



## Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.

February 6, 1958 - July 13, 2019

UTICA - Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr., age 61, passed away unexpectedly yet peacefully with his wife by his side on Saturday, July 13, 2019.

Born in Utica on February 6, 1958, Michael was the son of the late James J. Graziano, Sr., Ret. Lt. UFD and Marie (LaBella) Graziano. He attended Albany Street School, Christopher Columbus School, and graduated from T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1976. He was a standout catcher in baseball with the highest batting average of 489 and a talented quarterback in football. In both sports he wore the number 7. He attended MVCC and the Art Institute of Pittsburgh where he studied photography, advertising, and art; he used these innate talents throughout his career. On August 7, 1982 he married the former Marie Ventura. They were a couple in love, and every day Mike glowed when he saw his wife's face. They were fine examples for their children and at the end of the day, he would say to her, "Who loves you, babe?!".

Mike was employed with the New Hartford Post Office as a Letter Carrier for thirty-two and a half years retiring on January 27, 2017. He was beloved by the customers on his route. Graz also worked for his dad's company, Gemini Home Improvements which was named after his twin sons, and when his sons joined the company it was renamed J. Graziano & Sons. Lastly, he worked side by side with his brother-in-law and best bud, Chris. They generally worked hard, but they laughed more than they actually worked!

Mike was fortunate to have been blessed with an outgoing, compassionate

personality which won him the love of many relationships throughout his life. He was selfless, fiercely loyal, and well grounded. He was raised during a time when there was “clean fun” to be had, and although a bit mischievous and light-hearted, he could never intentionally hurt anyone’s feelings. He adored his mom and dad and he shared a special bond with his twin brother Jimmy; they had such mischievous endeavors while growing up together. He also reveled in relationships with his grandparents and other relatives, but his true love was found when he married Marie, became a dad to three beautiful children, and knew the pride of being a papa. His life story may have ended much too early, but he has left the memories of smiles and fun times, and a legacy of love that will never be forgotten. His loyalty and patience were two of his greatest virtues.

Mike coached for Cornhill Pop Warner and Proctor High School because he loved to work with youth and was committed to maintaining the values of education, family, integrity, and diversity with young people in the community. A true sportsman, he explored all professional sports, especially during football season following his favorite team, the Jets. He could read a play strategically and call the next play before it happened. In baseball, all bets were on the Mets, and as a coach himself, he had expertise in knowing the team’s game plan. He had a love for hockey, and all the family members were Rangers fans and admired their old school, gritty play. Mike respected the sports he coached and he taught his athletes not only the proper way to play the sport, but also the ethical way. He wanted his players to have fun and have respect for the opposing team. His philosophy was simple, yet paramount — “You are known by your skills, and you need to know how to win and lose”. He appreciated golf, watched the tournaments, especially the Masters, and loved frequenting the fairways with Larry at Twin Ponds. During NCAA March Madness Month, he was the first one to get the party started, always punctual and organized. He also participated in the ball sport of bocce at the Tocolana Club in Rome under the team name “Quattro Idiotti”, another leisurely pursuit in which he displayed good sportsmanship and shared good

food and spirits.

As a dad, his children and their loves were his ultimate priorities. He had unconditional love and a unique relationship with each of them. He answered every call from his kids, wanting to know if everything was okay and what the weather conditions were at their location, although he preferred face-to-face conversation. That was just the way Graz liked it! He was so excited when the grandchildren came along, and he cradled each one in his arms. Mike was truly a family man and his ideals, traditions, and expectations of himself were met in the eyes of his children and grandchildren.

Mike embraced and was embraced by the entire Ventura family. He could be depended upon to complete any task or need that any one of them could ask of him. Most of us are not lucky enough to have a second family that means as much as our own. Michael had a passion for animals and the outdoors and was in his best setting at his in-law's "someday farm" where he was the "donkey whisperer". He had a fancy for horses and was fond of riding with his late father-in-law at his horse farm. Graz was always the one called upon to "break" the new horses in. He also followed the races of the Triple Crown. In more recent years, Mike and Marie pursued their paradise vacation in Aruba, and because he was a 'curious George' he made friends easily, especially with the bartenders! Graz was friends with half of the city, and related to the other half!

Mike had God in his heart and was a devout Catholic. His home parish was St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church and he followed Fr. Joe to Our Lady of Lourdes Church; he was inspired by his homilies because they were always on point. Michael is survived by his "thrill on Blueberry Hill" and his "babe" Marie; his children and their loves who he considered his own, Michael P. Jr. and Melissa Graziano, Trisha and Frank Pinnisi III, and Nicholas and Shanley Graziano. Papa's love was overwhelming and he adored each grandchild, Aubrianna, Frankie, Hadley, Noella, and Michael. He always told them he loved them to the moon and back! He was patiently awaiting the birth of his 6th grandchild,

the 4th of Papa's little girls. He also leaves his twin brother, James J. Jr. and wife Avery Graziano, and was blessed with the love of his mother-in-law Dona Ventura and his late father-in-law Nicholas; and his in-laws who he loved as siblings, Nicholas Ventura Jr., Michele and Paul Sandock, Mary and Chris Noga, and Carmella Ventura. Also surviving are his nieces, nephews, a great-niece and great-nephew, James Graziano (godson), his wife Nicole, and their son James, Genaro Graziano, Alyssa Betrus; Jenna (goddaughter), Karlee (goddaughter), Lauren, and Sophia Ventura; Brittany and Abby Smith, Victoria, Michaela, and Andrew Sandock; Joshua and daughter Harper, and Jordan and Jaron Noga; a multitude of cousins that he always managed to keep straight; his aunt Annette Graziano; and his godchildren, Russell Syrotynski, and Richard Trevisani; extended members of his wife's family; and his cherished friends who he saw or talked to daily, Larry and Star Cracchiolo, Mark and Debbie Calogero, Joe and Chris Saporito, Mark and Linda Taurisano, Rick and Liz Robertello, Sammy Santino, Mark Joseph, Jamie Pullman, Danny Melito and Michelle Noti, Pete and Sue Rubino, Lynn Esposito, a special little buddy, Santino Bumbalo, as well as an endless list of friends who touched his heart. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Michael and Josephine LaBella; paternal grandparents, Philip and Congetta Graziano; aunts and uncles, Rose and Edmund Trevisani, Carmelita and John Syrotynski, and Philip A. Graziano.

The family is grateful to the Utica Police Department and the Utica Fire Department/Rescue #1 for their compassion, respect, and utmost kindness during this untimely and difficult situation. Marie and her children and family members have been blessed with the ultimate support of so many people in many unique ways.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Michael's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial and Committal prayers will be offered. "SEE YA, LOVE YA, BYE."

<https://youtu.be/YxZ5iVhQ6il>

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *OMG Jimmy and family my heart goes out to you. I could not believe it when I heard it. I have known the both you and Mike most of my life. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with always. Love Debbie Lamanna Pilawa and Mike Pilawa*

Debbie Pilawa - July 22, 2019 at 06:06 PM

CR

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. Went to Albany, Columbus and Proctor High with Michael and Jimmy. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Carol DeFazio Ritchie.*

Carol Ritchie - July 21, 2019 at 05:30 PM

PM

“ *My condolences to the Graziano family. He will be missed by all that knew him.*

Peter Maneen - July 21, 2019 at 03:17 PM

LD

“ *My deepest condolences to the Graziano family. I was part of the old East Utica group with Mike and Jimmy growing up. And Mike was a great ball player then and sincere friend throughout all these years. Picking the best pears I've ever had from their trees in the backyard. Running through the sprinkler in those dog days of summer. Outdoors enjoying every minute of summer vacation. So many memories of a real friend taken way too soon. May you cherish all of your wonderful memories of beautiful Angel Michael we all were blessed to have in our lives. His spirit lives on in you*

Lorraine Joslin Dominick - July 21, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr..*



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July 21, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ *Mary Maneen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.*



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**Mary Maneen** - July 20, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ *Marie,  
I remember meeting you both first when Mary (Johnson) brought me to your house decades ago. It struck me then and the times that I've seen you both since, what a happy, smiling and loving pair you were. You were blessed with a rare and enduring love, one which I will pray, along with your faith, carries you through this untimely and huge loss. God Bless you and your family! Christine (Fenton) Lawrence.*



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**Christine Fenton Lawrence** - July 20, 2019 at 12:23 PM

LP

“ *Lenamarie Parrotta lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.*



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**Lenamarie Parrotta** - July 19, 2019 at 10:25 PM

LP

“ *Marie,  
My deepest condolences. So many memories. There aren't enough words. I remember when we would all get together at your parents place. The way you and Mike would look at each other. It's the stuff some people can only dream of. My sympathies to you, your children, the graziano family, and in general to those that Mike touched..*

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**Lenamarie Parrotta** - July 19, 2019 at 10:24 PM

PC

“ *Marie,*

*Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers ever since I heard the horrible news of Mike's passing. All I can say is that he absolutely adored you! He always had a smile on his face and a kind word every time I had the honor of seeing him out enjoying his friends and beautiful wife! Please know I am here for you and will be calling on you soon.*

*I love you,*

*Patty Cittadino*

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**Patty Cittadino** - July 19, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr..*



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July 19, 2019 at 04:15 PM



“ *Uncle Mike,*

*I'm so sorry I didn't get to say goodbye to you and that I wasn't closer distance wise to you. You were an amazing person and the best godfather and uncle I could have asked for. I love you so much, Rest In Peace* 💙

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**Jenna DuBois Hartwick ResLife** - July 19, 2019 at 01:55 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr..*



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July 19, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *Marie.....My deepest condolences to you and your entire family at this most difficult time. God bless you all and may Mike rest in peace.*

*Uncle Beef Giruzzi*

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**Uncle Beef Giruzzi** - July 19, 2019 at 10:27 AM

JD

“ So sorry for your loss Marie. May God comfort you and your family at this difficult time.



JoAnn DeSimone - July 19, 2019 at 07:59 AM

DD

“ So very sorry for your loss I went to school with Michael and Jim from Albany school Columbus and Proctor. He was always a great person. My thoughts and prayers to all of you. Debbie Castano Dowd



Deb Castano Dowd - July 18, 2019 at 11:13 PM

DV

“ I worked with Marie, Graz well both of them,,, at Utica Transit, the day I met Mike was when we at a bar for two drivers that were retiring, and I had a couple of drinks and Marie came in with Mike introduced me, and to Mike, and i looked at the bar tender who also looked like Mike, and i kept looking at one then the other then the other, and shook my head and said I think I had enough to drink I'm seeing double. I never knew they were twins. Very nice people, Marie is one of the nicest people I can say I will ever meet, I have memories of her that will last a life time. A perfect couple, sad that this happened. Marie, you and Mike are one of a kind, the two of you are a special team, the bond you have is unique, you two are soul mates. You will never be alone, you will not sleep or wake alone, your soul mate will be by your side just talk to him, he will be there, trust he never left you. You two showed everyone what true love is, and how wonderful it is, we thank you, we love you. Your love is truly forever and ever.

Dawn Vescio - July 18, 2019 at 10:38 PM

GP

“ Well, as the obit points out he and his twin were into much mischief while growing up...he loved his neighborhood and area schools, my twin and I always were around with our own clique of friends at Albany St. School playgrounds, but the Graz's who live behind there were always there helping to coach or have fun or just do what we all did in another era - have a blast! I always remember him smiling and seeing him with his twin while growing up - even though it 's been decades since our last 'hello' while jogging in front of our home at Hilton Ave. you never forget a warm and friendly and smiling person. That was Mike! Thanks for the memories...herewith is a pic of me and my twin Girard in Boston last summer...condolences to his family...always,  
- Gerald Plante (Stockade) Schenectady NY



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**Gerald F. Plante** - July 18, 2019 at 08:19 PM

JO

“ Marie and Jimmy and family. My sincerest condolences on Mike's untimely passing. Unfortunately I am out of town until Tuesday. Marie I am the volunteer who thought Mike was Jimmy. May the memories you all shared together always be a source of comfort.

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**Judy Oster** - July 18, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr..*



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July 18, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ *Marie,  
My heart is so grieved for you, your children,  
grandchildren and Mike's twin Jimmy.  
It was so great to have reconnected a few  
years ago. Mike's personality of a great and  
loving guy was the same from when we went to Proctor high.  
He will be greatly missed but never forgotten by all who had the  
pleasure of knowing him.  
My prayers have not ceased since hearing of your loss and will  
continue for you and your family.  
My deepest heartfelt sympathy  
Naomi (Sageer) Giordanella*



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**Naomi Giordanella** - July 18, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ *Cheryl Graziano lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.*



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**Cheryl Graziano** - July 18, 2019 at 12:39 PM

KF

“ Karen Fluty lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



Karen Fluty - July 18, 2019 at 11:05 AM

KL

“ Karen Fluty Laport lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



Karen Fluty Laport - July 18, 2019 at 10:54 AM

JD

“ What a great person Mike was . Always a smile on his face and a warm , kind greeting he gave when you met him . May God comfort your hearts with His love , strength , grace and peace . My Deepest Condolences . Rest In Peace Mike . You will be greatly missed . 💔  
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Jeanne DeSantis - July 18, 2019 at 10:40 AM

RG

“ Rick and Misae Graziano purchased the Treasure d Lilies Spray for the family of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr..



Rick and Misae Graziano - July 18, 2019 at 09:59 AM

JF

“ John Romano and Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr..



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**John Romano and Family** - July 18, 2019 at 07:04 AM

LM

“ So very sorry for your great loss. Such fond Proctor High memories of a dear friend, Graz, one of the GOOD Guys. RIP. LOVE PUNZ

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**Lorraine McEvoy** - July 17, 2019 at 10:46 PM

AD

“ Marie and Family, Shocked to hear of my childhood friend passing, had many laughs with Mike and Jim I will miss him, always in my heart Mike .

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**Anthony J. DeCarolis** - July 17, 2019 at 10:44 PM

GO

“ To the Graziano Family So sorry to hear about Mikes passing he was a great person he will be missed by so many people. Mike rest in peace Gary O



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**gary ollerenshaw** - July 17, 2019 at 09:04 PM

DG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Don Greene - July 17, 2019 at 06:21 PM

JM

“ To the Graziano family...we are all grieving the loss of one of East Utica's finest...I would never have thought that almost forty years would pass and I'd miss the chance to share another moment with him...just special beyond special...condolences are offered from the Montanaro and Massi families...God's Speed!

Joseph A Montanaro - July 17, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ Pino Chirico lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



Pino Chirico - July 17, 2019 at 04:01 PM

Claudia Lamascolo

“ Our condolences to the entire family and all that knew him. Remembering and prayers sent and candlelit to give everyone strength through this tragic time.



Claudia Lamascolo - July 17, 2019 at 03:43 PM

AO

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Graziano family. Played ball and graduated with Mike from Proctor High. Anytime we met it was like simply old time friends and time never mattered.*

*A kind soul and light that now lights the nigh time in the way of a star in the heavens as he did on earth.*

*Peace*

*Al Orsino and family*

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**al orsino** - July 17, 2019 at 01:03 PM

GP

“ *My sympathy to the Family Graziano during your enormous loss. This sudden end of a man who always tossed a pleasant aside in his hurried pace or occasional heartfelt conversation upon bumping into him at various places in East Utica, will forever remain with me. Knowing Mike and Jimmy since 7th grade their laughter with 'the boys' they played sports with has enriched my life. Upon seeing each other, I or he would cheerily shout: "Twin! How are you and your twin?" Mike's mom Marie was a gracious woman whom I grew to know well during her employ with UTA, along with his wife Marie, whom also worked at the UTA. I shall forever recall Mike and Jimmy's wholesome goodness and ever appreciate Mike's friendship.*

*Girard A. Plante*

*Newton, Massachusetts*

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**Girard A. Plante** - July 17, 2019 at 10:29 AM

FS

“ *I'm so very sorry. I have so many fond and funny memories , working with Mike at the post office my heart goes out to your family*  
*Fil Salsbury*

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**filomena salsbury** - July 17, 2019 at 09:58 AM

DT

“ Donna Toussaint lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



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**Donna Toussaint** - July 17, 2019 at 08:26 AM

DT

“ My deepest condolences go out to the entire Graziano family. I went to school with Mike and Jimmy and I remember his smile could light up a room. I recently had spoken to Mike on Facebook about my German Shepherd puppy. My puppy was actually born on Mikes birthday so he would comment about that and on any picture I would post. Graz, you will truly missed by all that knew and loved you. Although it is too difficult to think about now, may they find peace and comfort in all the wonderful memories they have in their hearts. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family and friends during this very difficult time. RIP my friend...I will think of you every time I look at my puppy.

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**Donna Toussaint** - July 17, 2019 at 08:25 AM

PV

“ To a family that has always been in my heart no matter what distance there was. May God Bless all of you at this time and I pray for all of you. My dear Marie and family, I love and cherish all our memories , laughs , tears and crazy days that we have shared. I will always be there for all of you and you will always be a family to me.  
Love Patty



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**Patty Vaccaro** - July 17, 2019 at 08:08 AM

JO

“ Marie and the Graziano family my condolences on Mikes passing. Mike was a great person he will be greatly missed my thoughts and prayers are with you

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**John Ollerenshaw** - July 17, 2019 at 07:00 AM

DB

“ Marie & Family,  
Please accept my sincere condolences. I am so sorry to learn of your beloved husbands sudden passing. God gained an angel. Sending you strength & love.  
Darlene Nimey Baratier

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**darlene baratier** - July 17, 2019 at 06:34 AM

JA

“ Our deepest sympathy to Marie and the family. May God give you peace during this difficult time. God Bless. Joe and Colleen Ancona

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**Joe and Colleen Ancona** - July 17, 2019 at 01:54 AM

JS

“ My condolences go out to the family of Michael Graziano who I had a chance to see recently at a church feast. He had a great smile and hello for me there & whenever I saw him, even as teenagers from Proctor HighSchool. I know he will be sorely missed, but will never be forgotten.

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**Joseph sayles** - July 17, 2019 at 01:11 AM

RR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Graziano Family.*



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**Rocco Rositano** - July 17, 2019 at 12:13 AM

CC

“ *I really only knew Mike in passing. However, after reading this obituary I can say with certainty what a short but yet exquisite life he lived. My heart goes out to his wife..children...family and friends. Our successes are measured by the lives we touch...not by the things we acquire over the years. Michael you were rich beyond measure. May the beautiful memories you all made some day soon bring your loved ones peace and comfort. ❤️❤️❤️❤️* Connie Citriniti

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**Connie Citriniti** - July 16, 2019 at 11:52 PM

PM

“ *Marie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You and Mike were always like family to me and Joe. We all shared many memories together on Arther St. We think of you everyday praying God will give you strength. Please know we are here for you.*

*Pam and Joe Mazzorana*

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**Pamela Mazzorana** - July 16, 2019 at 10:43 PM

Mirela  
Aljukic  
Nadarevic

“ We are deeply saddened by the news of Mike’s passing. Mike was a true friend, always willing to give a hand to anyone. He will be missed dearly! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Almir & Mirela



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**Mirela Aljukic Nadarevic** - July 16, 2019 at 10:38 PM

CD

“ Corinda DeNigro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



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**Corinda DeNigro** - July 16, 2019 at 10:24 PM

JS

“ Mike was the epitome of an East Utica “Mentsh”... (A good guy). I first met Graz many years ago and re-connected in recent years. He was a great family man and loyal friend. Above all, Mike was a great father and grandfather. It was always family first. He will be missed. RIP my friend.

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**Jerry Stucchi** - July 16, 2019 at 09:11 PM

CD

“ I just sat w Mike less than three weeks ago at a funeral. I can't believe he is gone . Mike always did light up a room with his warmth, smile and laughter . Feel like I've known him all my life and practically have. My Deepest Sympathy to the family and all his loved ones . We all LOVED you Mike ! You were one of a kind ! We are all heartbroken .

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**Cathy Drew-Egan** - July 16, 2019 at 09:05 PM



BO

“ My sincerest condolences and prayers to Maria, family and Mike's close circle of friends. I've known the Graz boys since we made first communion together. It was always hard to tell them apart in the early years. But as we moved on in life I could tell them apart, especially with Mike's smile. Knowing Mike, he's left you all with a multitude of memories, and keeping those alive will help during this difficult time. He's been reunited with his parents/grandparents and they're looking down at the family with smiles on their faces. May he RIP until the day he's reunited with everyone left behind.

Bob Ollerenshaw - July 16, 2019 at 08:15 PM

SG

“ My favorite father in law, you left too soon. Thank you for always having something to say, weather a story I've heard so many times I could tell it myself, or advice that came from the heart and experience of a guy who “knows something , but can't tell me how” , my heart breaks that you're gone but i will remember your laugh , your kindness and the way you would shout “ Shan!?” “ like I was the one who couldn't hear. I'm grateful to have been a part of your family , and I will continue to play your lotto ticket until we win, I already know how you would spend the money so don't you worry, I got this . Love, you're favorite first daughter in law

Shanley Graziano - July 16, 2019 at 08:09 PM

LM

“ Linda DeCarolus Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



Linda DeCarolus Murphy - July 16, 2019 at 08:08 PM

RM

“ Marie and family I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for any of you. Mike will be greatly missed by so many, he was a great guy. Love to you all.

ryan monaghan - July 16, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr..



July 16, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ Marie and kids-So sorry for your loss. Unfortunately, we know how tragic it is to lose someone unexpectedly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Dave and Maureen Scarlino

Dave Scarlino - July 16, 2019 at 04:50 PM

JD

“ Marie and family- my brother and I grew up with Mike, Jimmy and the rest iof the group that lived on the East side. Mike was one of the nicest guys I have ever met!! Always smiling always caring!! We are sooo very sorry for you and your family, he will forever be in our thoughts, prayers and hearts. Warmly, Jacki & Cosmo DeLuca



Jacki DeLuca - July 16, 2019 at 04:18 PM

CH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! RIP "Graz"

*Ralph & Chris Graziano*

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**Christine** - July 16, 2019 at 12:33 PM

JP

“ Our condolences to the entire family.



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**John and Rosa Perez** - July 16, 2019 at 09:31 AM

GS

“ Garry & Annie Spink lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



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**Garry & Annie Spink** - July 16, 2019 at 09:01 AM

CS

“ I've known Mike most of my life. Another  
Great man taken way before his time. He now  
soars with the Angels. RIP and fly high my  
friend.



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**Clemente Surace** - July 16, 2019 at 07:21 AM

SN

“ Steve Nicotera lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



Steve Nicotera - July 16, 2019 at 06:03 AM

TK

“ Teresa Klein lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



Teresa Klein - July 16, 2019 at 12:02 AM

CH

“ Camille Hanzalik lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Philip "Graz" Graziano, Sr.



Camille Hanzalik - July 15, 2019 at 11:15 PM

TK

Teresa Klein

Teresa Klein - July 15, 2019 at 11:58 PM

DC

Marie and Family, there are no words, but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
With love, Bernie, Doreen and Gina Carcone

Doreen Carcone - July 16, 2019 at 08:55 AM

EG

*Jimmy and family,  
So sorry for your loss. You and your brother were always together and smiling all the times I remember from Proctor High School. He was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless You and your family. Cherish all of the great memories that you shared.  
Love to all,  
Elaine (Perritano) Geary*

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**Elaine Geary** - July 16, 2019 at 04:29 PM

MC

*Marie and the Graziano Family, with a heavy heart, please accept my deepest condolences on the sudden passing of Mike.  
I last saw Mike in Sept 2108 when my mom passed, he stopped by dad's house to offer comfort as a tribute to who he is.  
Although it had been many years since I last saw him, he was still the same ole Mike, nothing changed but time. We talked as if time never passed. My parents and his parents were best friends for years, and of course as kids were always together. The old days on South St. Yes, the "twins" were always involved in some sort of mischief. I was there to be a part of it that when they got me involved, Climbing the old garage roof in the back of the house and throwing snowballs and roof singles at cars as they passed by in the dark, and yes we got caught! Mike and I reminisced about that when I last saw him. We laughed. Fun and innocent times. There were many stories like that, that we shared. Mike, you will be dearly missed by all. RIP  
On behalf of the Cucharale Family, God bless, you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Mark Cucharale  
Fort Lauderdale, Fl.*

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**Mark Cucharale** - July 16, 2019 at 04:31 PM

CD

*Marie and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Mike was a special guy and wonderful family man. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. Peace be with you all! Sincerely, Hal & Carol DuBois*

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**Carol DuBois** - July 16, 2019 at 09:01 PM

AS

*Sending LOVE and Prayers to all. Cuz, you will be missed!!!*

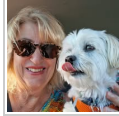
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**Andrea P Smith** - July 16, 2019 at 09:26 PM

NP

*Marie and family, we cannot believe what our daughter Renee was telling us when she called us long distance to tell us of the news about Mike. Marie the three of us were just kidding around at the primaries. You were both good neighbors, always could count on him for a laugh or 2. he will be sorely missed. Nick and Rosemary Pezzulo*

**Nick Pezzulo** - July 16, 2019 at 09:53 PM



*Heartfelt sympathy to all of his family. Such a friendly person when I was in high school. I remember how he always smiled and said hi to everyone that passed his way. Just a very sad loss of a very kind soul. Prayers to all of you.*

**Joanie De George** - July 16, 2019 at 11:13 PM

BF

*Marie and the Graziano Family, I am so sorry for your great loss. Mike was a true gentlemen, and an all around great person. Our thoughts and prayers, are with you during this difficult time. May god bless all of you. 🙏 Bernadette*

**Bernadette Filippelli-Jackson** - July 16, 2019 at 11:13 PM

MP

*Marie and family,  
My thoughts are with you all. I'm very sorry to hear this sad news. May the memories you hold in your hearts bring you peace.  
Sincerely,  
Michele Payne*

**michele payne** - July 17, 2019 at 01:29 AM

CS

*Marie and family, We are shocked and saddened by this very sad news of Mike's passing. We are truly sorry for your loss. He was such a great guy and we always will remember our little talks "over the fence" on Plymouth Pl. We have our laughs with him! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest in peace Mike. Jerry and Charleen Sangiacomo*

**Charleen R Sangiacomo** - July 17, 2019 at 03:20 PM