



Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan

August 2, 1938 - June 3, 2019

WHITESBORO - Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan, age 80, went home to the Lord on Monday, June 3, 2019 as he passed away in the comfort of his home with his family by his side.

Born in Utica on August 2, 1938, Ramah was the son of the late Nasser J. and Wadeha (Hobaica) Flihan. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1956. On August 20, 1960 he married the former Patricia "Pat" Mathews with whom he shared devotion, love, and laughter for nearly 59 years. They were of one heart and one mind.

Art was the President and CEO of the iconic N.J. Flihan & Co., Inc.

Restaurant Equipment Supply firm located at 703 Bleecker Street which he operated with his son, David Flihan, and was established by his father, Nasser in 1920. Now in its 4th generation, next year the business will celebrate its 100th year! Art took a genuine interest in every patron and was the epitome of customer service. His business ethics were fair and sincere. He will be remembered as friendly and outgoing coupled with a unique sense of humor and delivery. He would smile when he made you laugh. He was a soft soul, and his generosity and gracious ways were known to many and touched countless hearts. He was a good, humble man blessed with stoic virtues that were seen during his illness; he was never one to complain.

Art was proud of his children and he prayed for them every day. He actively supported his sons' sporting events and he was thankful to see their achievements as they matured and were blessed with their own children. He

opened his heart to his daughters-in-law and thought of them as his own daughters. His grandchildren meant the world to him, and he engaged with each of them in his own special way. They appreciated his wisdom, friendship, and advice, and were impressed with his wit. Although his life was enriched with these cherished relationships, it was always his wife Pat who he adored. His business life was a priority and he dedicated his all, but there were a few things that he took time out to do: He enjoyed sitting on the porch at his camp at Inlet; he started each morning completing the word jumble with his coffee; and took pleasure in dining out.

He was a true believer and held his Catholic upbringing close to his heart and home. Blessed Sacrament was his family's parish where he was very active with the annual bazaars and parish functions. They later joined the combined Church of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Art is survived by his beloved wife, Pat; his sons and daughters-in-law, James N. and Gina Flihan, Dr. Donald A. and Peri Flihan, and David M. and Denise Flihan; grandchildren, Jimmy II and Sidney Flihan, Freddy Flihan and fiancée Tiffany, Brandon Anthony Flihan; Gabrielle Flihan, David Flihan II; and Jenna Flihan; and his great-grandson, Tyson James Flihan. He also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

Additionally, he leaves his in-laws, Daniel A. Salvo, and Linda Flihan; and a multitude of lifetime friends, as well as a group of good friends who met each morning at Caruso's Pastry Shoppe. He was predeceased by his sisters, Julia L. "Julie" Flihan, and Lamyra Salvo; his brother, Joseph N. Flihan, and his first wife Judith Manion Flihan; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Donald and Helen Mathews; and sister-in-law, Kathleen DellaRocca.

His loved ones are grateful to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia, Dr. Anthony Lawrence, Dr. Fred Talarico, Sheila and the staff at the Radiation and Chemotherapy Departments at MVHS Faxton Campus and Tony Zumpano/EMT/Utica Fire Department. All were instrumental in providing Art with the best medical care possible. A special thank you to his grandson David for always accompanying him to all of his treatments, medical appointments, and for being his "right

hand man”.

The family will honor and commemorate Art's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Memorial donations may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>. Envelopes will also be available at the service. Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall

SC

“ We are so sad to hear of your loss ...glad we got to see you both at breakfast just a short time ago. Peace and love to the whole Flihan family.

Tony and Sandra Cotrupe

sandra cotrupe - June 08, 2019 at 07:32 AM

PM

“ Whenever I walked into Flihans and saw Art sitting in the back with that wry grin I knew I was in for a little good natured abuse. I learned early on don't waste your time trying to grind him down on price. I'd walk out paying full price and laughing about it. He was the best.

Funny, tough and fair.

My son Conor worked for them one summer. He'd come home eyes bugged out and say, "Dad, I've never met anyone like those guys (Art & Dave)."

God Bless Art and his family.

Pat McCann

Piggy Pat's BBQ

Patrick C McCann - June 07, 2019 at 06:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan.




June 06, 2019 at 09:59 PM

JF

“ So sad to hear of Art’s passing. He was the consummate friend and was the single most respected individual that I held in that regard. Along with you Pat, I shared many happy fun times with him. While life sent us in different directions, it was he who kept the channels of friendship open, for not only me, but for many others. Although I haven’t seen Jimmy, Don, or David in quite some time, I feel like we have never lost touch. I feel that way because you were all such an important part of your Dad’s life.

I have been blessed beyond words, for all these years, to have had Art Flihan as my friend. And I want to that YOU Pat, all of your boys, as well as their families, for sharing such a great guy with all of us.

Jeff Franz - June 06, 2019 at 05:07 PM

 Elias
Hobeika

“ Sorry For Your Loss. May His Soul Rest In Peace!
On Behalf Of The Hobeika Foundation

*Elias A Hobeika
Beirut - Lebanon*

Elias Hobeika - June 06, 2019 at 02:34 PM

BR

“ I’ am so sorry to see Art go. I will always remember the two of you pulling for the team every friday nite, what memories. God bless to the entire Flihan family. Coach Riz

BEN RIZZO - June 06, 2019 at 02:28 PM

JU

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband, father, grandfather. He was such a nice man! My thoughts and prayers to all of you doing this most difficult time.

Julie Visingardi Sylvester

Julie - June 06, 2019 at 01:49 PM

SD

“ So sorry to hear of yet another loss in your family this year. May the passing of time and wonderful memories help to ease your sadness. Sally and Bob Dietrich (Sidney's Aunt and Uncle)

Sally Dietrich - June 06, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan.



June 06, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan.



June 06, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan.*



June 06, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *We are very sorry to hear of Art's passing. Our sincere condolences to his entire family. He was a very kind man!*



Kim Defaria - June 06, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Pat & the Flihan Family. Our hearts are heavy. We will truly miss Art. He was the kindest, sweetest man. Sending you all love & prayers at this sad & difficult time. Krisi & Michael Cristalli & sons*

Krisi Cristalli - June 06, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ *Art you will be sorely missed and I consider myself blessed to have been part of your extended family.*

Tamara McClary - June 06, 2019 at 10:36 AM

JB

“ Al and I are so very sad to hear of Ramah's passing. We send you all our deepest sympathy and will keep you in our prayers. With much love, Al & Judy Blanco

Judith Blanco - June 06, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan.



June 05, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan.



June 05, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan.



June 05, 2019 at 03:20 PM

TM

“ *Mr. Flihan was always ready for a hug, a chat, and had a smile on his face. Whether it was visiting at the camp in Inlet, or at the store during a quick visit to Utica, we looked forward to seeing him. We'll miss him dearly. Much love to Pat, Donald, Jimmy, David and the family. Love, Tina, Tom & Danny*

Tina McKillop - June 05, 2019 at 02:51 PM

JC

“ *Pat, Jim, Donald, David and Families
My very deepest and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and my dear friend. He truly was a gentleman who held all of his friends in the highest regard as they did him as well.
He will truly be missed and remembered always.
Jeanne Castronovo*

Jeanne Castronovo - June 05, 2019 at 01:40 PM

PS

“ *To The Family;
Our deepest sympathy to the entire family for your loss.
Sincerely,
Carol and Philip Scampone*

Philip Scampone - June 05, 2019 at 01:18 PM

TD

“ *Pat and family,

So sorry to learn of Art's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

Tom and Flo DeSimone*

Tom DeSimone - June 05, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan.



June 05, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ In loving memory of Ramah L. Flihan, Sharing in your sorrow. With love and friendship. Art was an amazing man and I knew from the second time we spoke and he remembered me by name. It was then that I knew he was a special man. I was supposed to meet with him today and I was so looking forward to it but God had different plans. You were special to me and I will never forget you my friend and we will have that meeting but it won't be today, but we will meet again. My condolences to the entire family.

Bubba

Bob Eklund "Bubba" - June 05, 2019 at 07:10 AM



“ Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ramah L. "Art" Flihan



Don Marino - June 05, 2019 at 01:29 AM