



## Mr. Michael A. King

September 9, 1935 - June 4, 2024

UTICA/VERO BEACH, FL - Mr. Michael A. King, age 88, passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Born in Utica on September 9, 1935, Michael was the son of the late Louis C. and Elizabeth (Burton) King. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1954. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country for two years stationed in France. Being peacetime, he traveled and enjoyed much of Europe. Since 1974 Michael was proud to have shared 46 years with his life partner, Joseph A. LaRocca, a man of merit and character. Joseph passed away on March 8, 2020.

Michael's working career began at Mohawk Airlines at the Oneida County Airport. As an aviation employee, he was able to see much of the United States. He later accepted a position at Special Metals Corporation where he worked in the Sales Department for 24 years. During this period, he attended Utica College of Syracuse University. Michael was a warm-hearted, intelligent, fun-loving person with a memorable laugh. He was a hospitable host, always welcoming people to his home. With his sense of adventure and affinity for traveling, he was known as the "tour guide", providing people with information on the historical heritage and points of interest of many locales. He enjoyed reading on a variety of subjects. Michael made the most of each day and learned along the way. The spiritual values of his life rose from his faith in the

Lord. He was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Michael is survived by several nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging his nephew, James Ferris and his companion, Emogene Catrombone; cousins, and longtime friends, Benny DiOrio, and Don Daniels. He was predeceased by his siblings and their loves, Josephine Miller, Louis and Ann King, Joseph Francis "Gus" King, Carmella and Tony Olivadoti, Rose K. and Donald Rinker, and Dorothy A. King; and his nephew, Robert A. Ferris.

The family honored and commemorated Michael's life privately. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Michael's honor may be made to the Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired (CABVI) online at <http://www.cabvi.org/donate-to-cabvi> or the Disabled Veterans National Foundation online at <https://www.dvnf.org/donation>. Interment took place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Agnes Cemetery**

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Michael was one of my first patients when I started practicing in Vero Beach in 2015. He was very kind, respectful, such a gentle soul. He was appreciated by all of those who surrounded him. I am sure he will meet with the Lord and light will always shine above him. We miss him already.*

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**Ana Taveras** - June 17, 2024 at 08:15 PM

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to all of Michael's family. He was a wonderful and caring and a truly kind friend. Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you. May he rest in peace.*  
*Jeanne Castronovo*

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