



## Michael John "Mikey" DePerno

April 30, 1997 - April 10, 2006

Michael John "Mikey" DePerno, age 8, of Whitesboro, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 10, 2006.

Born in New Hartford on April 30, 1997, Mikey was the cherished son of Rachel A. DePerno. He was in the second grade at Westmoreland Road Elementary School where he was well-liked by his teachers and his fellow students alike.

"A ray of sunshine" and the center of the DePerno family from the very day of his birth, Mikey was a blessing to Rachel: the happiness that he brought her as her first-born was immeasurable. His grandparents also played vital and meaningful roles in his life: his Poppy was his idol and the person with whom he shared all the fun things, his Nonnie was his guardian angel, and they both cared for him with boundless love and devotion. Mikey was a joy to everyone. He was a happy child who brightened the days of all who knew him with his smiles and laughter. Family, friends, neighbors, schoolmates, and teachers were all readily won over by his gift for warming their hearts and melting away all obstacles to love and friendship.

Mikey truly loved life and welcomed every day with excitement and wonder. More than anything, he loved being with his family, especially when they went on vacations to amusement parks where the most fun and pleasure came from the roller coasters and video games. During his summer excursions, he also liked collecting snakes, spiders, and frogs. Mikey loved sports, especially snow sports, such as "tubing"; he also liked playing soccer and hunting at the

family camp. He was a loyal fan of Syracuse University basketball, NY Yankee baseball, wrestling and riding his bike. His favorite meal was pasta, especially when accompanied by all “the extras,” and he loved playing Yu-Gi-Oh, a mystical character game. His family’s parish is St. Paul’s Church in Whitesboro where he was looking forward with great anticipation to his First Communion when he would receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Michael is survived by his mother, Rachel A. DePerno and her fiancé, Ron Gage; his brother, Dakota, known to his family as “Cody; his grandparents, Lawrence V. and Sandra (DeTraglia) DePerno of Whitesboro; and his great-grandparents, E. Charles and Florence DeTraglia of Utica. He is also survived by a special uncle who was his “good buddy” and an aunt, Lawrence C. and Heather DePerno of Whitesboro, and their children, Lillian Diane, Antonia Marie, and Josephine Sarah; his great-uncles and great-aunts, Charles and Carol DeTraglia, and Michael and Natalie DeTraglia and their children; his great-great-uncles and great-great-aunts, with special mention of Captain John DePerno; and numerous cousins. In addition, Mikey will be remembered by his best friend and inseparable buddy, “Little Louie” DeSarro, as well as Ronnie and Connor, and his many other friends, his classmates, and his neighborhood companions. He also leaves his dogs, Roo and Shylo. He was predeceased by his great-grandparents, Lawrence J. and Mary D. DePerno. The family is deeply grateful to everyone who offered their support, compassion, kindness, and service during a most difficult time, especially to Dr. Vasishtha and to Kathy Krowicki who have been exceptional caregivers throughout Mikey’s childhood, to the staff of the ER at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, to Sue Cooper for her warmth and friendship, to the personnel of Kunkel Ambulance for their valiant efforts, and to the staff of University Hospital.

Visitation will be held today (Wednesday) from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider contributions to the family to use for an appropriate memorial purpose. Relatives and

friends are respectfully invited to attend a Funeral Mass for Michael on Thursday morning at 11:30 at St. Paul's Church in Whitesboro. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 13. 11:30 AM (ET)

The Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church

16 Park Ave.

Whitesboro, NY 13492

<https://stpaulswhitesboro.org/>

# Tribute Wall

DA

“Wow another year, the world is still mourning the loss of you, your mom is moving forward, but she needs you, a mom's love can break, and never heals, she loves you. Happy birthday Mike and happy Easter.

Dawn - April 10, 2021 at 10:09 PM

DV

“Another year gone, another year that everyone misses out on. Your brother is doing so good, and I bet he makes you proud. Happy Easter, and Happy birthday

Dawn Vescio - April 10, 2017 at 03:20 PM



“RACHEAL, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING TO MY DAD WAKE, IT HAD TO BE THE HARDEST THING FOR YOU WHEN YOU WERE JUST HERE FOR YOUR SON. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I ADMIRE YOU FOR YOUR STRENGTH, I DO WISH YOU WELL, IM SO SORRY FOR ALL YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. I HOPE YOU GET EVEN. I KNOW IT WON'T BRING HIM BACK BUT IT WILL TEACH THEM ALL. CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING OR JUST TO TALK, IF YOU EVEN WANT TO GET AWAY FOR A BIT, YOUR MORE THAN WELCOME IN MY HOME.##imported-begin##DAWN DOUGHERTY##imported-end##

August 03, 2006 at 02:25 PM

DV

Happy birthday, and Happy Easter, every year at this time I always think of you. May you forever rest in peace.

Dawn Vescio - March 22, 2016 at 08:01 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this painful time for you. I'm sure he was a beautiful boy.##imported-begin##Mary##imported-end##

April 16, 2006 at 09:07 PM



“ To the family of Mikey, you are in my thoughts, I am so sorry##imported-begin##Rita Chapman##imported-end##

April 14, 2006 at 01:19 AM



“ We want to convey our deepest sympathy to the DeTraglia and DePerno families for your loss.

*You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Respectfully,*

*Francis N. & Bonnie L. Fragola*

*P.O. Box 1940*

*Euless, Texas 76039##imported-begin##Francis (Franny)*

*Fragola##imported-end##*

April 13, 2006 at 10:32 PM



“ Jeff, Michelle, Elizabeth, Alia and Hailey send there deepest sympathy.

*1431 City Street Utica##imported-begin##Michelle And Jeffrey*

*Effland##imported-end##*

April 13, 2006 at 09:44 PM



“ HI SANDY AND LARRY, RACHEL IAM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS I CAN NOT IMAGE WHAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE GOING THOUGH. I HOPE TO SEE YOU GUYS SOON TAKE CARE LISA##imported-begin##LISA GATTO##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 05:46 PM



“ Mikey was a special boy who always brought a smile to my face every time I saw him. When Rachel would bring him to class he would have this look of mischief on his face and even had Mr. Perrotti laughing at how bright he was. I'll never forget his explanation to Mr. Perrotti of how he knew what rigor mortis was because his daddy went hunting and made this silly face and had the whole class in stitches. Or the jelly creature he kept slinging against the wall making farting noises. Anything for a laugh! He even picked on Mr. Perrotti for liking the Red Sox by coming to class in a "Beat them again and again and again" Yankees shirt. Mikey had some rough times but he was getting through all of that and for this to happen is heartbreaking. I'm sure I'm not the only one to say that he will be sorely missed and he is deeply loved. My heart goes out to Rachel, Cody and the rest of the family at this trying time. May it give you peace to know that Mikey is always by your side in spirit and to carry you through the difficult times.##imported-begin##Jenn Olsson##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 05:17 PM



“ There is no greater loss than that of losing a child. Parents should not have to bury their children however, this is something that we have no control over.

As someone explained to me some 30 years ago when my 7 year old daughter died suddenly in an accident "Children are on loan to us from God". We are the special people that He has chosen to watch over them, teach them and care for them, and then when God feels that this has all been accomplished He calls them to come back home. Although this is so very hard to understand right now while you are grieving for Michael - you have to believe that Michael is a "BEAUTIFUL ANGEL" in Heaven that will watch over you and be with you forever in Spirit. God bless you and may you feel God's presence with you throughout this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Joanne Miller##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 09:26 AM



“ You don't know me, but I wanted you all to know that there is no greater loss than that of your own child. You will be in my thoughts and prayers, it sounds like many happy memories were made in Michaels short life, those will bring many years of smiles to you.. savor them.and god be with all of you.##imported-begin##pattie##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 08:42 AM



“ Im so sorry for you loss. You and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jean##imported-end##

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April 12, 2006 at 04:46 PM



“ Hello Rachel and Larry;  
I used to ride the N.Y. Mills bus. I have moved to Waterville, N.Y.. I just wanted you all to know that you all are in my heart thoughts and prayers. Please also remember you will always have the loving memories of your son and grandson. Please also know that you will always have my love as well. May God bless you all. Love Always  
Grace Myers.##imported-begin##grace myers##imported-end##

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April 12, 2006 at 01:12 PM



“ My dear little Mikey,  
You will always remain in our memories with your beautiful little smiles. We're so glad that we were able to know you, you will be so sadly missed but we know that you are in God's good care and you're one of his little angels.  
God Bless You and be with You.  
Cheryl, Herb, Shannon and Benjamin Franklin##imported-begin##Cheryl, Herb, Shannon and Benjamin Franklin##imported-end##

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April 12, 2006 at 09:30 AM



“ I'm sure you don't know me but, I had to send my thoughts and prayers to you. I also live in Whitesboro and I am past President of the Ladies Aux. of the Whitesboro Fire Dept.

Just by looking at the picture of "Mikey", he had a special glow. He looked like a beautiful boy who was very happy. No parent should ever have to bury their child. Please accept my condolences and know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Debi Rondeau##imported-end##

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April 12, 2006 at 07:17 AM



“ Thanks for touching our hearts! We will forever cherish our memories with Michael. We all love you very much. Hugs and Kisses!###imported-begin##Diane,Mark,Kaleigh&Marissa Miller###imported-end##

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April 11, 2006 at 11:13 PM