



Michael J. Pieruzzi

April 23, 1930 - August 9, 2014

Michael J. Pieruzzi, age 84 years of Athens, passed on into eternal life on August 9, 2014. He was born in Athens, NY on April 23, 1930 at his family's home on North Franklin Street, and was the son of the late Carlo and Josephine (Mauro) Pieruzzi.

On August 20, 1950, Michael married his high school sweetheart Mary Catherine (Clark) Pieruzzi. He was a devoted husband, loving and generous father to his three children and an admirable grandfather to his five grandchildren and four great-granddaughters. Michael continuously set the finest examples of compassion, devotion and generosity through his strong Catholic faith to family, friends and neighbors. An energetic and good natured man, "Mikie" always displayed a smile for everyone.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Catherine (Clark) Pieruzzi, as well as daughter Claudia Sullivan and her husband William, son Gordon Pieruzzi and his wife Margaret, and daughter Christine Gerrain and her husband David. He is also survived by his grandson Nathan Pieruzzi (Ti8ffany), granddaughters Jayme Harford (Thomas), Alison Sullivan and Catherin Gerrain, grandson Tristan Gerrain, and his four beautiful great granddaughters Gwenyth and Angeline Harford and Lydia and Marie Pieruzzi. He is also survived by his living sister Rose (Pieruzzi) Lennon, very dear sister-n-law Peggy Pieruzzi, and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Michael is predeceased by his three brothers Anthony, James and John Pieruzzi, his adoring sister Mary (Pieruzzi) DiPerna, as well as his dear mother-in-law Mildred Clark. In 1963, Michael went to Greenland where he worked at the Government Army Depot Missile and Power Plant sites at Camp Century and Camp Tuto. He was then employed by the US Government-H.U.D. Albany for over 30 years.

He was a lifetime member of the Athens Fire Department as well as a member of the Athens Paddock Club, Board of Education for Coxsackie-Athens School, Athens Little League, and St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Athens. He was also an avid golfer and very dedicated fan of the New York Yankees.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home 28 North Vernon Street, Athens, NY on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, in Athens, NY.

Interment will follow at the family plot in the old Athens Rural Cemetery in Athens, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Michael's honor to the American Lung Association and/ or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may also be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

Athens Rural Cemetery

Athens, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Athens
26 Vernon Street
Athens, NY 12015
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Service

AUG 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Church
Washington Avenue
Athens, NY 12015

Tribute Wall

AS

“ To the Pieruzzi Family.....I am so sorry for your loss and sorry I was not able to express my condolences in person as I just learned of his passing. I met Mike at Summit Hill and he brightened my day every time our workout times overlapped. I also would run in to him from time to time in the village and he always had time for a chat. I never saw him without a huge smile and a happy greeting for all those he encountered. If everyone in this world could be as kind and caring about others as he was, the world would be a much better place.

Allison Smith - August 14, 2014 at 06:30 AM

AS

“ Grandpa, I will forever wish we could have had just one more time together. May you rest peacefully, surrounded by good company made up of the ones you have missed through-out the years, I hope you watch the Yankees win, play golf on the daily and I still have faith you will hit that jackpot! Just remember If you get lost up there ask Uncle Johnny for his flashlight he'll help you find your way, and let them know 12 o'clock when that fire whistle blows, it's time to eat!! I look forward to the years to come only so I can proudly speak of you as my Grandpa and allow your legacy to live on. I will miss you terribly and my life won't be the same without you around, but my 29yrs of memories with you will bring nothing but happiness to my heart and smiles to my face. I will love you forever.
Ti amo Gramp

Alison Sullivan - August 12, 2014 at 06:06 PM

DR

“ I will miss our conversations of days gone by regarding your growing up in the same house as I did, the importance of prayer, work-related excursions and those you were destined to meet, and sharing numerous stories of our relatives, many of whom you have now joined in eternal peace. Thank you, Uncle Mikie, for over 50 years of unconditional love, caring, understanding, honesty, hope, and advice which you and Aunt Mary have eagerly offered with warm smiles, hugs, meals, and kind ways that always made me feel at home. May God continue to bless you now and always. Love, Dina

Dina Pieruzzi Ross - August 12, 2014 at 04:38 PM

BO

“ In loving memory of one of the most kind, gentle and humble men it has ever been my privilege and honor to have known. You will be sorely missed Uncle Mike but remembered fondly and often. My condolences and prayers are offered for Aunt Mary, Claudia, Gordon and Christine. May the pain of loss pass quickly and leave you with only many happy and cherished memories.

Bob O'Neill - August 12, 2014 at 11:24 AM

LS

In loving memory and the greatest respect to my mother's sweet, kind and gentle brother, my Uncke Mikie. I was so fortunate to call you my Uncle.so happy we spoke just 2 weeks ago. Oh how you loved your beautiful "Aunt Mary" and how often you spoke of the love of your children, grandchildren and your sweet 4 great granddaughters. May you now rest in eternal peace and love with Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Thank you sweet Uncle for always caring. I love you. Your niece, Linda.

Linda DiPerna Sassone - August 12, 2014 at 11:44 AM

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Alison Sullivan - August 12, 2014 at 06:02 PM