



Mr. Michael Anthony "Mike" Nelson, Sr.

November 23, 1985 - February 14, 2023

UTICA – Mr. Michael Anthony “Mike” Nelson, Sr., age 37, died unexpectedly in the comfort and dignity of his own home on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Mike was born on November 23, 1985 to Robin A. Rotundo and David A. Nelson, Sr. He lived his life in the Utica area, attending Wetmore Elementary School, Donovan Middle School, and T.R. Proctor High School. He was one of the top track athletes and had an appreciation for Coach Sam Paniccia.

A man who had excellent skill in the kitchen, Mike worked as a cook at various establishments – almost like he worked at all the Utica restaurants at one time or another! It could be said that, at least once, every Utican ate a meal expertly prepared by Mike.

Family was so important to him, he always wanted everyone to be together. He was a man full of life. He was a grateful son, proud father, and a caring PaPa. He always made sure to take photos with family and friends.

Whether he was wrong or right, he never made excuses or told lies; he knew how important it was to apologize. Very self-aware, he handled his own personal struggles. He knew how to make the most of life. Whenever he was going through something, he was grateful for his safe haven: his home on Lansing St.

Michael is survived by his parents Robin A. Rotundo and David A. Nelson, Sr.; his children Anthony Robert Nelson and Yajaira Bermudez and their 11-month-old son Anthony Aviel-Pedro Nelson; and his youngest son, Michael Anthony Nelson, Jr.; the mother of his children Ann Daws and her daughter Jordyn Harp, whom he helped raise as his own; his brother David A. Nelson, Jr.; his sister Krista A. Williams; his nieces Gabrealah Nelson, Victoria Nelson, Angelisa Williams, Arielle Williams and Adalyna Williams; his maternal grandfather Anthony "Tony" R. Rotundo, Sr.; his uncles Anthony R. Jr. and Jessica Rotundo, Robert Nelson, Jr., Steven Nelson; and his aunt Georgina and David Kitchen and their families. He also leaves Leroy Lucas, Joseph Morgia, and Anthony Blohm who he considered his brothers.

Michael was preceded by his grandparents Roberta (Robbins) Rotundo, and Robert and Evelyn Nelson; and his uncles Mark and Mike Nelson.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

GA

“ hey uncle mike idk if your reading this but i just wanted you to know that i love u and i miss you a lot i wish this didn't have to happen to you. But i know your having a good time in heaven. I love you uncle mike.

gabrelah - March 27, 2023 at 01:06 PM

GA

“ i love u soo much uncle mike

gabrealah - March 17, 2023 at 01:25 PM

RI

“ Richard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Anthony "Mike" Nelson, Sr.



Richard - February 26, 2023 at 08:23 PM

RI

“ Mikey.

There is so much to say. Even though we all follow different paths in life I am glad we were born into the family. We def had our memories together mikey.

I was thinking about our times growing up

Thinking about how you me and uncle Tony

Your grandfather my uncle used to go to movies and have family times together. Remember when you worked at the mall and I would stop and see you.

Always remembered are goodbyes to eachother love ya Richie love ya mikey.

No matter what happened in life we the family loved and loves you.

So many of us slttayed concerned about you

And just like the Rotundo way love is always there you were never forgotten.

I love you mikey.

I am glad we came from the same cloth bro

And i wish there was more time

I know how mom is feeling since you know my son your cousin went to heaven

If you cross his path please tell him how much I miss him

Please let everyone know

Grandma

Aunt Roberta

Aunt Ann

Uncle Jack

Uncle frank

Uncle Sam

Aunt Mae

Uncle Emmer

Your uncle Robert my cousin

Your grandmother Robertas father

*As I used to call him the big guy
And so may others
We love you mikey
So many of us are sad about this
You were a great father
A great grandfather
A man who really did care*

*Will miss you cousin
Just like always me and DJ
Will take care of Uncle Tony*

*Deeeg calls me and texts me and let's me know as well what he
needs*

*I wish you were here so I can say this to you
Like we talked a while ago time seems to fly
When I said come to FL get away and start new its better for your
mind and soul mikey.*

*Now you can be free and fly clean and clear with no worries now
you can smile forever*

*Love you bro
May we cross paths again may our families embrace in the end*

Love Ritchie

Richard - February 26, 2023 at 08:13 PM

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“ We had 10+ years of memories. One of my favorite memories was when we was sitting having a deep conversation, You said to me “ WE GOING HAPPY TOGETHER” I said “ CAN YOU PROMISE THAT”? You responded “ I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN”. You loved love, and I’ve always admired that about you. The way that you loved me and most importantly the way that you loved and cherished your family and close friends. Rest on mi amor 🙏. Although my heart is still heavy, I still have the memories to last a lifetime ❤️ 🗳️ 😔



Bre - February 22, 2023 at 02:31 PM

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“ Alicia Purpura lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Anthony "Mike" Nelson, Sr.



Alicia purpura - February 21, 2023 at 11:03 PM

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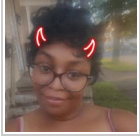
“ Mike u were the hood cook always cheffing up something ..and everyone loved ur cooking. U were a cool dude..u def gonna b missed...R.i.P mike till we meet again...

Alicia purpura - February 21, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ Rip Mike. You were a good guy. You loved your family. Hope you are at peace now.

R - February 21, 2023 at 10:33 PM



“ *My condolences to mike family and all of his friends. Mike you will truly be missed . Now I can't hound u for food . Or pop over and have a few beers with u . You will always have a place in my heart .*



Tot Jones - February 20, 2023 at 02:26 AM



“ *SIP Mike, you will be missed by many, especially your family.*



Courtney - February 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *My condolences to your family! You were a good friend mike! We got some Memories sleep peacefully*



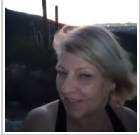
makayla - February 19, 2023 at 05:26 AM



“ *So sorry for this families loss Remember when I used to babysit him when he was just a little boy and his brother and sister too praying for your family 🙏 r.l.p Michael*



Melissa liss - February 19, 2023 at 02:07 AM



“ *Mary Wisner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Anthony "Mike" Nelson, Sr.*



Mary Wisner - February 18, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to your family Mike Nelson I'm sad your gone may you watch over your family. You are one hell of a guy. I knew you was a cool dude the first time we met, . I'm really lost for words. Rest in peace Mike* 📖🕊️😭

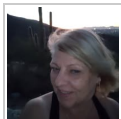


Nita Linen - February 18, 2023 at 07:22 PM



Oh Robin! My heart is crying for you and your family . I'm so very sorry. I'm praying for you all my friend. 🙏

michele Taylor - February 18, 2023 at 10:11 PM



Heartfelt condolences my thoughts n prayers are with you

Mary Wisner - February 18, 2023 at 10:30 PM



My condolences to you Robin and family. Im so sorry and Im praying for you all R.I.P. Mike

Donna Rosado - February 21, 2023 at 06:06 AM