



Mr. Umberto "Umbe" Giannandrea

June 6, 1935 - December 10, 2017

UTICA - Mr. Umberto "Umbe" Giannandrea, age 82, passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center after a 15-year battle with Parkinson's Disease. At the time of his passing, he was in the hearts of those he loved the most.

Born in the Province of Bari, Italy on June 6, 1935, Umberto was the son of the late Frank and Antoinette (Granieri) Giannandrea. In 1959 in the small town of Alberobello in Bari, he married the former Luigia "Gina" Girolamo. Soon after, in 1960, he joined his wife and her family who had immigrated to Utica to set up their home. Umbe and Gina were a great couple, and for them, it was always about providing for their children and home. Their strength and focus on family life were a reflection of their era, and they were blessed with 56 years together.

Umberto was employed by Raspante's Bakery and subsequently at Beaunit Fibers, Skenandoah Knitting Mill, International Heater (later known as Frederick's), Hamilton Digital Controls, and lastly, Kelsey Hayes. Umberto was a hard worker and like many mid-century immigrants, he played an integral part of the workforce. He retired at the age of 64. Umbe took pride in the appearance and maintenance of his home and the perfection of his work. He was a master gardener, far ahead of his time in tending to his shrubbery, shaping the bushes into hearts and archways with precision. The arc of his creativity was wide: he was ingenious, artistic, and resourceful. He made many unique treasures and decorated his house so beautifully, especially at

Christmas. Because of his own life experiences, Umbe was tolerant and forbearing in giving others a second chance.

Umbe was athletic and he loved to entertain his children and neighborhood friends in teaching them the sport of dirt biking. But, his real passion was running. In mid-life he got bit by the Boilermaker bug, and he took it on. It was his own time and his own test. He covered many miles and met the challenge! It was his greatest accomplishment, out shined only by the blessing of his family. After retirement, Umberto journeyed to Italy many times, back to his home town of Polignano a Mare on the coast of the Adriatic Sea, ...where his heart will always be.

Umberto is survived by his beloved Gina; and his son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Sheri L. Giannandrea. He held close to his heart the memories of his son, Frank Giannandrea who passed on March 17, 2008, and his daughter-in-law, Kristine A. Giannandrea who passed on August 8, 2006. He will be remembered by his grandchildren, Dana Giannandrea, Marina Giannandrea; Carly Karas and her friend Anthony, and Kyle Karas. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, especially Orazio and his wife Elizabeth Girolamo who remained in constant contact with their uncle; his great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins in Italy and Utica; and his many friends including neighbors, co-workers, and fellow runners. He was predeceased by three brothers and one sister who resided in Italy; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Cosma Girolamo; and brother-in-law, Modesto Girolamo.

Umberto's family extends their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of the Charles T. Sitrin Home/Hawthorn House who provided dignified care to Umbe for the past 9 months. A note of thanks to John Marraffa for his endless friendship; and Dr. Dilip Kachare for being a source of medical guidance and empathy. Visitation will be held Thursday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Umberto's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Entombment will take place in Calvary

Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14.** 5:00 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
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC **15.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Marina Snyder Giannandrea lit a candle in memory of Mr. Umberto "Umbe" Giannandrea*



Marina Snyder Giannandrea - April 08, 2018 at 04:41 AM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Umberto "Umbe" Giannandrea.*



December 14, 2017 at 06:09 AM

SF

“ *Tony and Gina, our prayers are with you as you celebrate Umbertos life. Thank you for allowing me the honor of knowing and being Umbertos friend. I will put his memory in my garden of memories and water them and prune them every time I visit. He had the best brightest smiling blue eyes! His stories and memories he always told m his heart. You all are in my prayers.*

Sueann Madison Ferrazzano - December 13, 2017 at 07:04 PM

SF

from his heart

Sueann Madison Ferrazzano - December 13, 2017 at 07:06 PM

MG

“ *tony and the rest of the Giannandrea family my thoughts and prayers are with you...god speed...*

mark graziano - December 12, 2017 at 05:23 PM

DM

“ *Tony and family, So sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers, God Bless, Don and Candace.*

Don Martin - December 12, 2017 at 04:50 PM

BC

“ *Sheri, Tony & family so sorry for your loss. Find comfort in the beautiful memories you have and keep them close to your heart. God Bless.*

Brenda Castelli



Brenda Castelli - December 12, 2017 at 05:40 AM

MI

“ *Gina, Tony and family. So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Cherish all your great memories.*

Tom and Michele Vanno



Michele - December 11, 2017 at 04:18 PM