



Michael P. Dantini

October 15, 1945 - February 24, 2024

LEOMINSTER -- Michael P. Dantini, 78, of Leominster, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, February 24, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Leominster on October 15, 1945 the son of the late Dominic A. and Mary A. (DiGregorio) Dantini. He grew up in Fitchburg and graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1963.

Mike retired in 2011 from the City of Fitchburg, where he had worked as a custodian for several years at the South St. Elementary School, "Mr. Mike" was well known and loved by both staff and students. After his retirement Mike returned to the school and worked as a substitute teacher.

Mike was an avid sports fan who enjoyed watching and cheering on the Celtics, Red Sox, and Bruins. He played basketball as a boy and later, as a young man, he was a softball pitcher for the Fitchburg Men's Fast Pitch Softball league where he made many friends and memories.

Mike and his beloved wife vacationed every fall for many years in his favorite place, Las Vegas. When she passed in 2012, he began spending winters in Englewood, Florida. Here he spent his days by the pool with friends at Indigo Isles or out on the deck overlooking Lemon Bay. In Florida, he was lovingly

referred to as “Mahogany Mike” for his incredible tan.

Summers were spent back home on his pontoon boat on Lake Shirley. He spent his days fishing, reading his paper, and listening to his oldies. He loved when his grandchildren and family would join him on his boat or traveled to visit him in Florida. Before her passing, Mike also spent much of his time with his little dog Rosie, both driving around in his truck and taking her for long walks.

His loving wife of 48 years, Rhea M. (Cormier) Dantini passed away in 2012. He leaves two daughters, Stephanie M. Gallant and her husband, Ricky of Leominster, and Sherry A. Goss and her husband, Jeffrey of Fitchburg; his sister, Carol A. Brand and her husband Wayne of Leominster; three grandchildren, Sydnee Tynes and her husband Cole of Morgantown, KY, Dylan Gallant of Leominster and Emilee Goss of Fitchburg and a great-granddaughter, Reya Tynes.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 10AM in St. Anthony di Padua Church, 87 Salem St., Fitchburg. Calling hours will be held on Friday, March 1, from 4 to 7PM in the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg. For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit www.andersonfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
316 Clarendon St
Fitchburg, MA

Funeral Mass

MAR 2. 10:00 AM.

St. Anthony's Church
84 Salem Street
Fitchburg, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Gallants purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael P. Dantini.*



The Gallants - February 29, 2024 at 06:43 PM

PF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire Dantini & Brand Families on the passing of you beloved Mike. I remember him from my younger days in the Patch & M & M Variety. RIP Mikie, YOU WERE THE BEST!*

Mr. Phil Marrama & Family

Philip W Marrama & Family - February 29, 2024 at 11:23 AM

JV

“ *Aloha it is with tearful eyes and broken heart to the passing of my life long best friend, I will always cherish our memories of us rascals growing up at St. Anthony's school, in patch and in being in his and Rhea's wedding. God please bring Mike to heaven to be with Rhea and all of his great family and friends. I will always Love you Mike and Rhea.*

*My deepest sympathy and condolences
Johnny Valera, Aloha*

Johnny Valera - February 28, 2024 at 04:36 PM

AZ

“ *Anthony T. Zekos*

Anthony T. Zekos - February 28, 2024 at 12:37 PM

EJ

“ Hey Mike, Damn man you left too soon. Miss the days we were adversaries in softball and hoop. You for M&M variety and me for Xarras. GOD SPEED o'l friend.

Eric Johnson - February 27, 2024 at 08:56 PM

CF

“ I remember the good old days with Mike and my late husband Bruce Martines.
Mike such a gentle kind man.
My deepest sympathy to the family.
Christine Martines Fucile

CHRISTINE MARTINES FUCILE - February 27, 2024 at 12:07 PM

JF

“ RIP Mike, say hello to Rhea for me. 🦊

jim Fournier - February 27, 2024 at 10:12 AM