



Michael P. Surace, Jr.

May 1, 1940 - June 15, 2006

Mr. Michael P. Surace, Jr., age 66, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center.

Born in Utica on May 1, 1940, Michael was the son of the late Michael P. Sr. and Ruth (Chiever) Surace. He was raised and educated locally. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1957-58.

Very well known throughout the greater Utica area, Mr. Surace was employed as a taxi driver for most of his life, most recently for City Cab. Michael loved and cherished his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a friendly and personable man who was well-liked by all those fortunate enough to come into contact with him. Evidence of his warm heart was the way he affectionately referred to many of those he met and associated with as "Honey." In his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing and camping.

Mr. Surace is survived by 2 daughters and a son-in-law, Tina Surace of SC, and Heather and Wayne Williams of Utica; 4 sons and daughters-in-law, Michael P. III and Melody Surace of Utica, Vincent Surace of SC, Christopher and Terrel Surace of New Hartford, and Stephen and Gina Surace of Deerfield; 8 grandchildren; and his stepchildren and their spouses, Keith and Ledia Brucker of Utica, Billy and Debbie Brucker of SC, and Kelly and Doug Hutchins of Boonville. He is also survived by a sister, Carol Romas of Utica with whom he shared an especially close relationship; a brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Gina Surace of SC; and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves many good and lifelong friends, including Sammy McBee, Tommy

Caruso, and Bobby Baird. He was predeceased by a sister and brother-in-law, Anita L. and Robert A. "Bob" Clarke; and 2 brothers and a sister-in-law, Gerald R. "Jerry" Surace and Joseph and Dolly Surace.

The family offers its sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of the ER at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their service and compassion.

A Memorial Gathering will be held today (Sunday) from 2-4 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Please omit floral offerings. A Celebration of Life for Mr. Surace will be conducted at the funeral home this afternoon at 4:00 immediately upon the conclusion of calling hours.

Tribute Wall



“ Heather,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. I lost my dad almost 2 years ago and it was the toughest thing life could throw my way. Just take comfort in knowing that he will always be with you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Andrea Robinson##imported-begin##Andrea Robinson##imported-end##

June 21, 2006 at 06:11 AM



“ CAROL & FAMILY, I AM SO SAD TO SEE THAT MIKE HAS PASSED AWAY! I LAST SAW HIM DURING THE WINTER AT RICK'S PLACE. HE SURELY WILL BE MISSED!!! HERE IS A POEM THAT I FOUND: *Don't grieve for me, for now i'm free. I'm following the path God has laid you see. I took his hand when i heard him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy's. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Oh yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all to brief. Don't lenthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and peace to thee. God wanted me now; He set me free ! GOD BLESS & TAKE CARE, Brenda Milligan##imported-begin##Brenda Milligan##imported-end##*

June 17, 2006 at 07:49 PM

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Dad the day God took you bye the hand was the my heart was torn I never got over I loved you so much I just hold you again I love you always and forever.

Tina Surace - October 18, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ Dear Mike, Tina, and Vinny

I am so sorry to hear about your dad. He will be missed by all who knew him. I will see you all at the funeral home Sunday. If there is anything I can do for you guys, don't hesitate to call me. My number is 738-9528.##imported-begin##Dean Cassidy##imported-end##

June 17, 2006 at 01:56 PM

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Dean Cassidy thank you for always being a good friend. Thank you for always being a true friend 2 my father you're the best friend for always caring.

Tina Surace - May 14, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ to mike's family.we all lost a good man. and friend.i will remember the good times i had with mike during our cab driving days.he will be missed.god bless you all##imported-begin##mike zalewski##imported-end##

June 17, 2006 at 12:44 PM



“ TO THE FAMILY OF MIKE. I AM SORRY FOR THE LOSS. HE WAS A GOOD GUY I ENJOYED TALKING TO AT THE CITY CAB OFFICE. MY THOUGHT AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO ALL OF THE FAMILY. THANK YOU #38##imported-begin##JOHN BURKE #38##imported-end##

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“ YOU WILL BE SADLY MISSED. I WILL ALWAYS THINK OF YOUR HARD WORK WHEN I AM RIDING IN THE CAB. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY PRAYERS TOO. LOVE YOU MIKE.##imported-begin##HEATHER REDMOND##imported-end##

June 17, 2006 at 12:43 AM



“ to the family of mike.. the chrisman's are very sorry for your loss. i will remember the good time's me and mike had.. and they were some good one's god bless william chrisman##imported-begin##william chrisman##imported-end##

June 16, 2006 at 05:48 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go to Michael's family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him. He always made you feel at ease, and would make you laugh, no matter how you felt.

May he rest in peace and live in your hearts.

Walt & Sally Romas##imported-begin##Walter S. Romas##imported-end##

June 16, 2006 at 03:35 PM