have Mr. Berardino for three years in high school at O'Falls when he was a young and enthusiastic teacher. Years later, I became a colleague of his and he told me to call him Mike. I was humbled. I saw that he was still as energetic and passionate about his craft as he was when I had him. More years passed, and my daughter had Mr. Berardino at Waterville and I felt she was lucky too, to have him. He loved his subject, loved teaching and the kids respected him. My deepest condolences to Diana, for the loss of your father and mother in short succession. R.I.P Mr. Bear.

Judy Engle - February 14, 2021 at 09:20 PM

WC

Michael was a good friend of my late father, Jerry Taubman. I am so sorry for your loss. I believe that Michael and my Dad meet through The Masons. Your Dad spoke at My Dad's funeral and I will never forget his kind words. My sincere condolences.

Wendy Callahan - February 28, 2021 at 06:13 PM

SP

Mr. Berardino brought history to life. I absolutely loved his class. My deepest condolences to his family.

Sarah Pryputniewicz - May 17, 2021 at 06:43 AM