



## Mr. Michael J. Cristalli

May 6, 1941 - March 18, 2018

UTICA - Mr. Michael J. Cristalli, age 76, went peacefully to heaven as he passed away on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the Abraham House with his loving family at his side.

Born in Utica on May 6, 1941, Michael was the son of the late Michael A. Ret./UPD and Mary T. (Vedete) Cristalli. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1959 and he remained close to his classmates to the end of his days. A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, Michael honorably served his country from 1960-1963 serving in Greenland as well as stateside. After his military service, he attended Utica College of Syracuse University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. On August 26, 1967 he married the former Barbara A. DeNigro. They were a couple who complemented each other personalities and enjoyed similar life styles; he was especially proud of being a dad. Michael and Barb celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August.

Mike was employed by the General Electric Company now known as Lockheed Martin for over 31 years as a Contract Negotiator. He was a man of integrity in all aspects of his life. He was loyal, honest, moral, wonderful, and wise. As a proud father, he encouraged his son to follow his own life's desires and dreams. Michael loved celebrating Christmas in Vegas with his family and he treasured those memorable times. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed the comradery with his special friends on the fairways, and he looked forward to poker night with his pals, where he always broke even! He practiced his

Catholic faith as a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church

Michael is survived by his wife, Barbara; his son and daughter-in-law, Michael V. Cristalli, Esq. and Kristyn (Castronovo) Cristalli of Las Vegas; his adored grandchildren, Michael V. Cristalli II, and Christopher Joseph Cristalli; and his sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Ralph Polito. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Pattie Barnaba and her late husband Lou, who recently passed away on March 11, 2018. Michael and Lou will continue to watch over their loved ones from above; He will also remain in the hearts of his nieces and nephews, Mary Polito and her husband John Kostick, Joseph Polito, Bridgette and Bill Brittelli, and Louie Barnaba; his great-niece and great-nephew, Bianca, and Billy Brittelli; and cousins. Michael was favored with many longtime friends, especially Larry Sardelli who was his kindergarten buddy. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Vincent and Sophie DeNigro, and brother-in-law Vincent DeNigro.

The family is grateful to Dr. Julie Betro-Shkane and her excellent staff, Dr. Nancy Shaheen, and Dr. John Detraglia, superior physicians and special friends who provided Michael with their medical expertise. It was through the kind words of their dear friend Joyce Rossi who introduced them to the tender care of those of the Abraham House and the staff at Hospice & Palliative Care. All of these caretakers exceeded any and all expectations and their warmth and kindness will never be forgotten.

The family honored and commemorated Mike's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Michael's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark A. Kaminski with Military Honors conferred. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Interment in Calvary Cemetery will take place at the convenience of the family.

In lieu flowers, please consider memorial donations in Michael's honor to the Abraham House; envelopes will be available at the service or online at <http://www.theabrahamhouse.org/donations/>.



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church  
422 Tilden Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-1177  
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Cristalli family. Mr. Cristalli was a class act, a gentleman and a wonderful man.  
Condolences,  
Stephanie Graham

stephanie graham - March 26, 2018 at 12:42 PM

ST

“ My thoughts and prayers for strength and peace go out to Mike`s family and friends at this difficult time.

Steven M. Palmieri

Stevep - March 23, 2018 at 05:25 PM

GB

“ My sincere condolences go out to Michael, Krissy and family. May he rest in peace. Godspeed.

Gina Benzo - March 23, 2018 at 12:14 PM

VN

“ Vincent and Nicole purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr. Michael J. Cristalli.



Vincent and Nicole - March 22, 2018 at 11:02 PM

BR

“ *Barb, Michael and Family- To say that Michael was loved and admired by all those that knew him would be an understatement. His friendly nature was immediately evident to anyone he encountered, and the world was a happier place when in his presence. Regardless of having no blood relation, our family’s bond afforded me the opportunity to grow up with an “Uncle Mike”...living on the same street, vacationing together as families, and supporting each other in good times and in bad. So many great memories from which to draw that will always be punctuated with his smiling face and open arms. May God bless you all, not only during this time, but throughout your lives with Michael’s omnipresent warmth, love and memory. ~Love always, Ben, Dorothy and Max*

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**Ben Rizzo** - March 22, 2018 at 08:28 PM

DS

“ *Barb and family-so sorry for your loss. Mike always had a smile on his face whenever we saw him, and a kind word for all. Donna and Dave Sprague*

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**Donnamarie Sprague** - March 22, 2018 at 01:43 PM

LM

“ *Luke & Felicia Medici lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Cristalli*



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**Luke & Felicia Medici** - March 21, 2018 at 10:33 PM

SS

“ *Barbara, Michael and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I was proud to be his Godson and even prouder to have him for my Godfather. I always loved seeing him and he will be missed. Never forget the trip we all took to Shea Stadium to see the Yankees (Yankee Stadium was being renovated) in 1975. Thoughts and prayers always. Love, Sam Sardina and Leanne McGiffin*

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**Samuel Sardina** - March 21, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ *Barbara, Michael and family,*

*We are very saddened by Mike's passing. I have so many fond memories of our times together, whether on the golf course, ski slope or dinner table (especially at Richie's after skiing). He was such a great guy with a quick wit and ever present smile. I am so glad that I was able to speak with him a few weeks ago. He will be missed. May he now rest in the indescribable Peace and Love of Jesus.*

*Please accept our deepest sympathy.  
Frank and Clorinda*

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**Frank Mondì** - March 21, 2018 at 06:25 PM

CS

“ *Dear Barbara,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Really, it's everyone's loss - because, as anyone who knew him can attest, the world was a better place with Mike in it.*

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**Cynthia S'Doia** - March 21, 2018 at 03:35 PM

AC

“ *Barb & Family, We are so Sorry for Your Loss, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all! Andy & Linda Convertino*

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**Andy & Linda Convertino** - March 21, 2018 at 01:53 PM

BF

“ *Dear Mike and family,*

*My deepest sympathy for the loss of your dad. I have fond memories of our family times together at Blessed Sacrament and Notre Dame HS, in fact since you and I were just 5 years old. Your dad was always by our sides, guiding us, showing by example and supporting us along in all that life brought our way. The events we celebrated, the sports we played, and all the great Italian food we all shared together, he was there with a smile. I will miss and always remember your dad.*

*Your family is in our prayers,  
Brian Fontaine and family*

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**Brian Fontaine** - March 21, 2018 at 12:54 PM

SP

“ *Barb and Family sorry for your loss. Mike was a very friendly person and mad sure he always said hello. May he RIP*

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**Sally Gigliotti Pugliese** - March 21, 2018 at 10:59 AM

JT

“ Dear Barb: So sorry to hear of Mike's passing and hope that he is in a better place. Although I have not had the pleasure of his company for many years, I will always remember his ready smile and warm personality, especially as we froze one day in a ski lift at Gore Mountain.  
I know you will miss him, but I hope the good memories will warm your heart.

Joe Tierno  
Melbourne Beach, Fl

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Joe Tierno - March 21, 2018 at 09:02 AM

TM

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. Michael was one of the good guys, always a smile on his face n a kind word. He will be missed from all that knew him a great loss. Michael RIP my friend, Barb thinking about you n your family so very sorry. 💔💔💔💔

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Tosca Meola - March 21, 2018 at 08:23 AM

VC

“ Barb- Our hearts are broken over the loss of Mike. Our love and prayers to all of you.  
Vic and Vicki Castronovo

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vicki castronovo - March 21, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Cristalli.



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March 20, 2018 at 11:31 PM

RC

“ *Barb and family*  
*Michele and I are so saddened by the passing of Michael. We truly extend our prayers and deepest sympathy for your loss. Mike was a standup guy and It was a privilege to have Mike as a friend. I was fortunate to share many fun and memorable times with Mike. I'll always have those great memories of our Syracuse car pool commute days, our seasonal weekly team racquetball matches and occasional golf outings.*

*His memories and spirit will always be with you and your family.*

*Ron & Michele Colicci*

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**Ron Colicci** - March 20, 2018 at 10:31 PM

RZ

“ *Barbara and family, There is no doubt that God has opened his heavenly gates to welcome Mike Home. Our prayers are with you and your family for the strength to carry on as Mike would want you to. Ray will always cherish the memories of their trips to Saratoga. God bless you and stay strong.*  
*Ray and Terry Zangrilli*

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**Ray Zangrilli** - March 20, 2018 at 06:54 PM

ES

“ *Michael,*  
*I'm very sorry to hear about your dad.*  
*Thoughts and prayers.*

*Erica (Kloster) Sklar*



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**Erica Kloster Sklar** - March 20, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Cristalli.*



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March 20, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Don Dibble, Las Vegas purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Mr. Michael J. Cristalli.*



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**Don Dibble, Las Vegas** - March 20, 2018 at 12:35 PM



“ *Barbara and family Ralph and I are so very sad for your loss. Everyone loved Mike. What a sweetheart. We hope you can find some peace somewhere and the Lord takes him directly home, again we are so very sorry for your loss With Love, Ralph and Laurie Lupia*

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**Lorraine Lupia** - March 20, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ *Barb and family My condolences and prayers to you and your family .i will always remember the times I shared with you Mike and your family on St. Anthony St. for Sunday dinners May God give you and your family comfort and peace through these heartfelt times.*



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**larry calenzo** - March 19, 2018 at 06:54 PM