



## Michael Cannizzaro

August 12, 1948 - June 7, 2015

MICHAEL CANNIZZARO, age 66 of Port Hope, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Harbor Beach Community Hospital.

He was born on August 12, 1948 in Detroit to the late Frank and Pearl (Hall) Cannizzaro. Mike served over seas in the US Army during the Vietnam War, earning two bronze stars. He and Denise Herman were united in marriage on January 4, 2004 in St. Clair Shores. Mike worked for Valeron of Madison Heights, retiring in 2010 after 40 years. He also was a seasonal worker for the Huron County Parks. Mike was a member of the American Legion Post of Port Austin and the VFW. He enjoyed fishing, sailing, airplanes and gardening.

Mike is survived by his wife Denise Cannizzaro of Port Hope, son Jonis Herman of Port Hope, 3 grandchildren: Michael, Drako, Chasity, and sister Sue Cannizzaro of Texas.

He was preceded in death by 2 sons: Michael Cannizzaro, Raymond Cannizzaro, a Daughter-in-law Nikki, and brother Frank Cannizzaro.

Funeral Mass for Mike will be Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 11 am at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, of the Holy Name of Mary Parish with Fr. William Spencer officiating. Burial will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Visitation for Mike will be Wednesday, June 10, 2015 from 2-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Thursday will be at the church beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am. A Parish Vigil Service will take place Wednesday at 7 pm.

Memories can be shared at [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

# Cemetery

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**Great Lakes National Cemetery**

Holly, MI,

# Events

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**JUN 10 Visitation 02:00PM - 08:00PM**

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Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc  
425 State St, Harbor Beach, MI, US, 48441

**JUN 11 Mass 11:00AM**

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Our lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church  
Harbor Beach, MI, US, 48441

# Comments

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“ Mike, you can't molest young girls anymore.

**me** - June 08, 2016 at 01:29 PM



“ There was a very dark side of Mike that few people knew. I blamed it on his Viet Nam experience ME knew.

**val hines** - September 18, 2016 at 01:36 PM



“ Disgusting comments about Mike, you are sick.

**DENISE CANNIZZARO** - April 14 at 12:20 PM

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“ Thanks for taking me to my first rock concert (Elton John and Eric Clapton) at Dodger's Stadium 1991. You gave me a minute to be normal

**Ellen** - June 18, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ Did you sail with Mike?

**Denise Cannizzaro** - June 22, 2015 at 12:36 AM

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“ Ellen is following this tribute.

**Ellen** - June 18, 2015 at 09:52 PM

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“ I met Mike at Modco Tools, Oak Park, Michigan in 1986. I took a liking to him as we shared the common bond of being Vietnam Vets. He didn't mince words, and was very truthful and honest. When he came into the office, he had everyone in stitches from the stories he told. He had a great sense of humor! My deepest condolences to Mike's family and friends...he will be greatly missed.

Dennis Poltorak

**Dennis Poltorak** - June 10, 2015 at 07:45 PM

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“ Dennis Poltorak lit a candle in memory of Michael Cannizzaro



Dennis Poltorak - June 10, 2015 at 07:16 PM

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“ While my time around Mike was brief, words cannot explain the level of respect I had for him. He was never afraid to tell you what needed to be said. No matter if you wanted to hear it, or not. He was a straight shooter, nothing more, nothing less. He was consistent. I think that's what most liked so much about him. On top of that, his endless stories and life experiences kept you wanting more. Probably one of the funniest and nicest guys I've ever had the pleasure of being around. He was truly a gift, sent down to pass on joy and happiness to everyone he encountered. He will be dearly, dearly missed. Not only by me personally, but to the many that he crossed paths with.

Steve Legner - June 10, 2015 at 09:37 AM

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“ A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Michael Cannizzaro.



June 09, 2015 at 11:40 PM

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“ I am Tony Kazmierski

Mike and I met at the Apollo Club where we were both underage back room workers for Mike's Farther "one armed Frank" who was the Boss/Bouncer.

Mr.Frank Cannizzaro was a good family man, his children were well behaved ( mostly ), I admired his family.

Mike and I became "Best" friends, we camped, motorcycled, adventured and dreamed our dreams together.

Mike & Shirley introduced my Wife Judy and I.

Mike joined the Armed Services, our childhood friendship tapered down, we both followed our Careers and mostly lost track of each other.

Over the last two years, as our lives settled down we found each other again and began planning our next decade's adventures.

In Albania they have a saying : "Two people don't become friends until they've eaten a bag of Salt together" ! Mike & I ate that bag of salt.

I miss Mike, I look at the above Picture and I see Mike looking at me as he always looked at me, that "certainty" look in his eye, that "firmness" you can count on, that assuredness of purpose.

I have always admired Mike Cannizzaro, he was one year younger than I but he always seemed like a Big Brother to me.

I share and feel the Family's great sorrow.

Mike is part of me.

Tony Kazmierski - June 09, 2015 at 10:44 PM

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“ I gifted you the sailboat because it reminds me of the good times spent at my grandparents house (aka uncle Bill) who now you'll be joining up in heaven. You were a wonderful man and made my cousin Denise very happy. Although you were taken far too soon your time here with us was a blessing. Rest in peace. Love and thoughts and prayers go out to you Denise and Jonis...  
Love, cousin Lori Herman



Lori Herman - June 09, 2015 at 07:40 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Nancy Johnson - June 09, 2015 at 07:35 PM

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“ Mike, Bob n I didn't know you long, but it was long enough to know you were a great Husband, Father, and Man! Denise and Joni we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. May you Rest In Peace.



Rose Amella-Landry - June 09, 2015 at 05:49 PM

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“ I didn't work with him long, but the time I had with him I really enjoyed. He made me laugh, and sometimes brought me to tears because I couldn't stop laughing. I looked forward to work each morning because he always had a story to share with me. Some good, Some bad but most of the time there was always a lesson he wanted you to get from it. When asked his opinion, he always gave you the truth. Even when he was going through a bad time with losses of his own, he still thought about everyone else. I admired him for his strength and honesty. Mike was truly one of a kind and will be missed dearly. Every time I pass Tim Horton's, I think of him. That was his treat for us. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



**Marci Mausolf** - June 09, 2015 at 12:58 PM

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“ Mike was much more than a coworker, Mike was my friend, and to Mike that ment something. We have all had our lives enriched because of his friendship. I will always remember the courage shown by Mike as he buried his 2 sons. I know he was hurting beyond what any of us could imagine, and he would ask how we were doing. Mike was a master at his craft and always willing to share and teach with his wisdom. I will never forget the Mike Cannizzaro traing school he held at his home durning lunch. Mike would grill the steaks as well as us as his passed out the food and the wisdom. A friend like Mike comes along only once in a lifetime and he will truly be missed. I wish you peace my friend.  
John Patterson

**John Patterson** - June 09, 2015 at 10:42 AM

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“ Denise and family - my condolences to you. Mike was a person that was always available to help someone whenever an issue existed. The time we shared at Valenite was great. My prayers are with you.

**Dan Irwin** - June 09, 2015 at 07:12 AM

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“ I worked with Mike here in Bay City and thought he was a really nice guy. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. RIH Mike.

**Carole Callahan** - June 09, 2015 at 06:08 AM

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“ Mike was a fantastic friend, always ready to help and always up for a good bonfire! We are grateful for his work knowledge at Valenite, and grateful for his unconditional love of our cousin and nephew, Denise and Jonis. We'll miss you, Mike, until we meet again around the heavenly bonfire.

**Fred and Lynne Land** - June 08, 2015 at 08:12 PM

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“ Mike taught many of us during his 40 years at Valenite. What I learned from him helps me every day. He spoke his mind about any thing and everything but was always ready to help as much as he could. I will miss him and his unique ways.

**Tim Sobolewski** - June 08, 2015 at 06:02 PM