



Mr. Michael N. Mahana

June 2, 1944 - February 15, 2017

UTICA- Mr. Michael N. Mahana, age 72, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. At the time of his passing he was in the hearts of those he loved.

Born in Utica on June 2, 1944, Michael was the son of the late Abdoo and Emily (Sfeir) Mahana. He was raised and educated locally and also attended a local trade school which afforded him a position at Utica Cutlery Company. Michael was a kind hearted, amiable gentleman. Because his religious beliefs guided his life, he was respectful and often blessed others with sincerity. He held a special place in his heart for his sister Marian who offered him the attention, affection, and love that served as an inspiration to him. Michael's daily routine included a walk and a talk with acquaintances at the East Utica Hannaford Shopping Center where he was a familiar figure. Although he frequented many locally owned restaurants, his most memorable place to eat was Toma's Deli. Michael's self-confidence and independence became more cherished as life progressed, and his devotion to his Catholic creed brought him closer to his parish, St. Louis Gonzaga Church where he faithfully attended Mass, served as an usher, and enjoyed Friday fish fries. Michael will be best remembered as being truly a peaceful soul.

Michael is survived by his sister, Marian A. Karam of Utica; his brother and sister-in-law, George and Janet Mahana of Brewerton, NY; his nieces and nephew, Darlene Ann Karam, Steven and Amy Mahana, and Beth (Mahana) Stephenson, as well as their families; and his cousins, especially George T.

Sfeir with whom he shared a special closeness. He was blessed with a dear friend and great buddy, Benny Lupo. He was predeceased by his brother, Edward N. "Eddie" Mahana; his brother-in-law, Ernest T. "Nini" Karam who he loved as another brother; and his sister-in-law, Mary Ann Mahana.

The family extends their appreciation to Dr. Mathew Ulahannan for the continuous communication and comfort he provided to Michael and the family; his special angels, Missy Grant, and Colleen both of whom went above and beyond in caring for him. The family also thanks Chorbishop John D. Faris, Father Aaron Sandbothe, and Deacons Peter Hobaica and Paul Salamy for their spiritual guidance and concern; and Michael's neighbors at the Steinhorst Apartments for their friendship and kindness.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Prayer of Incense will be offered this evening at 6:45 at the funeral home. Those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a donation to the St. Louis Gonzaga Church Hall Renovation Fund in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. 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 St. Louis Gonzaga Church where the Divine Liturgy for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Father Aaron Sandbothe. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-6019

Tribute Wall

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“ *In Utica on business and randomly running into Michael at 2:00 in the afternoon at O'Scugnizzo's Pizza, I say: "Michael! I'm your cousin Nanette's son". Michael: "Yes and God bless ya'....Gaaaahhd blessss yaaa!!!!" You may have blessed all you met, but all were TRULY BLESSED to have met YOU!*

Cousin John from Syracuse - February 20, 2017 at 09:37 PM

TJ

“ *Mrs Karam and Darlene, please except my condolences for your beloved Michael. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Teresa Joseph - February 19, 2017 at 07:20 PM

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“ *May you Rest In Peace with the ones you have missed and love!! You will be missed by many and have been loved by all who knew you !!! Xoxoxoxo*

gina gandolfini - February 19, 2017 at 05:46 PM

 El Farrell

“ *RIP Uncle Mike...you're reunited with Aunt Emily and Uncle Eddie now.*

The Farrells

El Farrell - February 19, 2017 at 02:17 PM

KZ

“ *sorry about your loos may he teast in peace kamil zogby*

kamil zogby - February 19, 2017 at 09:55 AM

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“Cousin Michael, the times you made us laugh were many. The times you showed us love, uncountable. I am saddened that you are no longer here but I rejoice knowing you are with God, Uncle Al, Aunt Emily and Eddie. How happy you must be. I will never forget you Michael, after all you taught me how to shuffle cards and to never ever play checkers with you. I love you.

Cousin Patti - February 18, 2017 at 12:31 PM