# Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski

February 6, 1947 - July 13, 2012

Mr. Ronald N. “Ronnie Bell” Michalowski, age 65, of Utica, passed away on Friday, July 13, 2012 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the comfort of his family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 6, 1947, Ronald was the son of the late Johnny Bell and Pauline Michalowski. He was raised and educated locally and attended Utica Free Academy. A proud veteran of the United States Army, he honorably served his country during the Vietnam Era, stationed in Korea. Upon his discharge, he continued his military commitment in the National Guard at the Armory. Ron knew the companionship and friendship of Judy Cvetezar for almost 42 years. They loved one another and honored each other’s needs, and on May 18, 1991 they were united in marriage. It was a dream-come-true when Judy married a “tall, dark, and handsome man”.

Ron was employed as a Bus Driver for the Utica Transit Authority assigned to drive the North Utica/Genesee Street routes. He offered kindness, conversation, and safe passage to his passengers for many years, retiring in 1991. Lastly, he worked in the Maintenance Department at the Federal Building until 2010. Whether at work or at ease, Ron was spontaneous and sensitive with people. He had a fun side and a compassionate nature which made him a special and unforgettable man. He was always attentive and on alert for the safety of the neighborhood children. He never missed the annual festival at his parish, Historic Old St. John’s Church where he was known to have a sausage and hot pepper sandwich followed by a cold beer. Ron kept

life simple. He appreciated music, especially jazz and blues, volunteered at the Utica Boilermaker as a traffic director, was proud to have honorably served his country, and was so joyful that he was a good husband and family man. He was a member of the Utica Overseas Veterans, AM Vets, and American Legion Post 229.

Ron is survived by his wife, Judy; his sons and daughter-in-law, Ronald N. Michalowski II, and John and Amanda Michalowski; his daughter, Haley Michalowski; and his grandchildren, Charisma; John Jr., and Makayla who he adored. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws Patty and Paul Lindsey, and Walt and Judy Cvetezar. He was blessed with many friendships throughout his life with special mention of his buddy Angelo Maggiore. He was predeceased by an infant brother; and his sister Mildred Spann.

The family sends sincere thanks to Kevin Mahoney, NP, and the St. Elizabeth Medical Center entire staff, ICU, physicians, nurses, and aides for their support and compassionate ways.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Ronald’s funeral service with Military Honors will commence on Tuesday evening at 6:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Rev. John Buehler officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **17**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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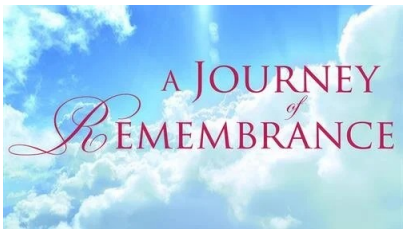
# Tribute Wall

*Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*




**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

*I miss my grand-father*

**John Michalowski Jr.** - October 06, 2023 at 02:19 PM

RS

*Robbie Seymour lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Robbie Seymour** - July 21, 2012 at 09:22 AM

*We grew up together from 5 years old for a while at 440 Columbia St.in Utica.We were in school together for years. His Dad, Johnny Bell used to take us fishing and Ronnie always outdid me. I knew his parents very well, and his Sister. He always spoke of making the Army a career. He was a good friend and a fun person. Rest in Peace, Ronnie.....Paul Gordon, July 25, 2012*

**Paul Gordon** - July 25, 2012 at 08:44 PM

*I didn't know you, Robbie, But I knew Ronnie for years. I know you will all miss him.....Paul*

**Paul Gordon** - July 25, 2012 at 08:48 PM

*UNLE RONNIE I LOVE YOU THIS IS SO HARD,IM NOT GONNA SAY GOOD BYE IT WILL BE LIKE WE WENT ALONG TIME WITH OUT SEEING EACH OTHER.I AM GONNA HOLD ON TO ALL THE FUN TIMES WE HAD.MY UNCLE HAD THIS WAY ABOUT HIM HE COME INTO A ROOM AN TURN FROWN TO SMILES IN A MINUTE..I WOULD CALL HIM LOS EL DELGADO OUR LITTLE JOKING GAME..WHEN I WAS SICK HE WOULD BRING ME FOOD TO EAT PUT EVERYONE BEFORE HIM SELF.MY UNCLE WAS KIND CARING AN CONSIDERATE TO OTHERS IM LOSS RIGHT NOW I MISS HIM ALREADY WITH THAT BEING SAID I KNOW YOUR IN GODS HANDS YOUR SAFE NOT IN PAIN I LOVE YOU AN WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN...R.I.P. LOVE EMILY AN KEVIN STOCK[ NEPHEW]*

**KEVIN STOCK** - July 18, 2012 at 11:59 AM

*Ronnie i remember when that picture was taken,it made me laugh,i sat and thought about how when i skipped school and was at the mall and had to catch YOUR bus and when i seen the look on your face new that i was in trouble,but it was all good.Imvery blessed to have you as a brother in law and you will be truely missed by many,now you are with your mother and father and my mom and dad so yous can pick up where you two left off (smile) love you and you will be missed love ya big guy Patti and family*

**patricia lindsey** - July 17, 2012 at 11:18 PM

GH

*Judy and family , my thoughts and prayers go out to you . Ronnie always knew how to make everyone smile and laugh.*
*Georgie Hartman*

**Georgiana Hartman** - July 17, 2012 at 10:32 PM

RB

*Robin Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Robin Bailey** - July 17, 2012 at 08:22 PM

RB

*Judy & Family, So sorry to hear of the passing of Ronnie. I've known Ron from Seymour ave when I was a child, he was a great man and always , Had a heart of gold and always looked out for the kids and was very protective of us all, He will be forever in our memories.*
*Sincerly ,The Bailey Family*

**Robin Bailey** - July 17, 2012 at 08:22 PM

DB

*Judy & kids, Ronnie was a lifelong friend whom I will NEVER forget !!! With Ron it was "what you see is what get"--and what I saw was a wonderful & honorable man--ALWAYS !!! He will be deeply missed by many. You are all in my thoughts & prayers. My love & deepest condolences, Deb Brown*

**Deborah A. Brown** - July 17, 2012 at 02:55 PM

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**Deborah A. Brown** - July 17, 2012 at 02:55 PM

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**haley michalowski (DAUGHTER)** - July 17, 2012 at 09:36 AM

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*THIS IS FOR YOU DADDY*

**haley michalowski (DAUGHTER)** - July 17, 2012 at 09:36 AM

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*Haley Michalowski (DAUGHTER) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**haley michalowski (DAUGHTER)** - July 17, 2012 at 09:29 AM

RS

*Robert J Champion Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**robert j champion sr** - July 17, 2012 at 08:44 AM

HT

*Herb & Tammy Telfer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Herb & Tammy Telfer** - July 17, 2012 at 08:17 AM

HT

*Judy we are so sorry for your lose. Ronnie was a great man, and always made me smile even when I was miserable. I will miss walking in, and seeing him smile, and make his funny gestures to me. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. We love you!!!*

**Herb & Tammy Telfer** - July 17, 2012 at 08:19 AM

HT

*Sorry I mean your loss.....*

**Herb & Tammy Telfer** - July 17, 2012 at 08:20 AM

AK

*Alisa Kalies lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**alisa kalies** - July 16, 2012 at 07:48 PM

CM

*Casey Mulvihill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**casey mulvihill** - July 16, 2012 at 03:46 PM

Janel Delano

*Janel Delano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Janel Delano** - July 16, 2012 at 03:00 PM

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**Janel Delano** - July 16, 2012 at 02:58 PM

EB

*Eddie Borek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Eddie Borek** - July 16, 2012 at 02:54 PM

AM

*Goodbye our trusted friend.*
*Ang and Doris*

**Ang & Doris Maggiore** - July 16, 2012 at 02:39 PM

LW

*Linda Weakley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Linda Weakley** - July 16, 2012 at 02:33 PM

LW

*This is from MARY CARR N BILL CASE..WE MISS YOU AND ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS..YOUR AN ANGEL IN HEAVEN LOVE YOU ALWAYS*

**Linda Weakley** - July 16, 2012 at 02:34 PM

AH

*Amanda Humble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**amanda humble** - July 16, 2012 at 12:41 PM

AH

*Amanda Humble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**amanda humble** - July 16, 2012 at 12:39 PM

RU

*RuthannPrice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**RuthannPrice** - July 16, 2012 at 12:25 PM

*lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

July 16, 2012 at 12:24 PM

PC

*Ron you will be missed by your family and friends, quite a lot. I will never forget all that you and Judy did for me and my Boys. From giving us each at different times a place to stay when we needed it, to even helping me move. I can remember you treating my boys, like your own sons. Which we appreciated . I know that Louie and Billy are with you and y'all are talking over old times. God Bless you and keep you, and don't worry about Judy, I will I can.*

**Patricia Van Cour** - July 16, 2012 at 09:21 AM

CP

*Cat Pirillo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Cat Pirillo** - July 16, 2012 at 09:17 AM

PC

*Patricia Van Cour lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Patricia Van Cour** - July 16, 2012 at 09:08 AM

GA

*Judy and family...you lost a great man. In my thoughts. Gina Arcuri*

**Gina Arcuri** - July 16, 2012 at 08:25 AM

AB

*Aaron Ballard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Aaron Ballard** - July 16, 2012 at 07:51 AM

*Tom Maggiore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald N. "Ronnie Bell" Michalowski*

**Tom Maggiore** - July 16, 2012 at 04:20 AM

*It was a long race "Mr. Gordon," but you won my friend, you won-"Mr. Johnson"*

**Tom Maggiore** - July 16, 2012 at 04:26 AM

DA

*Boo,you and big boo are my family here-you guys watched out for me and always had my back and now i got yours-what ever you need.Im gonna miss my hapa haole so so much-aloha Mr Ronnie Bell and much love to your family.*

**dawn alejo** - July 15, 2012 at 09:58 PM

AH

*Big Ronnie, It has been almost 20 years since the last time i seen you, there are a few things that i remember about you i remember you and your wife used to babysit me and my sisters for my mom and dad i remember you were always the one to keep the neighborhood kids in check when we heard your voice we all knew to drag our butts home. You were always tough on us kids but it was all worth it u made your boys strong men and you tought your daughter to respect herself. You were a father figure to all kids you were an amazing person and still are. There is one thing i will never forget though me and my sisters were always scared when we seen u cause you were so TALL but we always looked up at you and you put a smile on our faces. You will be greatly missed by many. RIP BIG RONNIE.*

**amanda humble** - July 15, 2012 at 09:31 PM

B-

*I remember the days the days you drove bus for the UTA*
*and we lived next door to each other*
*RIP*
*Shorty*

**Barbara -petrykHribar** - July 16, 2012 at 10:25 AM