



MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR.

April 15, 1929 - July 11, 2018

Michael Patrick Santoro Jr., 89, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at Morristown Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

Born and raised in Newark, he had lived in the Whippany section of Hanover, since 1968.

Mr. Santoro was a 1951 graduate of the Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, PA, with honors in chemistry.

He served as a captain in the United States Army during the Korean Era and the Army Reserves for 18 years.

A chemist, Mr. Santoro was the founder and owner of the Galaxie Chemical Corporation of Paterson for 42 years, retiring 8 years ago.

He was a longtime member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Whippany and a charter member and 4th degree knight with the Knights of Columbus, Elizabeth Ann Seton Council # 6904 of Whippany.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Marie M. (nee Teresa) the love of his life; five children, Andrea M. Adamcik (John) of East Hanover, Donna M. Santoro of Whippany, Janine M. Schwab (Michael) of Parsippany, Michael P. Santoro III, MD (Sonia) of Freehold, and Charles R. Santoro Sr. (Jodi) of East Hanover; ten grandchildren, Marie Gaudert, Michael and Carmelo Bianchi, Gabrielle, Michael and Brandon Schwab, Michael IV and Sonia Santoro, and Kaitlin and Charles Santoro Jr.; and five great-grandchildren, Adrianna, Luciana, Michael Jr., Dominic and Carmelo Jr.

for those so desiring, memorial gifts can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959

Cemetery

**Gate of Heaven
Cemetery**
225 Ridgedale Avenue
East Hanover, NJ, 07936

Events

JUL 15	Visitation	02:00PM - 04:00PM
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	S.J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service 60 North Beverwyck Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ, US, 07034	
JUL 15	Visitation	07:00PM - 09:00PM
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	S.J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service 60 North Beverwyck Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ, US	
JUL 16	Funeral Mass	10:00AM
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	Our Lady of Mercy 90 Whippany Road, Whippany, NJ, US	

Comments



“ A year has come and gone and the pain of losing you is still so real. I think about you every day. I know you send me signs all the time that you are near. I saw the dragonfly yesterday so I know it was you watching over me. I have spent the last 365 days missing you, wanting to hear your voice and contagious laugh. I know you are in heaven sharing in every happy moment and are there guiding me through every difficult one. When you left you took a piece of my heart I will never have back. I tell Dominic about you all the time. He loves to go in the pool, read to me, play with his trucks and animals. He is growing up so fast. I wish you were here to see but I feel comfort in knowing he has you as his guardian angel watching over him. I miss and love you every day Poppy. Please continue to watch over all of us and protect us. I love you with all my heart always.

marie - July 12, 2019 at 11:57 PM



“ To a beautiful soul that I got the privilege of knowing. I have been with my husband Carmelo for 12 years this September. Being married into his family and getting to call you grandpa is an honor. You are adored by so many and you are one of the best I have ever met. You will always be in our hearts. You were always so kind and loving to my children and I. And again I will be forever grateful to know you. I promise to continue to take care of Carmen and your great grandchildren and make you proud, I will always be here for the family and I will always honor your memory. Heaven gained a beautiful Angel

-Jackie



jackie bianchi - July 14, 2018 at 09:33 PM



“ Dear daddy I remember how much you loved mom, your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Words can never express my love for you and how much I miss you. I remember you taking us to the park while mom was cleaning the house taking all of your kids food shopping with us hanging off the cart and how proud you were when people approached you. Making the gravy and making sure we all had meatballs out of the gravy. Taking movies of us going to the prom and cheerleading. You're a great son, husband, father, grandfather and great grandpa. Watch over us while you're in Heaven,

With all my love

Donna

Donna - July 14, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ And you were an awesome daughter, love you girl.

Cousin Gloria & Al - July 15, 2018 at 10:24 PM



“ Andrea

Dear Daddy,

Words cannot express how much I miss you. You were the most wonderful loving Dad. I want you to know how much I always admired you, Not only as my Dad but as a devoted loving husband to mommy. I always hoped that you were proud of me. I always wanted your reassurance and you always gave it to me. You were there for all my ups and downs and always told me that everything would be alright. You always made me feel at peace. You taught me to be a good person and to always pray to the Lord and make him number one in life and you will always be happy. You helped raise my children when I needed you. You always made them feel loved and cared for. For that I am eternally grateful. You always thought of mommy, your children, your grandchildren and great grandchildren first, before yourself. Daddy know I will be with you always. You are part of my heart and soul forever and ever. Daddy my heart is aching after losing you. I'll miss you until we meet again in heaven. May God bless you and keep you in his loving arms.

Love always,
Andrea



Andrea - July 14, 2018 at 04:16 PM



“ My dad was a man of strength, he walked with his colicky son for hrs at a time to ease the stress on Mom.. The 4th child into there marriage was no less important or time demanding than the three before or the next one to follow. He was an only child born of humble and educated parents who wanted him to succeed in life and provided him with the finest education they could afford. He met the love of his life early on in life and was always faithful, respectful, and devoted to her until the day he died. Childhood sweethearts who instilled in their children love of god, family, friends and country, which would be perpetuated and passed on to their children, grand children and great grandchildren. Dad was loving, kind , forgiving and hated confrontation. He was a respected businessman with ethics , loyal, and always had the desire to help the little guy like himself. He never boasted or bragged about himself or his family but always had our backs. I never felt needy in life or that I could fail without someone being there for me. My security blanket was my Mom, Dad and family. My parents instilled In me a belief that I could accomplish anything. My father taught me to be hardworking, compassionate and understanding towards my patients. “Treat others like you want your family to be treated “. He always Gave to people in need without ever wanting anything in return. Ask his most beloved employee Joe who’s daughter was dying from a brain tumor. He helped them financially without a blink and was happy for the great outcome. Dad was a saint when it came to helping others. Donations of 100’s of turkeys to help the less fortunate during thanksgiving for many years along with frequent financial support to his parish were some of many of my fathers selfless deeds. He never looked for anything in return, and he cherished family not personal items. Many of my dads gifts from his children have never been opened. But oh boy could he give. He was the most generous person I have ever met, and he never expected anything in return. I would need days to write the the selfless things my dad had done over the course of his life. A little blurb like this is so inadequate for a man with a heart of gold . Dad I miss you dearly. I am in tears when I think of anything remotely connected to you, but I am committed to being strong, remembering all of the great times we shared, and holding my head up high knowing we will be together soon god willing.

michael - July 14, 2018 at 02:40 PM



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Donna - July 14, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ Michael,

I've only known you for a few years but it seems like a lifetime. The stories you shared with me about your childhood and your family are priceless. The love you showed for your wife Marie and your family. Such love and devotion along with pride you had for each and every one of your children, grand children and great grandchildren. I miss you and wish you eternal peace.

God Bless,

Sandy

Sandy - July 14, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ Thanks Sandy that means a lot to me. You were always there for my dad and family providing comfort and compassion. You have been a blessing to our family!

Michael - July 14, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 14, 2018 at 12:26 AM



“ What will I do without you. My heart is so broken. You were my constant. You were there for every dinner, every school play, every bump or bruise, every broken heart. You truly held my hand throughout my life and were always there for me whenever I needed you. I miss you much it hurts. I miss you laughing at your own jokes so hard you couldn't finish telling it. I miss all the old time stories you would tell. I'll miss you watching the Yankees and telling me to turn off the TV whenever they started to lose. I will miss coming to you for advice and guidance when I don't know what to do. I will miss how you would always ask me to sneak you an extra cookie at Christmas when you weren't allowed. I'll miss when you used to pinch my cheeks so hard I never needed blush. But most of all I will miss you being here with us, watching how much you loved Nana and all of us. I'm blessed to have been able to have shared so many special moments with you. I prayed you would be there to give me away on my wedding day, I prayed you would be able and to see Dominic, even if it was for a short while. God answered all my prayers. I promise to hold on to every memory of you and make sure Dominic knows he had the most amazing grandfather God ever made. And now we all have you as our guardian angel watching over us from above. Rest In Peace my grandpa. I love you with all my heart always and forever.



Marie Gaudert - July 14, 2018 at 12:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 13, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 13, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 13, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ Forever in our hearts.
Carmelo, Jaclyn, Adrianna, Lucianna, and Carmelo Junior



jackie and carmen - July 13, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ Donna sent a virtual gift in memory of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR.



Donna - July 13, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ Donna lit a candle in memory of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR.



Donna - July 13, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ To the most generous and loving father I Love you so much God Bless you I miss you terribly

Donna - July 13, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ From your Colleagues and Friends at FRBNY purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



From your Colleagues and Friends at FRBNY - July 13, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 13, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 13, 2018 at 07:26 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 13, 2018 at 12:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 12, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 12, 2018 at 04:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of MICHAEL PATRICK SANTORO JR..



July 12, 2018 at 02:08 PM