



## Mr. Michael J. Grande

January 12, 1936 - February 22, 2011

Mr. Michael J. Grande, age 75, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 in the comfort of his home with the love and support of his family. Born in Utica on January 12, 1936 Michael was the son of the late Rocco and Carmella “Cora” (Barbero) Grande. Raised and educated in Utica, he attended T.R. Proctor High School. A United States Marine Corps veteran, he proudly served our country during the Korean War. On July 6, 1957 he married the former Carmella Graziadei who passed away on December 17, 1991; from their 34 year union came the blessing of 8 children. Michael’s work career varied; it included being a bartender at the Hotel Utica, and being the owner and operator of the Steinhouse Tavern with the assistance of his family. A person with discriminating taste, he was quite the connoisseur and loved good food, especially the traditional Italian dishes prepared by his family. Michael could be characterized as a survivor, adventurous and independent by nature. One of his greatest and proudest relationships was the one he shared with his grandchildren who he truly adored. He will be remembered for his belief in the philosophy, “You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make it drink”. He was an avid sportsman and fan of the New York Yankees and the Syracuse Orangemen, occasionally treating his grandchildren to excursions to see the games in person. He also enjoyed the thrill of the Saratoga Raceway. His greatest delight which never lost its enthusiasm was the many memorable trips to New York City, often accompanied by his daughters.

Michael is survived by his children and their families, Michael J., Jr. and Eileen Grande of Whitesboro, Carla M. Grande, and Rochelle A. Grande, both of New Hartford, Rocco V. and Lisa Grande of Utica, Michele A. and John Dellerba, Christine R. Lupino, all of Marcy, Phillip and Melissa Grande of Sauquoit, and Georgeann "Gigi" and Chu Centeno of Utica; and his grandchildren, Mikey, Joseph, Danielle, Phillip, and Maree; Angela; Gabriella, Rocco, and Alexandra; Gianna and John; John and Rocco and fiancée Alyssa; Antonio and Adrianna; Kristina, Izabella, Giovanna, and Sofia. He also leaves his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Pauline Grande of Utica; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Rosanne and Matt Zane, Carmelita Graziadei, Phillip and Anna Theresa Graziadei, Michael and Marilyn Graziadei, and George Graziadei; and the daily friendship of Dave Sykes and Sal Noti. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Rocco "Robbie" Graziadei, and Carlo A. Graziadei.

During recent months, Michael was appreciative of the care provided to him by the Veterans Administration Hospital in Syracuse; the entire staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center; and the Rehabilitation Unit at the Heritage Health Care Center.

The family respected Michael's desire to have no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Gathering and Celebration of Michael's Life which will be held on Monday afternoon at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish officiated by Rev. Felix Colosimo with Military Honors. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., Utica, NY 13501.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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**Gianna Dellerba** - March 09, 2011 at 04:52 PM



“ *i miss you poppy ):*

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**Gianna Dellerba** - March 01, 2011 at 08:15 PM



“ *My sympathies to the Grande family. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this sad time.*

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**Carolyn Faccioli** - February 28, 2011 at 06:55 PM

DA

“ Donna Arcuri lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



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**Donna Arcuri** - February 28, 2011 at 01:02 PM

CL

“ Christine Lupino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



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**Christine Lupino** - February 27, 2011 at 05:11 PM

CG

“ Carla Grande lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



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**Carla Grande** - February 27, 2011 at 04:21 PM

 Anna Rushing

“ I remember about 3 years ago, Mike my mom (PJ), Amanda and I went to New York City to see a Yankee game. I never laughed so hard in my life because when Mike and My Mom both had their glasses on at the same time they looked like Mr. & Mrs. Clause. I remember the night Mike asked my mom to marry him (about 5 years ago) she thought he was joking and was stunned and then he gave her an engagement ring and she knew he was serious. Mike said, "your mother is speechless, now I know how to shut her up....give her Diamonds!". We all had allot of laughs and whenever we were together like on Thanksgiving and Christmas or just watching a Yankee game together, it was always one big laugh fest! I still ware the Yankee ring he bought in the city on one of the many many trips he and my mom made. I loved him like a dad and will miss him very much.

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**Anna Rushing** - February 27, 2011 at 04:20 PM

 Anna Rushing

“ To my "One and only", I love you Michael Grande and will never forget the love we shared. The last 10 yrs were the best years of my life. I loved you my darling.

*PJ Brennan beloved Fiancé.*

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**Anna Rushing** - February 27, 2011 at 04:04 PM

 Anna Rushing

“ Anna Rushing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



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**Anna Rushing** - February 27, 2011 at 03:50 PM



“ *To the Grande Family,  
So sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. Our prayers are  
with all of you. God Bless!*

Debbie Barbero - February 26, 2011 at 06:29 PM



“ *Rosalie Pallaria Quon (classmate of  
Rochelle's) Just to let you know that my  
thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Keeping the wonderful memories of your dad  
will bring you comfort. With my deepest and  
sincere sympathy. Rosalie Pallaria*



Rosalie Pallaria Quon - February 26, 2011 at 01:09 PM



“ *Diane Shephard lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Michael J. Grande*



Diane Shephard - February 26, 2011 at 11:33 AM



“ *Rochelle: I am very sorry to hear about your  
loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you  
and your family. With deepest sympathy...  
Joanne Manfredo  
Clarence NY*



Joanne Manfredo - February 26, 2011 at 10:41 AM

TA

“ Rochelle, we are very sorry to hear of your loss. There is never much we can say or do but we hope you know that we are thinking of you and sending you our thoughts and prayers. Tina & Don Ambrose



tina don ambrose - February 26, 2011 at 10:23 AM

CP

“ So sorry to hear about your Dads passing. Please give my condolences to your brothers and sisters. My prayers are with you and your family. Love to all.

Carol Pizzimenti - February 26, 2011 at 09:43 AM

CF

“ Our sympathies go out to all the Grande family for your loss. we send along our most sincere prayers for mike and your entire family Cheech and Jomarie Faccioli Ft Myers, Florida

Cheech Jomarie Faccioli - February 26, 2011 at 07:31 AM

WW

“ Whiskey Wishart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



Whiskey Wishart - February 26, 2011 at 06:23 AM

MD

“ Michele Dellerba lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



Michele Dellerba - February 25, 2011 at 09:09 PM

HR

“ Rochelle, Carla and family - May you find comfort in the many special memories of your father. With my deepest sympathy, Heather MacDonald

Heather (classmate of Rochelle's) - February 25, 2011 at 04:31 PM

RG

“ Rochelle Grande lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



Rochelle Grande - February 25, 2011 at 03:38 PM

MA

“ Mary Ayoub lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



Mary Ayoub - February 25, 2011 at 01:52 PM

AR

“ I'll miss you Mike. You and my grandmother Pj Brennan shared 10+ years together of love and laughter and through the hard times, love was still always shared. We all miss you and are happy that you are now up in heaven not suffering and with Grace. Thank you for all the memories and I promise when I get up there, we will be playing Rummy like you loved us to do!

Amanda Rushing - February 25, 2011 at 12:19 PM

PA

“ Partipelo's lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



Partipelo's - February 25, 2011 at 12:03 PM

TF

“ The Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



The Family - February 25, 2011 at 12:02 PM

TF

“ The Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



The Family - February 25, 2011 at 12:01 PM

FC

“ *Felicia Colosimo sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



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**Felicia Colosimo** - February 25, 2011 at 11:57 AM

MS

“ *To The Grande & Graziadei Families:*

*Veronica and I were very sorry to hear about the passing of your beloved Michael. It's especially sad coming on the heels of Carlo's passing.*

*I have added you and your family to my daily prayer list. And, when I attend mass on Sunday I will add you and your family to our parish book of prayers.*

*May our Good Lord watch over, bless, protect and comfort you and your family as you endure this difficult and trying time in your lives. We can appreciate and empathize with your sense of pain and loss having gone through similar experiences. But rest assured that because of Michael's faith in our Lord and Saviour that he is in a better place away from the sufferings of this world. While he will be sorely missed by each and every one of you, know that he is in a happier place.*

*Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family in your time of loss.*

*God Bless.*

*Rob & Veronica Sherman*

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**Mr. Mrs. Robert Sherman** - February 25, 2011 at 11:04 AM

DP

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time!* ”



**Dominick Sara Pepe** - February 25, 2011 at 07:59 AM

BK

“ *Brian Kupiec lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande* ”



**Brian Kupiec** - February 25, 2011 at 04:07 AM

RN

“ *Renee Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande* ”



**renee nelson** - February 24, 2011 at 10:48 PM

GG

“ *Georgianne Graziadei sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande* ”



**georgianne graziadei** - February 24, 2011 at 10:29 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Baber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



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**Cassandra Baber** - February 24, 2011 at 09:39 PM

DG

“ *Danielle Grande lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



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**Danielle Grande** - February 24, 2011 at 08:41 PM

AC

*We Are so sorry for your loss, Mike was a Great Person*

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**Andy Linda Convertino** - February 25, 2011 at 09:52 AM

MS

“ *MaryEllen Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



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**MaryEllen Shaw** - February 24, 2011 at 08:36 PM

CD

“ *Christine DiOrio lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



Christine DiOrio - February 24, 2011 at 07:58 PM

MB

“ *Marisa Randy Bellair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



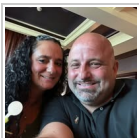
Marisa Randy Bellair - February 24, 2011 at 07:34 PM

 Gianna Dellerba

“ *Gianna Dellerba lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



Gianna Dellerba - February 24, 2011 at 07:09 PM



“ *Mario Jellencich lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



Mario Jellencich - February 24, 2011 at 06:56 PM

VM

“ *Vin Marilyn Maneen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



**Vin Marilyn Maneen** - February 24, 2011 at 03:41 PM

  
Matthew  
Buono

“ *Matthew Buono lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



**Matthew Buono** - February 24, 2011 at 03:23 PM

MG

“ *Mark Gaetano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



**Mark Gaetano** - February 24, 2011 at 03:21 PM

MA

“ *Michele Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



**michele adams** - February 24, 2011 at 03:05 PM

SR

“ Steve. Rositano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



Steve. Rositano - February 24, 2011 at 02:52 PM



“ Grande Family, my deepest sympathies go out to all of you. may God give you the strength and courage to help you get through this very difficult time. it's almost a week ago, I was going through the same horrific time, with my own dad. My prayers are with each and everyone of you. Love to you all!



Judy Gerardi - February 24, 2011 at 02:31 PM



“ Daniel Caiola lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



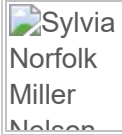
Daniel Caiola - February 24, 2011 at 02:31 PM

MA

“ Mary Arcuri lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande



mary arcuri - February 24, 2011 at 12:17 PM



“ *Sylvia Norfolk Miller Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



Sylvia Norfolk Miller Nelson - February 24, 2011 at 09:18 AM



“ *Carla D'Angelo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



Carla D'Angelo - February 24, 2011 at 09:12 AM



“ *Coleen Graziadei lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



Coleen Graziadei - February 24, 2011 at 08:56 AM



“ *David Alexis Graziadei lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael J. Grande*



David Alexis Graziadei - February 23, 2011 at 09:26 PM