



Mr. Michael E. Kiefl

July 27, 1955 - April 22, 2016

Mr. Michael E. "Mike" Kiefl, age 60, passed away on Friday, April 22, 2016 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, after a brief illness.

Born in Rome, NY on July 27, 1955, Michael was the son of the late Edward J. and Audrey J. (Tallman) Kiefl. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. During his childhood, he was very proud of earning the rank of Eagle Scout. A military veteran, Mike honorably served his country as a United States Navy Corpsman.

Mike was employed by the St. Elizabeth Hospital and the Sister Rose Vincent Family Medicine Center for over 20 years as a Phlebotomist, a challenging career that requires patience and precision. Mike took pride in his profession, worked well under pressure, and had a good rapport with patients. He was one of the best.

Mike's family life was just as rewarding as his working life. His cheerful smile and calming presence were a joy to all. He was supportive of the needs of his loved ones and was involved in the moments of their lives. He found fun and relaxation in his busy life when he went camping, traveled to Florida or tubed down West Canada Creek. Luck followed him consistently, especially at the Casino. He was also a good cook and a fan of singer Patsy Cline. He was a member of the New York Mills VFW Post #7393 and the Whitestown American Legion Post #1113. A faithful parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mike attended Mass every Saturday.

Michael is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, John K. and Kimberly Kiefl

of East Syracuse; his sister and brother-in-law, Vanessa A. and Joseph Sowich of New Hartford; and his aunts and uncles, Shirley Tallman, Phil Snyder, Richard Bemis, and Barbara Kiefl. He also leaves behind his nieces and nephews, Jennifer Kiefl and Ed Dowling, Lindsey Kiefl, Christina Sowich and Matt Doolen, Alyssa Sowich, Michelle and Ken Shanley, and Michael and Alka Sowich; great-nieces, Anjali, Ayanna, and Kayla; and cousins. He also leaves many cherished friendships with special mention of Sheila Biamonte. He was predeceased by his uncles, William Tallman, and Roger Kiefl; and his aunts, Marion Bemis, and Nancy Snyder.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Michael's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joe Salerno. Committal prayers and Interment will follow graveside at St. Joseph Cemetery in Yorkville.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

1427 Champlin Avenue
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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



“ I am just now finding out about Mike's death. It is certainly a shock to hear about it. My sympathies to the entire family. So now he will be with his parents, and have Jaime to entertain him. We enjoyed visiting with him and having him over for dinner.

Mark Petrochuk

Mark Petrochuk - May 24, 2016 at 08:17 PM

RB

“ I am absolutely devastated to hear of the passing of my dear friend Mike. I worked with Mike in our clinic. He was truly the most compassionate, gentle person I have known.

I will miss his fantastic sense of humor, that beautiful infectious smile and his extremely caring ways. He was good to EVERYONE and as a result everyone loved him. I know Mike had tremendous faith and has been "called home", but those of us left behind will forever have a void in our hearts.

May he find eternal rest with God our father and may God provide his family and friends comfort and strength at this difficult time.

Regina Brown - April 25, 2016 at 09:26 AM

KC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mike at SEMC. He was a great guy with a great sense of humor. He will be surely missed!

Kim Christensen - April 25, 2016 at 07:21 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael E. Kiefl.*



April 24, 2016 at 08:14 PM



“ *Mike was definitely one of a kind. He had such a great heart. I had the pleasure of working with mike at st Elizabeth and also honored to call him a friend. Mike taught my phlebotomy over 20 years ago and did I ever learn from the best. Mike you will be sadly missed my friend may you rest peace.*

debbie randazzo - April 24, 2016 at 07:27 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael E. Kiefl.*



April 24, 2016 at 11:29 AM

SD

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mike. His sense of humor made a hard day better .

I was given military advice a while back for our new Marine and have shared it with him in hopes that his career will be as fulfilling Mikes was.

To the family of Mike please know because of who Mike was to many people he will forever be present in our heart. Anyone that knew Mike was changed forever.

Heaven has a new Angel now!

Suzanne Dorie - April 24, 2016 at 07:10 AM

RH


Mike hired me at st Elizabeth med center, he showed me all his skills in phlebotomy which he said he did to no other, he taught me how to be a good phlebotomy instructor after he left, he told patients if he couldn't get their blood, I can which was a honor, he knew my whole family and taught me a lot in and out of the lab, I am at a lost for words, patients loved mike, I wish I could have talked to him and see him before his passing, a very said day for me.. RIP Mike...

Rabb Hamid - April 24, 2016 at 09:16 AM

RH

Very sad day...

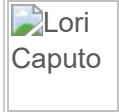
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Kathleen
Mount

“ *Michael we always called you Mickey when you were young .I love you and will miss you always my sweet cousin. Love you your cousin Kathleen Kiefl Mount.*



Kathleen Mount - April 23, 2016 at 02:28 PM



I worked with Mike, and he always made me laugh. His persicion in phlebotomy was amazing! He always made everyone around him feel special. You will be greatly missed Mike! Xxoo Lori Caputo

Lori Caputo - April 23, 2016 at 05:40 PM



I worked with mike at St Elizabeth and was proud he was the one who taught me my phlebotomy skills. Also it made me smile at the mention of the tube rides down West Canada Creek which was the best ever memories for me. also the speciums we sent from suite D, yuk,

lori Labriola - April 23, 2016 at 09:43 PM



Michael we grew up doing everything together. So many first experiences. We had so much fun. Was so proud of you but sad when you left for the service, but I honor your dedication to protect our country. You are a Hero. Thank you for being so kind to my parents and sending them your wonderful garden treats. They looked forward to them each season. I won't forget our last conversations. You are an Angel and at peace. Love you Mike....Gale

Gale Salka - April 24, 2016 at 07:22 PM



My sincerest condolences to Mike's family. I have been reflecting on my friendship with Mike since I read the sad news. We were friends in high school and continued to send yearly Christmas cards to each other. I regret that I didn't keep in better touch with him. Mike used to try to meet for coffee, but I was consumed with work. I wish I could turn back the hands of time and meet for that coffee and talk. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Pat Patla - April 24, 2016 at 10:21 PM



I had the pleasure of knowing Mike. Always had a smile and can light up a room. He will truly be missed. Rest in peace my friend.
Carolyn Moore-Bivens

carolyn Moore-Bivens - April 25, 2016 at 02:35 PM

LS

Vanessa, Jack and family, I am so saddened to hear the passing of Mike. We share many great memories from grade school to high school. There are too many times good times we had to type. We all grew up together and had alot of fun. From time to time we would bump into each other and update our lives. We'd laugh so hard at some of the shenagigans we would do. You have gone too soon and will be missed by many. Rest in peace, my friend..

LouAnn Paternoster Spatola - April 28, 2016 at 09:16 AM