



Michael J. Mallace

July 23, 1956 - April 2, 2008

Mr. Michael J. Mallace, age 51, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 as the result of a devastating fire at his residence on Whitesboro Street.

Born in Utica on July 23, 1956, Michael was the son of the late James and Nina (Emmi) Mallace. He also knew the love and guidance of his maternal grandparents. He was raised and educated locally. A proud veteran, Michael served his country in the Armed Forces.

Affectionate and outgoing, Michael wanted others to know of the love and compassion he felt for his fellow man; he gravitated to others in need. In his earlier years, his hobbies included body building. He was a talented and self-taught acoustical guitarist. Michael participated in ministries at the Sunset Avenue site of the Calvary Gospel Church and shared a close and spiritual relationship with his pastor, Rev. George Dodd.

Michael is survived by his step-mother, Catherine Mallace of Utica; his siblings and their spouses, Debra and Tom Pileggi, Brenda Ferri, Darlene and Majtaba Miri, Michelle and William Divens, John Krupa, Maria Sheridan, John Emmi, and Robbie Emmi; his aunts, uncles, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents.

The family extends sincere appreciation to the Utica Fire Department and the Utica Police Department for their compassion and kindness. A respectful thank-you is offered to Pastor George Dodd for his inspirational and

encouraging ways and his commitment to inviting Christ into Michael's life. The Mallace family also wishes to express their sympathy and prayers to the other families who have lost loved ones to this unfortunate fire. Visitation will be held on Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Michael's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday evening at 6:00 immediately upon conclusion of visitation with the Rev. George Dodd, Pastor of Calvary Gospel Church officiating. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ It has been a long time but I knew him as Cosmo...He was always friendly and played a mean electric guitar.##imported-begin##Don from NYM##imported-end##

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“ Lots of people took advantage of Mike (Cosmo) and picked on him, but he always was able to forgive and forget and was willing to extend his friendship to those who were mean to him. He always seemed to want to make friends with everyone regardless of the type of character they had.
Coz was really fat as a kid and got picked on because of that. Then he lost a lot of weight and start to get into body building. Suddenly, nobody picked on him anymore, and he was really proud of his accomplishment. The thing is, that he didn't turn into a bully like those who picked on him, even though everyone could understand it if he did. I never saw him mean to anybody/
I knew Coz for more than 40 years. He had a very hard life, but he never seemed to let that get to him. He always acknowledged me when we would run into each other, and he was kind to me. I am so sorry and sad to see that he died in such a horrible way. He deserved better.##imported-begin##Someone who knew Mike##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends of Michael. I can only hope there is peace in your hearts. From what I knew of "Mikey" he would only have wanted that from everyone. I am so deeply sorry for your loss..
With love,
Maria###imported-begin##Maria (Emmi) Sheridan###imported-end##

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“ To the Mlri Family:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you at this time.

Sincerely,
Jackie Heitz
West Frankfort###imported-begin##Jackie Heitz###imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 10:04 AM



“ Brenda, I am so sorry to hear of the death of your brother. May God Bless him and may he rest in peace. Sandy###imported-begin##Sandy Hastings###imported-end##

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“ I knew Mike 28 years ago, and I was very saddened to read about his passing.....but I know he's walking those streets of gold.###imported-begin##sharon###imported-end##

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“ *I have never meant you but I offer my prayers for you and your family and friends as they mourn your death. Now you rest in peace. Enjoy the peacefulness of heaven.##imported-begin##Will##imported-end##*

April 06, 2008 at 10:27 AM