



Michael L. Reale

April 9, 1925 - June 1, 2011

Mr. Michael L. Reale, age 86, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and support of his family.

Michael was born in Utica on April 9, 1925, the son of the late John and Louise (Maggolini) Reale. He was raised and educated locally. Mike served his country in the United States Navy. On September 6, 1947 he married the former Sarah R. Sardina with whom he shared a 63-year marriage, supportive of each other and devoted to family life.

Mike was employed as a custodian with the Utica City School District, a career which spanned 20 years and displayed his strong work ethic. He enjoyed the simple things in life; camping, boating, woodworking, and playing cards. He was an avid bowler. He had a great sense of humor that made everyone smile. Mike was a member of the American Legion Whitestown Post. He was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish and at one time, its Holy Name Society.

Mike is survived by his wife, Sarah; his children and their spouses, John M., Sr. and Theresa Reale of Utica, Jack R. and Cynthia A. Reale of Sylvan Beach, Francis J. Reale and his wife Susan Rosato Reale of Utica, and Michele and Brendan Dunn of Utica; his grandchildren, John M., Jr. and Jean

Reale, Gina and Stephen Surace, Paul Reale and Michele Priess, Erin Reale, and Sara Reale; Jack and Kim Reale, Jeffrey Reale and Caroline Gable, Jill Reale and Andrew Allen, and Joel Reale; Chris and Shannon Rosato, Kate and Mat Perry, Jonathon Dunn and Celeste Amundsen; and his great-grandchildren, Emily Rose and Rachel Surace; Maggie, Jack, and Sarah Reale. In addition, he leaves his sisters, Catherine Giannico, and Isabelle Torraco, both of Yorkville, and Antoinette Sullivan of NM; his brother and sister-in-law, Nicholas and Ruth Reale of Yorkville sister-in-law, Margaret Reale; and a large extended family. . He was predeceased by his brother, Ignazio Reale; and his sisters and brothers-in-law, Cecelia and Dick Gardinier, Angeline and Paul Marfone, and Sam Giannico.

In Mike's memory, please consider a blood donation to the American Red Cross. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the American Heart Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Whitestown American Legion will gather at the funeral home at 6:30 for prayer services. Mike's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Committal prayers and interment will follow graveside at St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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corner of Hammond Ave.
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Service

JUN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael L. Reale*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gary Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Reale*



Gary Ollerenshaw - June 07, 2011 at 08:17 PM



“ *To the whole Reale family I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mike or papa smurf I was away and did not know about Mikes passing What can I say he was the greatest and he will be missed. We had some great times together bowling and we all will never forget them May he rest in peace and know that he is a better place*

Gary Ollerenshaw

Gary Ollerenshaw - June 07, 2011 at 08:16 PM

EE

“ Terri and John: So sorry for your loss. Thinking about you and your family. Wishing you peace and comfort in the coming days. You will be in my prayers. God Bless.

Liz Eaton



Elizabeth Eaton - June 03, 2011 at 01:55 PM

ML

“ Rick and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Reale always was such a fun person to talk to, from when we were young to the present. He certainly had his share of health difficulties and we always teased that he had nine lives. We hope he has now found eternal comfort!!!! We may not be able to attend the wake as Rick is having a scope in Syracuse, but we will definitely be with you at the funeral.

Mary Beth & Rick LaNeve

Mary Beth & Rick LaNeve - June 03, 2011 at 07:06 AM

MS

“ Jack - I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. No words will make it any easier but the memories will help to keep him alive in your heart. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. ~~Mary Elaine (Puleo) Seppo

Mary Elaine (Puleo) Seppo - June 03, 2011 at 06:09 AM

MS

“ *Melody Surace lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Reale*



Melody Surace - June 02, 2011 at 08:19 PM

MS

Mike was one of the gentlest souls I have ever met and his smile could light up a room. Godspeed Mike ! I will think of you everytime it thunders, wondering if you are on the Heavenly Lanes chasing a perfect score.

Melody Surace - June 02, 2011 at 08:23 PM

TS

“ *I will miss all the "quiet" times around Uncle Mike! He was always there with a ready smile and a laugh. Love and miss you, Tim Sullivan*



Timothy Patrick Sullivan - June 02, 2011 at 04:24 PM

NR

“ *"I was just a young high school student when Mike taught me how to play pitch. I spent many hours with Mike learning all the secrets (and phrases) of the game. After many years, I have become a pretty good pitch player and am allowed to play with the guys. I know that Mike will be with me every time I pick up a deck of cards and hopefully win a few for him. I'm going to miss that smile and humor Mike, it was a blessing to have you in my life. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Reale family..."*

Nancy Reynolds

Nancy Reynolds - June 02, 2011 at 01:28 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Reale*



Nancy Reynolds - June 02, 2011 at 01:20 PM

MB

“ *Dear Sara & Reale Family:*

We are deeply sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. Even though you will not be seeing him everyday memories and laughs will keep alive within you forever!

*We love you,
Your MCSD Family*



Maria C. Barresi - June 02, 2011 at 10:27 AM

RC

“ *What a wonderful man he was. I truly enjoyed shooting the breeze with him when he used to come into the pharmacy. We would joke around with each other and have a ball. He would always come in with a smile and cheer us all up. See you when it's my turn to walk with God in heaven Mr Reale, we are going to miss you!!!*

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. God bless



Rena Chapman Cunningham - June 02, 2011 at 07:49 AM