



Mr. Michele "Mike" Pizzola

October 28, 1933 - July 2, 2015

Michele Pizzola "Mike", 81, of Cortland, passed away Thursday July 2, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born October 28, 1933 in Roccacasale, Italy; Mike was the son of Antonio and Francesca Liberatore Pizzola.

Mike immigrated to the United States from Italy at the age of 21. He retired from Smith-Corona in Cortland after 30 years of employment. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church and served as an Usher and volunteered with the St. Anthony's Festival. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, San Rocco Lodge and volunteered with Cortland Regional Medical Center and Access to Independence. Additionally, Mike was an avid gardener, enjoyed making his own wine, and playing Bocci. Mike enjoyed weekly card playing with his family and cousins. He loved to travel, with his wife Carmela. They toured Europe for their 30th anniversary, Hawaii for their 40th, and enjoyed a Mediterranean cruise for their 50th wedding anniversary. Mike loved his children and grandchildren and enjoyed every moment he spent with them.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years; Carmela Testa Pizzola; and three children; Frances A. Pizzola and Michael (Mika) Pizzola both of Cortland and Maria (Mike) Dafoe of Homer, two brothers; Gennaro (Angela) Pizzola and Vittorio (Lila) Pizzola both of Cortland., two sisters; Cesaria Pizzola and

Elisabetta Pizzola, also both of Cortland. 4 granddaughters, Marina, Adrianna, Sophia and Nina Pizzola., and his beloved dog, Sammi., and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Mike was also preceded in death by a brother, Gennaro.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Joseph Zareski serving as celebrant. The Christian Rite of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The family will be present to receive friends on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Pomeroy Street, Cortland. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be sent to St. Anthony's Church 59 N. Main St. Cortland, NY 13045.

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. Condolences may also be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ My heart is saddened when I think of the great loss of a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle cousin to the whole Pizzola family -- especially my special Frances. Mike was an amazing person. You are all in my prayers. I love each of you. You have always welcomed me with open arms and shown love that is usually reserved for family. May the God of ALL Comfort -- comfort your hearts, your minds and souls, as you "lean on the Everlasting arms" of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. My heart is there with you -- I'm sorry I can't be there in person. Sending much Love to each of you, Lois

Lois R. Griswold - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

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“ Thinking of you and your family at this very difficult time.
Love you, Cindy

Cindy Russell - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

DP

“ Fran & Family,
We are very sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Dick & Pam Platt - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

CO

“ Sorry for your loss. Mike was a great man, husband and father. He will be greatly missed!

Cheryl

Cheryl Oros - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

JM

“ Dear Friends,
Our family is deeply saddened to learn of Mike's passing. We will be thinking of all of you as you celebrate Mike's remarkable life and memories you shared with each other. There are no good-byes, wherever he is he will always be in your hearts forever. Our sympathy goes out to all of you at this difficult time and we are sorry we are so far away and cannot be with you. However, we will be with you in spirit. Our love and thoughts are with all of you. JO & GENE MIRONTI & family AVQgm

JOSEPHINE & EUGENE MIRONTI - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

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“ To the Pizzola family: So sorry to hear of our cousin Mike's passing. Our prayers are with all of you.
The Liberatore family

Ida Vandewalker - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss, and have all of you in our thoughts and prayers. How blessed are we, to have known such a wonderful human being. Truly...we are. He always looked so very proud of his family...Rightfully so!
Sending hugs to you all. -Kevin, Sheila, Zack, Nathan, and Maggie Ossit

July 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM