



## Mr. Michael R. Taurisano

October 16, 1934 - January 31, 2024

NEW HARTFORD – Mr. Michael R. Taurisano, age 89, was reunited with his wife when he passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. He passed comfortably knowing the loving care of the ones he held closest.

Born in Utica on October 16, 1934, Michael was the beloved son of the late Anthony R. “Tony” and Angeline (Rocco) Taurisano. On April 30, 1960, Mike wed the former Angela Baleno, a marriage of 51 years based on enduring love, mutual respect, and support. Together they nurtured five children, founded a family retail business, and in their retirement found time to explore many common interests together. Angela passed away on December 9, 2011.

Mike graduated from T.R Proctor High School in 1952 and was active on the committee that organized a class reunion every 5 years. He graduated from Ithaca College/Class of 1956 with a degree in Physical Therapy when the profession was in its infancy. After college, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served two years in Baumholder, Germany as a Medic with the 27th U.S. Infantry, and an additional two years in the Army Reserve 816th Station Hospital Unit in Utica.

In 1963, Michael gained employment with St. Luke's-Memorial Hospital Center. He was appointed Chief Physical Therapist and subsequently developed additional adjunct services to form the Department of Rehabilitation

Services. He completed a master's degree in Nursing Home Administration at the New School for Social Research in 1986. Mike went on to serve St. Luke's-Memorial Hospital Center in the capacities of Assistant Administrator and Nursing Home Administrator. Upon his departure from the hospital, he held the position of Associate Executive Director, having humbly served in his administrative positions for 23 years.

In addition to his career, he balanced a new concept company, Speedy Awards and Engraving, which was established in 1975 in the basement of his home. He solicited signs for hospitals across the country. Ever creative and entrepreneurial, he grew this original business, and with the blessings of his wife, he resigned from his position in healthcare, and they joined forces and opened their first retail shop at 64 Genesee Street in the village of New Hartford. His wife was his partner and each of their talents complemented their endeavor. The couple retired in 1997 and new adventures began for them. Speedy Awards and Engraving continues as a family owned and operated business.

In his younger days Mike was an avid hunter. He had a keen eye for just the right car and was a vintage car collector. As a person who enjoyed working with his hands, he made and refinished many pieces of furniture. When one hobby was finished, they found another to take its place. They became motorcoach enthusiasts and traveled this great country coast to coast and had many favorite spots that they often spoke of. He held numerous memberships with local organizations, including the New Hartford Kiwanis Club and many professional and health associations. He was also a member and past President of the Mohawk Motorcades Car Club and R.V. Club.

Mike was a diligent worker, a man of integrity, a gentleman, and a family man. Although a man of few words he was one of the best storytellers. Traditional and old school, he taught life lessons in a subtle way. He was a great mentor

to his children and wanted them to follow his lead. When Mike was in the room, his presence was noticed. When his beloved Angela "Dolly" became ill, his whole life revolved around her, his angel. They tried to live life as normally as they could, and he was attentive to any of her medical appointments or needs. He never left her side, and he demonstrated his love through his actions; to this day his children remain so grateful to him.

Michael is survived by his children and their loves, Anthony "Tony" Taurisano and Anne Patterson, David M. Taurisano, Ann M. and Kevin Cough, Lyn Taurisano, and Michele A. Taurisano; his cherished grandchildren, Jennifer Taylor, Anthony "TJ" and Ashley Taurisano; Angelo R. Taurisano; Tori and Chris Goody, Kate Cough and Matt Kenny, Ali Tizzano and Keith Getter, Connor and Nicole Cough; Cecilee Cashman and Rob Gerling, and Courtney and Joey Jeffery; and his adored great-grandchildren, Jacob Taylor; Carson, and Nolan Taurisano; Raymond, Theodore, and Piper Goody; Jacob, Bailey, Genevieve, and Lawson Getter; Madelyn Cough; and Coraline Jeffery. He will live on in the hearts of his sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Joseph LaBarbera; and his brother-in-law, Robert Bedell. He fondly remembered his sister, Carol Bedell, who preceded him in 2017. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and in-laws, Anthony and Eleide "Lee" Baleno, and Theresa Konrad and the late Klaude Konrad. He shared a companionship with Kathie Green and was grateful for her affection and care in his final years. He was additionally predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dominick M. and Anna (Colella) Baleno.

The family extends their gratitude to the physicians, nurses, and staff of Wynn Hospital who provided Mike with quality, compassionate care with genuine kindness.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at

the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In the family's reflection of a worthy cause that their dad would have found appropriate, memorial contributions in Mike's honor may be made to the Hope House of Utica online at <http://hopehouseutica.org>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Michael's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Dad, we know this is the "End of the Trail" here, but we believe that you and Mom will start another adventure together.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 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 7. 9:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

FY

“ Ann, Kevin and family. We are sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking of all of you at this time. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

*Alan & Francine Young*

Francine Young - February 07, 2024 at 08:11 PM

JM

“ Joseph James Martin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.

Joseph James Martin - February 06, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.



February 06, 2024 at 01:45 PM

BT

“ BHN Pharmacy Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.

BHN Pharmacy Team - February 06, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*



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February 06, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ *Kathy and Dane Austin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*

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**Kathy and Dane Austin** - February 05, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ *Kathy and Dane Austin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*



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**Kathy and Dane Austin** - February 05, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ *Kate and Matt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*

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**Kate and Matt** - February 05, 2024 at 05:34 PM

KM

“ *Kate and Matt purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*



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**Kate and Matt** - February 05, 2024 at 05:34 PM

RW

“ *Michele and family,*

*Michael and I are saddened to hear of the loss of your dad. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this very sad time.*

*Rahlene and Michael Welch*

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**Rahlene Welch** - February 05, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*



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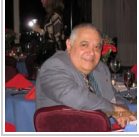
February 05, 2024 at 02:09 PM

SV

“ *Susan V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*

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**Susan V.** - February 05, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ *Lyn, Tony & family-*

*My deepest sympathy on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

*Victor J. Fariello Jr.*



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**Victor Fariello** - February 05, 2024 at 09:31 AM

IY

“ *Irene Yarusso purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*



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**Irene Yarusso** - February 04, 2024 at 01:52 PM

TF

“ *The Konrad Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*

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**The Konrad Family** - February 03, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.*



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February 03, 2024 at 02:52 PM

KK

“ *Taurisano Cousins and Families,*

*Our deepest condolences over the passing of your Dad. What great, interesting, kind guy he always was. I can picture him the behind the wheel of a convertible Studebaker with your Mom right now, cruising into a heavenly sunset...*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Sincerely,  
Cousin Kris & Emily and the Konrad family.*

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**Kristopher Konrad** - February 03, 2024 at 02:47 PM

ST

“ *Lyn, Tony & Taurisano Family,*

*Very sorry for your loss and to hear about your father's passing. I always enjoyed time with your dad - he always had words of wisdom to share and I always listened. I will miss seeing him at the car shows. We are away from the area and will miss his services. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family members during this difficult time. May God Bless each of you and hold Mike in the palm of his hand.*

*Stephen & Jackie Teti*

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**Stephen & Jacqueline Teti** - February 03, 2024 at 12:35 PM

DD

“ *Lynn: I am so sorry to read of your father's passing. My sympathies to you and your family.*

*Denise DiGiorgio*

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**Denise DiGiorgio** - February 03, 2024 at 09:13 AM

PD

“ *To the complete family, Kim and I want to send our condolences, I truly did love both of your parents ,the DeBuono’s*

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**Paul DeBuono** - February 03, 2024 at 05:39 AM

SR

“ *Susan E Rahauiser lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano*



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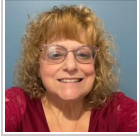
**Susan E Rahauiser** - February 03, 2024 at 12:35 AM

JC

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to Marilyn, Joe and family and all of Mike’s children and grandchildren as well as all the members of his Family. He was a true gentleman. May he rest in peace with his beautiful Angela once again by his side.  
Love and Prayers,  
Jeanne Castronovo*

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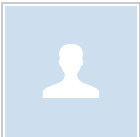
**Jeanne Castronovo** - February 02, 2024 at 10:22 PM



“ I loved your dad. He was always very talkative with me and friendly. Made me feel at home right away. He that quality in him: I always felt like I was on the outskirts of the family, but he was so warm: it was nice. When I told him that I was headed to Medical School, he gave me my first Atlas: Grey’s Anatomy. I’ll never forget that. That stuck so vividly in my mind. I remember being at a family picnic at your family’s house when he did that. I was brand new to the family at the time: Rob and I were just dating. He made everyone who came to the house feel comfortable and at home. That’s who your dad was!! He was friendly, kind, courteous, and always showed his love for all!! He was a smart man! Knew his medical terminology with me. When your mom was diagnosed with cancer, I was there at the hospital before she was going in for surgery. I sad hello and stuck my head in to give encouragement before the surgery. Your mom was a real trooper and your dad truly did love her with all his heart. Later, I was able to meet Cathy at the pool. She was a wonderful lady and we talked quite a bit. I’m glad your dad wasn’t alone for those last years!! He really lived his life and lived it well! Sending my love and prayers to all!

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**Janice Bedell** - February 02, 2024 at 09:58 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael R. Taurisano.



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February 02, 2024 at 06:35 PM

MS

“ *Ann and Family,  
I was very to read of Mike's passing. You are  
in my prayers at this difficult time. God bless  
you, his loved ones.  
Sincerely,  
Michele Simmen*



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**Michele Simmen** - February 02, 2024 at 04:27 PM

JP

“ *My deepest sympathies on the loss of your dad. I remember your  
mom and Dad fondly. ....Joyce Oster Palmer*

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**Joyce Oster Palmer** - February 02, 2024 at 01:51 PM