



Mr. Michael Robert Marks

October 14, 1968 - July 2, 2017

BARNEVELD - Mr. Michael Robert Marks, age 48, was received by those who went before him, especially Grandma Rosie, when he passed away on Sunday, July 2, 2017 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Maryland with his loving family at his side, after a brave 5-year battle with cancer.

Born in New Hartford on October 14, 1968, Michael was the son of Joan Marks and Daniel "Danny" Alberico. He was a graduate of Whitesboro High School/Class of 1986. His areas of study varied during his college years. Michael was a proud veteran of the United States Naval Construction Battalions, better known as the Seabees, where he worked in Fiber Optics and Communications stationed for some time in Japan. He then studied at Onondaga Community College and graduated from the Oneida BOCES program as a Licensed Practical Nurse. He relocated to California where he resided for several years and worked in the restaurant industry in management positions offering his talents in the area of hospitality. Locally he was a former manager of the Route 69 Steakhouse in Whitesboro and at the Moose Caboose Restaurant in Inlet. In 2007 he was associated with the family concern, Thendara's Van Auken's Inne, a Victorian-style eatery nestled in the beauty of the Adirondack Mountains. Lastly, he worked as the Food & Beverage Manager at Vernon Downs where he also held a gaming license. As his illness excelled, he worked very hard at his treatments and you never heard him complain.

Michael was a one-of-a-kind guy, always with a smile upon his face, and a

hardy supply of humor on hand. He captured the hearts of his family from the day he was born. His name Michael means “God-like”, and for sure, his life turned out that way. During his younger years, he was active in his church and was known in the Whitesboro community as a civically and socially minded citizen. He was a member of the American Legion Post 893, in Old Forge, NY. He was a patron of the Arts and the Theater, and he was blessed with a memorable voice. He was a natural born leader, which was apparent in his work. His persona illuminated a bright light and people were naturally drawn to him. He had an awesome aura about him that was charming and welcoming and he offered guidance to many. Of course, Michael was the life-of-the-party; he created the space and was a congenial host. He saw to people’s needs and gave selflessly. He was a good son, a brother’s best friend, and a helping hand to all. His generosity of spirit will live on.

In 2015, Michael was not able to work, but it was a situation that allowed him the time to become a foster parent. The House of the Good Shepherd had a family of six in need, ranging in age from a newborn to an eight-year old child — all six knew his love. Flowers also bloomed by his love. He had an interest in the Home & Garden TV channel and admired arrangements that evoked harmony and expressed who he was and what he appreciated. He had a meticulous flair for style and life! For Michael, being in the company of family and friends was the ultimate. Christmas was his favorite time of year and he always gave the perfect gift. He was busy with decorations, snowmen, Radko ornaments, the company of the children, opening presents, and there was always more than one Christmas tree. Michael never ran out of ideas. He also took to traveling, and he was known to spontaneously get in his car and go on a tour to wherever the road took him, usually to his favorite destination, Florida. He loved animals, nature, and the outdoors. He was a dog whisperer to his many canines, and he held horses in high esteem for their strength and sleek beauty.

Michael kept longtime friendships that were entwined in his life till the end. If he loved you, the loyalty lasted. He honored the Lord and was most

comfortable in the presence of the beauty of Historic Old St. John's Church. Michael certainly packed a lot into the 48 years of his life, and he did it his way! He lived each day never knowing if it would be his last. It is difficult to sum up all that he taught others, but the tally would include acceptance, perseverance, peace, and unconditional love.

Michael is survived by his mom, Joan; his dad, Daniel; and his sister, Mary Marks. He was blessed with an extended family including Michelle Alberico, Dana Alberico Lonis and her wife Kelly, twins Daniel II and his wife Michele Alberico, Dennis Alberico and Lori, and David Alberico and Christy. He also leaves his nieces and nephews, Shawn, and Joey; Maddox, Michael, and Miriam; Daniel III and Delaney; Alyssa and Korryn; Nikki and Frankie; several great-nieces, great-nephews, aunt and uncles, Mary Lou and George Bonanza, Norman Stark, Joan Bigelow, Marie and Jimmy Behr, Emily and Paul Lee, Joseph Alberico and Barbara, and Anthony Alberico; cousins, godfather Robert Grimaldi, godmother Carol Desrocher, and godson Michael Phelps; and a trail of friends including Steven Dorsagno, Jade and Randy Foley and their children Ireland and Gavin, Kim Grant Cerra, Carey Schoen, Cathy and Carl (Catrombone) Edgren, Rochelle Roberts Farrell, Melissa McDonald, as well as so many other wonderful people who he loved. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Russell and Rose Marks; paternal grandparents, Joseph A. and Mary Alberico; uncles Nick, Jimmy, and Art; and aunt Palma who passed in infancy.

The family extends gratitude to the nursing staff of 10E at Upstate Medical Center; Dr. Dan Choo, a personal friend of the family who facilitated treatment by Dr. Thomas Uldrick of the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center, Bethesda, MD who gave Michael hope; and Dr. Richard Ambinder and staff at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Michael and his family were graced by the devotion of Georgia and Henry Ortiz, Joan's best friend and Michael's second mother.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 3:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home,

Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. Michael's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler.

Tribute Wall

LD

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Lauren Darman - July 13, 2017 at 08:28 AM

ER

Mike was such a great person. He had a smile that could light up a room. My sincere condolences to Joan ,Mary and family.

Erin - August 14, 2017 at 08:28 AM

MJ

“ *Hi Joan my name is Margaret Daviau/Jacobs I am Mark Daviau's Mom and Emogene's best friend. I am so sorry I was unable to come to the wake or funeral due to health issues. I loved Michael I have so many memories of him being at my house when the boys were teenagers and over the years whenever Michael and I saw each other we would have wonderful talks about what was going on in his life and mine. His group of friends were so loyal and the friendships he made lasted his lifetime. He was so handsome and I think that was one of the things I remember the most about him when I first met him, and also his smile was just infectious. As a mother I really don't know what words to say to you to help ease your pain, all I know is that Michael is flying with the angels now, he is not in any pain, and he does not have to fight to live another day. May you rest in peace sweet Michael, and Joan I will keep you and Mary in my prayers. Take care.*

Margaret A. Jacobs - July 11, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



July 10, 2017 at 07:08 AM



“ *We are honored and blessed to have known Michael. He was truly a blessing in our lives and we will miss him! No matter what, you will always be my other brother... Our condolences.*

Dejay Favreau & kids - July 09, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



July 09, 2017 at 07:51 AM



“ *The Whitted Family purchased the Bountiful European Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



The Whitted Family - July 09, 2017 at 03:13 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



July 08, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *Dan,Doug and Frank purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



Dan,Doug and Frank - July 08, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



July 07, 2017 at 10:39 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



July 07, 2017 at 09:32 PM



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



July 07, 2017 at 03:27 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



July 07, 2017 at 01:04 PM



“ *You were an amazing person and friend, your light will carry on inside our hearts forever and ever!!!*



Bradley Marvin - July 07, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *May you rest in peace Michael. You were amazing and loved by all. Arttie and I will miss you dearly, but we know in our hearts that your at peace. You have fought a long battle.*

roberta M owen - July 07, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



July 07, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ *The Sandlin Family purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



The Sandlin Family - July 07, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *Michael was an awesome person. Even though he was fighting this dreadful disease, I never once heard him complain. A lesser man would have given up long ago and laid in a fetal position until the disease took over. But not Michael. He was a fighter and a warrior and an inspiration to all of us. He refused to let cancer take over and was determined to live his life to the fullest. He selflessly took care of my brother, Steven, while he was in the hospital, and took the time to encourage me when I was going through radiation/chemo, even though Michael was still going through his own chemo treatments. My entire family was shocked and heartbroken over hearing the news of his passing. We are praying for peace for those who are also heartbroken and grief stricken. See you in Heaven Michael.*

Dana Sandlin - July 07, 2017 at 07:40 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



July 07, 2017 at 07:28 AM



“ *I will never forget the day Michael sat at my camp and Chuck was going for cancer treatment and as sick as Michael was offered to take Chuck to his treatments. He always put others first. That's who he was. He will be missed by everyone and touched so many peoples hearts. Danny Joan and Mary words cannot describe the pain you feel and I wish you find peace knowing what a special person he was and how loved he was.*

joanna kelly - July 07, 2017 at 05:01 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*




July 06, 2017 at 11:52 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Michael was a wonderful friend and we will miss him dearly.*



Eric Brown - July 06, 2017 at 10:56 PM

 Dianne
Ortiz

“ *I will so miss Michael. He was the best person I have ever known. Always a laugh and could bring a smile to anyone. Gone too soon. RIP my friend. Praying for strength for Mary and Joan.*

Dianne Ortiz - July 06, 2017 at 09:56 PM

BB

“ *Danny & Family, There are no words we can offer that will ease the pain that you all are going through right now. Try to rely on your faith to get you through . Native Americans believe "There is no Death-just a change of Worlds." Michael endured much in this life but now has found Everlasting Life and will watch over all of you. We are so sorry.*




Bev & Butch - July 06, 2017 at 09:53 PM

JC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all who loved Michael. He was a beautiful soul that will always be remembered. We were blessed to know him.*



Jennifer Calhoun - July 06, 2017 at 09:30 PM

 Barbara
Ann

“ *Our sincere condolences for Michael's family & friends heaven gained an angel. Love, The Aceto Family.*



Barbara Ann - July 06, 2017 at 09:27 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.*



July 06, 2017 at 08:48 PM



“ *Joan and Mary, my thoughts and prayers are with you both. Rest in Peace Michael.*

MaryLou Bojdak - July 06, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ *Whatever room Michael walked in to, it lit up. I'll miss his free spirit and the hug you would get every time you saw him. He's an inspiration to live life to the fullest.*

Julie Case - July 06, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ *Dear Joan and Mary my heart breaks for you both. Michael was something special I am blessed and honored to have known him. God bless you both sending love and prayers*

Cynthia Blanzenski - July 06, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Joan and Mary,
We are so sorry for you loss. Michael was one of a kind. We enjoyed many camp days with him. May he rest easy. Thinking of you guys and praying for you.
Pat and Gina (Zegarelli) Corridori*

Gina Zegarelli Corridori - July 06, 2017 at 12:02 PM

RS

“ Renee Stark purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Mr. Michael Robert Marks.



Renee Stark - July 06, 2017 at 11:56 AM

 John
Cittadino-
Harrington

“ Michael will always hold a special place in my heart, he was like a big brother to me for many years. I had the pleasure of working with him at a few jobs as well as just hanging out with friends and family in the Utica area and Old Forge. His ability to make people laugh was unparalleled and will be missed. He was always the first to be there if you needed ANYTHING at all. I am truly blessed to have known him for 20+ years and he will be remembered fondly. He was the epitome of a kind soul and a true heart and people should strive to be more like him. Fly high sweet angel, until we meet again.

John Cittadino-Harrington - July 06, 2017 at 11:30 AM

MS

“ What a beautiful life, a beautiful man, with a beautiful family. Heaven received a gift. It is those left behind that are in pain. It was a true blessing to be in his presence. May he Rest In Peace, love and grace. Our hearts go out to all that were touched by his life. Blessings and prayers,
Margo and Tim Smith

Margo Smith - July 06, 2017 at 09:01 AM

DR

“ A story I will cherish forever in my heart. When my son Shaun was five years old, he was diagnosed with ecoli and hospitalized for quite some time. I was a single mom, very scared, and away from family and friends. I was fortunate to reside at the Ronald McDonald House. Michael was just a kid. He came to stay with me faithfully so I was not alone. He would hold my hand, get food for me, and listen to me cry. He would make me laugh when he knew I was so afraid. We shared a bond during that time that will be forever in my heart. I am not sure how we will ever be over our loss, but I do know that Michael is finally at peace. Away from the pain and suffering he endured. Rest in peace my little angel. Until we meet again Love Debbie, Shaun, Alexis, Jacob ,Kali, and Michaela

Debbie Rivera - July 05, 2017 at 05:22 PM

JT

To my cousin, my friend. There arent enough words to say how much you meant to me. The tears roll down my face, as the memories run through my mind. You have touched the hearts of everyone you came into contact with. Your kindness, your laughter, and your smile will live on in my heart until the day we meet again. God has blessed me, by knowing you. Rest in peace old friend. I love you. John

John Trzepacz - July 05, 2017 at 07:34 PM

MS

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Margo and Tim Smith

Margo Smith - July 06, 2017 at 08:25 AM

SJ

My cousin Michael always knew how to live life to the fullest. He was always more concerned with other people's happiness above his own. He brought joy and laughter wherever he was. I was fortunate to know him as a toddler. He had beautiful curly hair and even then he had a lot of energy and personality. One day while baby-sitting for him, I cooked one of his two favorite meals, scrambled eggs (the other being "ronies") . Grandma Rosie (aka babci) always taught her grandchildren the important Polish buzz words, such as daj mi buzi (give me a kiss) or gorace (hot). I placed the plate of scrambled eggs on Michael's high chair tray and said, "Michael, careful, you know what babci says Oh gorace!! It's hot!" With every bite of the egg Michael would exclaim "oh, gorace!!!" followed by a good full minute of that beautiful, full-bellied laugh. Sometimes he would put his beautiful curly head on the tray and giggle with laughter. Even then, he was a great entertainer. I'll always treasure those moments and that beautiful laugh! Later in life, we shared that beautiful laughter. What a wonderful sense of humor! You knew you would have a great time if Michael was at the party!! Your happiness was most important to him! I'm sorry for your loss Aunt Joan and Mary. Michael, thank you for the beautiful memories! Buzis in heaven! Kocham Cie (I love you!) Your cousin, Sandy Jones.

Sandra Jones - July 06, 2017 at 05:35 PM

MP

Our hearts break for you Joan and Mary, and the rest of Michaels family and loved ones. His picture says it all...that smile! It's our good fortune to have known him.

Mike and Beth Pashley - July 06, 2017 at 09:10 PM

DR

You will forever be in our hearts....Joan & Mary, may God hold your hands & give you strength. Hold all the memories close to your hearts. RIP Michael, until we meet again....Love, Deb Rondeau

Debi Rondeau - July 06, 2017 at 10:11 PM

EG

COL Marks: May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. My most sincere condolences.

SFC G

Ed Guerrero - July 06, 2017 at 11:41 PM

MH

What a remarkable man Michael was.. years ago when we all used to get together, Michael was always my dance partner.. he could dance!! He'd kid with me and say.. " If you weren't married and I wasn't gay, I'd marry you! " and I'd say.. " and wed live in your moms house just as she wanted! " I still live there today in Marcy and will always hold a special place in my heart for Michael. He will be missed! ❤️

Melissa Howell - July 07, 2017 at 06:59 AM



Michael and I sang a duet together once, and were friends from that moment on. Such a beautiful crazy FUN man. So real, without pretense. Later we shared showing each other our cancer scars. Gone too soon, my friend. So glad that Marc brought me to meet him (and Danny and Mary) that summer in 2003. His energy was bottomless. He LIVED life. He LOVED life. What a long battle he fought. How much he will be missed.

Lauren Darman - July 07, 2017 at 07:43 PM



So very sorry for your loss :(Ted & Cindy Stanhope

Cindy Stanhope - July 11, 2017 at 08:35 AM