



## Michael A. Ferrante

January 10, 1948 - December 15, 2021

Michael A. Ferrante, 73, of Fayetteville, passed away Wednesday at Crouse Hospital with his family by his side. A Syracuse native, Mike's career began at Morris Electronics in the 1970's, where he worked for 20 years. In 1990 he pioneered Michael A. Ferrante & Associates, his own business as a Manufacturer's Representative. He nurtured his company for 26 years, making lifelong connections with people he met on his journey of becoming a successful businessman.

He was dedicated to his work and even had a side business as a musician to pursue his creative passions. Mike was a self-taught musician, whose number one passion was playing guitar. A talented guitarist, he learned every song he played by ear. He thrived in the music industry for over 50 years, playing lead guitar for numerous bands in the Syracuse area. He played in the Outcast, Sleepy Hollow, Timeline, and The Dynamic Duo.

Mike was also involved in the history of Syracuse Music Album Series and co-organizer and committee member of the History of Syracuse Live Rock & Roll Concerts.

He was predeceased by his parents, Arthur and Alice Ferrante.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Nancy (Andaloro) Ferrante; children, Matthew Ferrante and Allison Ferrante; sisters, JP Savone and Irma Rushin; brothers-in-law, Joseph Andaloro and Anthony Andaloro; sister-in-law, Marianne Romer; several nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the doctors and nurses of the ICU 3rd Floor at Crouse Hospital. A thank you to Dr. David Davin for his compassionate care and special friendship. Also a thank you to Kala Adams and Trey Colbert for their love and support.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, December 21st, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at FARONE & SON, Inc. Funeral Home, 1500 Park Street, Syracuse. Funeral services will be on

Wednesday, December 22nd, 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home and at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Church where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Dewitt.

Contributions may be made to the Dewitt Fire Department or the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

# Cemetery

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## St. Mary's Cemetery

4100 E. Genesee Street  
Dewitt, NY, 13214

# Events

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**DEC 21** **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Farone & Son Inc. Funeral Home  
1500 Park Street, Syracuse, NY, US, 13208

**DEC 22** **Funeral Service** 09:15AM

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**DEC 22** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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Holy Cross Church  
4112 E. Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY, US, 13214

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Farone & Son Funeral Home** - December 21, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ So beautiful...Mike, you will be missed

**Donna Hallinan** - December 21, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ A beautiful tribute to one of the kindest souls, my treasured friend (brother) and bandmate. Love you forever Monkey.

**Shane Storto** - December 23, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ Such a beautiful tribute to the most genuine person I have ever been privileged to meet and know.

**Barb Taber** - January 25 at 10:30 AM

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“ Marie Vertigan lit a candle in memory of Michael A. Ferrante



**Marie Vertigan** - December 31, 2021 at 02:13 PM

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“ Dear Nanc: I just learned about Mike's passing. We are so sorry for your loss. Mike was always a young thinker and a great musician, father and husband. He is most certainly in heaven. Love, your cousins Marie and Gary



**Marie Vertigan** - December 31, 2021 at 02:13 PM

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“ Nan and family, I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. So enjoyed seeing him and you out enjoying music ~ Always with a smile ~ my thoughts and prayers to you all  
Barb Garr



**Barb Garr** - December 24, 2021 at 07:34 AM

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“ Nancy and family- so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I have so many fond memories of listening to him and Timeline. We had a lot of good nights out with all of you. He always had such nice things to say. He will be missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Laurie Montgomery Brown

**laurie Brown** - December 21, 2021 at 04:50 PM

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“ Dear Nancy and Family,  
I was so sad to hear of Mike’s passing.  
Such great memories of following TIMELINE with our “gang” (My sister, Kathy, Pat Stacer, Jeanine, Laurie Montgomery, my sister, Debbie and Bill, and so many more)  
We had so many laughs, dancing, and wonderful times with you all!  
He will be missed.  
Miss you all

Rosie Schaefer

Rosie Schaefer - December 21, 2021 at 02:48 PM

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“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



Farone & Son Funeral Home - December 21, 2021 at 12:23 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael A. Ferrante.



December 20, 2021 at 09:30 PM

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“ My Deepest Condolences to Mike's Family. He was a Gem!!!



**Jan Halbach** - December 20, 2021 at 10:21 AM

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“ I was so shocked today to hear of Mike's passing. As Syracuse musicians, we had a lot in common and ran into each other often. A great guy, I will miss his smiling face and friendly comments. RIP, buddy.

**Joe Donelan** - December 19, 2021 at 07:43 PM

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“ I will always cherish working with Mike; he was a true professional. I especially enjoyed after a long day the great dinners with Mike at Joey's Italian restaurant in Syracuse. We could solve all the world's problems over dinner and a bottle of wine! The last time I saw Mike last month he was doing what he did best: Music, friends, family and smiling.

James Shutowich



**James Shutowich** - December 19, 2021 at 06:51 PM

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“ Photo my daughter took of these two great guys. What a pair, they will be missed.



**Doug Lootens** - December 18, 2021 at 06:41 PM

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“ From the Mark & Heather Storto purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael A. Ferrante.



**From the Mark & Heather Storto** - December 18, 2021 at 01:52 PM

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“ Your Kentucky Cousins purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Michael A. Ferrante.



**Your Kentucky Cousins** - December 18, 2021 at 11:10 AM

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“ Nancy Lou, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Debby Corrente Pandozzi

**Debra Pandozzi** - December 18, 2021 at 09:56 AM

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“ Mike had a way about him that was very special. Diane and I spoke about that often. I will miss our conversations about a host of topics, one of my favorites was the direction of our great country. It goes without saying how much he will be missed. from the only Irish guy at the cousins diner.

Diane & Greg Horan - December 18, 2021 at 08:24 AM

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael A. Ferrante.



December 18, 2021 at 01:11 AM

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“ Mike was my cool cousin but more like a brother. Godfather to my daughter Marissa and always happy. We would visit for hours and talk about growing up, sleep overs with my brother Dave and I, our big Italian family and the summer family parties at Aunt Alice's house. My Dad "Uncle Toots" taught him how to play the guitar and they both shared a passion for music. My wife and daughters will so miss him and the joy he brought into our lives. Nan, Matt and Allison we-deeply share your loss.

gary - December 17, 2021 at 06:27 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael A. Ferrante.



December 17, 2021 at 06:08 PM

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“ My heart is heavy dear cousin. Will miss you .

**Sheila Steinberg** - December 17, 2021 at 05:52 PM

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“ Nancy,I was shocked when I tom told me that Mike had passed.I loved Mike very much and was so fortunate to be his friend and yours.please give my condolences to family.  
I will never forget Mike.  
God bless,  
Nick & ANGELA saturno

**Nick saturno** - December 17, 2021 at 03:35 PM

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“ Nancy and family. Brenda and I are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Michael. He was a wonderful person and we will miss him dearly. Praying for comfort during this difficult time. Tony Fallico

**Tony Fallico** - December 17, 2021 at 03:24 PM

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“ Sending condolences to Nancy, Matt and Allison from John and Bea Schrader (former neighbors on Route 91) Mom and Dad (John and Bea) still mention the family and miss the good times they enjoyed in the neighborhood. Peggy Dennis

**Peggy Dennis** - December 17, 2021 at 02:27 PM

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“ What a great guy I used to love going to the SU football games when I was growing up so that I could go hear Mike’s band, The Outcasts, play outside any one of the frat houses. Then with Sleepy Hollow we would all go wherever he was playing and danced and sang along all night! Mike was always so happy and loving. He and Nan had a beautiful marriage which gave them two beautiful children, Allison and Matt. I think my favorite memory is going to be when Nan and Mike came to visit us in Texas and we all went to the Cowboys/Giants game! They wore their Giants shirts and we wore our Cowboys shirts. It was a really good close game but the Cowboys did take the win. Mike, you will be so missed, more then you could ever imagine....we are still in disbelief. Our very heartfelt love and support are with Nan, Allison and Matt. We love you all. Mike, Rest In Peace.....  
Cousin Donna and Bruce

**Donna Hallinan** - December 17, 2021 at 01:45 PM

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“ I was an angry scared 18-year old kid when I started working at Morris with Mike and Ron in 1974. I would've been fired from anywhere else in two weeks but they saw something in me and put up with my crap. They gave me a chance to get my bearings. Nobody was ever so lucky to have such a great first job .

Everyone loved Mike Ferrante. He was funny, kind, talented and as I mentioned, patient. He turned me on to Ray Charles, Little Feat, Jeff Back and so many other acts and deepened my appreciation of great music. I remember the first time I went to see his band Sleep E Hollow and I asked him to play the opening bars to Long Cool Woman by the Hollies. He expertly nailed it and Clapton couldn't have impressed me more.

Whenever we saw each other or spoke it was always with the greeting “wah wah wah,” the original meaning of which is lost to history but we always cracked up.

I could go on and on and on but let me just say the world is a lot poorer today with Mike's passing. My deepest sympathy to Nancy and his family.

Wah wah wah, Mike.

Dave Murray

**Dave Murray** - December 17, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ I was just 18 when Bruce, Ted and Mike asked me to join the Outcasts in 1966. They needed an organ sound in the band and I was thrilled beyond words to participate.

My memories of handsome, ever-smiling Mike playing fabulous lead guitar out front are still vivid in my mind. I can still hear Ted shout out on stage, "Take it Mike!"

I'm so grateful and blessed to have had the opportunity to be an Outcast and play in the reunion with you all a few years ago. And, it was wonderful to see Mike again. He was such a great guy, kind, gentle and talented and with such a great sense of humor.

Ted, I'm in total disbelief after speaking with you yesterday and hearing the news. My thoughts, sympathy and love go out to you, Shane and the rest of your extended family. He will forever be missed.

With love,  
Jack Share (Boston)

**Jack Share** - December 18, 2021 at 05:32 AM



“ We are in shock and saddened as we will miss Mike so much. I even recall you and Mike and I at JDHS. We just saw him and Curt playing at Stingers and chatted with him. Loved and enjoyed his music over the years. He always had a big smile and will be so missed by many. Love and prayers to you and your family. May he rest in peace. Joyce Dibble and Rick Goodell

**Joyce Dibble** - December 19, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss, deepest sympathy. Joe and Roberta Porpiglio.

**Joseph Porpiglio Jr** - December 31, 2021 at 11:34 AM