



## Michael R. Uργο

October 11, 1920 - May 31, 2008

Mr. Michael R. Uργο, age 87, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Born in Utica on October 11, 1920, Michael was the son of the late John and Anna (Buttitta) Uργο. Raised and educated locally, he graduated with the 2nd graduating class of T. R. Proctor High School in 1939. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served his country in the rank of corporal from 1942-1946 stationed in London and other various locations in the United States. On June 23, 1951 he married the former Dolores E. Cappelli to whom he was devoted for 57 years in a loving marriage graced by mutual respect.

At one time Mike was employed by the Partlow Corporation where he worked as an assembler for 26 years. He was a kind and considerate man who loved people and endeavored to make them happy. His life was guided by fair and honest principles and he imparted those values to his children. An excellent musician and vocalist, Mike was the original founder of the Wandering Troubadores, a group that entertained locally on WKTV and played for the first Heart Telethon on WIBX Radio. Along with Mike, the group consisted of Frank Pazzola, Anthony Sisti, Mike Urino, Sal Paladino, and his cousin Frank Buttita. They performed in the area for many charity events, playing together as a group for over 40 years. For Mike, music was his life and he enjoyed having political conversations with his friends. He enjoyed dining at Grimaldi's Restaurant and he was a member of the American Legion Post #229. He was a communicant of St. Peter's Church.

Michael is survived by his wife, Dolores; and his sons and daughter-in-law, Michael S. Uργο of Utica, and David John and Kelly Uργο of Alexandria, VA. Survivors also include several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, his Aunt Mary Buttita of Utica, and many dear and cherished friends, too numerous to mention. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Uργο DeMichele; and his infant brother, Frank Uργο.

The family is grateful to the nurses and staff of the Intensive Care Unit at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for all the care and compassion shown to Michael and his family.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 2:00-4:00 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 memorial donations in Michael's honor to the American Heart Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. In keeping with the family's wishes, there will be no formal services. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dolores, Mike and the rest of your family,*

*Although I knew Mike for just a short number of years, a truer gentleman and kinder man I've never met. Mike had a smile and demeanor that simply said welcome to anyone in his presence. And what a wonderfully contagious laugh! A man who's "family" was his world.*

*My condolences to you all. I'll miss him myself and will think of him often.*

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June 03, 2008 at 08:10 AM



“ *Dolores, son Mike and family...now the fabulous Wandering Troubadours are united in Heaven and are playing their beautiful music for God...our deepest sympathies to your family on the loss of Mike. He was a great man. He with the other Troubadours will live on in their tapes...memories and until we all meet again. God Bless You all....##imported-begin##Ralph Paladino##imported-end##*

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June 02, 2008 at 07:16 PM



“ Dear Dolores, Knowing Mike through Dr. Spath's office was a joy. He always had a smile on his face no matter how ill he felt. Working in a Doctor's office, you tend to have "favorite" patients and you and Mike were two of them. Living 87 years full of life and excitement and love is quite a testimony. I love the picture you posted as it reflects the Mike we knew from the office. I pray the Lord Jesus wraps His arms around you and your family and holds you tight in the days and nights ahead.

You will be in my prayers.

blessings

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June 02, 2008 at 09:43 AM



“ Dolores, Mike, and Dave:

Although I may be in Atlanta, I still get important news from Utica. I am so sorry to hear of "Big Mike's" passing - I certainly hope it was peaceful. I have so many fond memories, but the one that comes to mind most vividly right now is listening to Mike sing and play the guitar on the front porch. That beautiful, deep voice singing in Italian.

May Mike rest in peace, and may each of you find comfort in the warmth of family and friends. I will not be able to make it to his services, but I might be in town the coming weekend. If so, I'll try to give you call.

Love to all,

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