



Mr. Mickey E. Nackley

February 25, 1942 - October 26, 2022

UTICA - Mr. Mickey E. Nackley, age 80, passed away on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, in the comfort and dignity of his home with his loving family by his side.

Mickey was born in Utica on February 25, 1942, to the late James M. and Sadie (George) Nackley. Mickey was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School/Class of 1960. He was an avid athlete, playing multiple sports, excelling in both baseball and football. This passion for sports never dwindled throughout his life; he was a devoted NY Giants fan and loved watching all levels of sports played by his children, nieces, nephews and his grandchildren.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1964, and retired years later from the U.S. Army Reserve as a Sergeant, First Class in 2002.

On October 16, 1965 Mickey married the former Elizabeth B. "DeDee" Raiano. Mickey and DeDee adored each other and were the best of friends. They shared over 49 years as husband and wife until her passing on May 18, 2015. Her passing left a void in his heart as he treasured so many memories they shared together.

Upon completion of high school, Mickey was proud of the 4 years he spent at Fleeger's Office Supply working in its warehouse. In 1964 he began a position at Chicago Pneumatic. He was promoted several times to different positions and was most proud to become a Millwright, holding that position for 28 years until the plant's closing in 1997. He then held a position with Orion Bus, where

he worked up until retirement. Subsequently, he and his wife DeDee owned and operated The Pizza Café & Gourmet Emporium, both located in the New Hartford Shopping Center from 1988 until 1999.

Mickey also lovingly devoted himself each season working on his son David's farm (Sheep R-OOR). He labored in harvesting and processing the garlic through the various stages. He took this role very seriously with great pride and determination.

Mickey was very proud of his family, loved his country and the opportunities it offered. He also loved his Lebanese Heritage. He was an active and loyal member of the New Hartford American Legion 1376 Post. He enjoyed the many activities and functions of the organization, as well as the numerous friendships that were made.

Mickey's children will always cherish the memories in earlier years of time spent camping with their dad. More recently, you might catch him at the three card poker table at the Turning Stone. He was an avid gardener, and especially loved to share his bounty with his loved ones. He loved to attend his grandchildren's sporting events, at which he was the biggest (and often loudest) fan. Mickey was of the Catholic Faith and was very devoted to God. He devoutly attended Mary, Mother of our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus. Mickey is survived by his children and their loves, Christine M. Nackley and her husband Matt Leveroni, Michael L. Nackley and Colin Brown, and David J. Nackley and his wife Becky Calidonna. Always in Mickey's heart was the memory of his and DeDee's infant son, Thomas David, who he never forgot, and with whom he is now reunited. Mickey also leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved grandchildren, Athena C. Thomason and Jake Krol, and Angelina M. Thomason; Matthew Leveroni, and Joseph Leveroni; and Willow R. Nackley and Nick Starrantino; and two great-grandchildren, Giavanna Thomason; and Meadow Starrantino. Mickey is also survived by his sister, Zarefay Banek; and sister-in-law, Theresa Nackley. He is additionally survived by his closest cousin and friend, Rose Nelson; several nieces and nephews and as he often stated, "his favorite nephew", Fred Nackley Jr., who was

considered a third son; and his in-laws, Laura “Lolly” Buczek, Linda DeAscentis, and Luke Raiano II and his wife Kari Gibson Raiano. Mickey also leaves behind countless wonderful friends, including Vic, Bobby, Terry, Doug, and Aaron. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Fred and Florence Nackley, and George Nackley; his brother-in-law, Chester Banek; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Luke A., Sr. and Beatrice (Steinberger) Raiano.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In recognition for the care and compassion provided to Mickey and his family, memorial contributions in his honor may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. online at <https://hospicecareinc.org/donate-online>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mickey's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday morning, November 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. from the funeral home and at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St., where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred by the U.S. Army. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 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

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

BD

“ *My sincere sympathy to Michael, David, and Christine. Mickey and I served together in the Army Reserve for over twenty years. He was a person who could always be counted on to get the job done. And with many laughs along the way! So sorry for your loss of a member of the "Big Eight". Rest in peace Mickey. Brian Donohoe (and Carol)*

Brian Donohoe - November 13, 2022 at 04:16 PM

DB

“ *Hi Mick i hope to see you and Dee in heaven some day, Dick Bloomer*

Dick Bloomer - November 06, 2022 at 08:54 PM

 Jøhn
Cølmån
Jr.

“ *Wishing the Nackley family peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love at this time of sorrow. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time.*



Jøhn Cølmån Jr. - November 02, 2022 at 05:25 PM

JF

“ *John Fava purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.*



John Fava - November 01, 2022 at 02:18 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.



November 01, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.



November 01, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.



November 01, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.



November 01, 2022 at 07:59 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.*



October 31, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.*



October 31, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ *Love Tom & Michelle Donnelly purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.*



Love Tom & Michelle Donnelly - October 31, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ *I was honored to know Mickey since baseball at Hughes School way back when and to see him regularly at Lourdes. His friendship was cherished. God Bless. Rodger Potocki*

Rodger P Potocki - October 30, 2022 at 07:07 AM

MB

“ I’m so sorry to the family of Mr. Nackley. I remember him fondly from Parkway Drugs. I remember he would come in a least once a week for his lotto tickets. He would always do “regular and advanced on both.” He was always nice to me, I loved making him laugh. He was always one of my favorite customers. My sincere condolences

Miranda E Bell - October 29, 2022 at 10:46 PM

DN

“ Diane Nackley purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.



Diane Nackley - October 29, 2022 at 07:56 PM

RF

“ My deepest sympathy to every member of Mickey’s family. I remember his Mother and Father, who were the nicest, kindest, people one could meet. His brother, Georgie, was best man for my brother, Joey,, and would do anything for our family. May he Rest In Peace. My prayers are for Mickey and his loved ones.
Rose(LaBella) Freedan 🙏🙏🌹

Rose Freedan - October 29, 2022 at 09:05 AM

DL

“ Sorry for the loss of a great person, friend and classmate at Proctor. Always a gentle person who appreciated everyone he knew. May he rest in peace.

David Lia - October 29, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.



October 29, 2022 at 12:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.



October 28, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ From the Zedack Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Mickey E. Nackley.



From the Zedack Family - October 28, 2022 at 03:13 PM



“ We lost a friend and our hearts are broken you will be miss Rest In Peace Den and Jeno

Dennis and Jeno Nicotera - October 28, 2022 at 02:01 PM

PS

“ *To the family;
Mickey was a great guy. May his soul rest in peace.
Sincerely,
Philip Scampone
Classmate Proctor 1960*

PHIIP sCAMPONE - October 28, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr.
Mickey E. Nackley.*



October 28, 2022 at 11:10 AM

NG

“ *My love & sincere sympathy to Michael, David & Christine. Mickey was a special person. My late husband, John, grew up around the corner from the Nackley home in Capron. I remember many good times & laughs with Mick & DeeDee, Junior & Linda & John & I. I suspect that they are welcoming Mickey into Heaven & telling some good jokes. I will treasure those memories & be grateful for the bond between our families. GOD BLESS*

Nancy Gozy - October 28, 2022 at 10:35 AM

CZ

“ *Michael, Christine and David, your parents were awesome people. Mickey and Dee Dee exemplified love not only to each other but also to you. To lose them is to lose a part of yourself. Life is not forever but love never dies. They have been reunited with each other and everyone they loved that past before them. God bless them and your family.*

Charles Zbytniewski - October 28, 2022 at 06:01 AM

JP

“ *Michael, David and Christine and families.....my deepest sympathies for the loss of your Dad. He and DeDee are both looking down on you with so much pride in their hearts. Finally together again and for always..... Joyce Oster Palmer*

Joyce Oster Palmer - October 27, 2022 at 03:58 PM