



Michael J. Gancarz

July 22, 1930 - February 21, 2017

Michael J. Gancarz, 86, of Prospect Avenue, Gloversville passed away peacefully Tuesday February 21, 2017 at Grand Strand Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, SC.

He was born on July 22, 1930 in Hackensack, NJ a son of Michael and Minnie Bochenek Gancarz and was a 1948 graduate of Hackensack High School. Michael later attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. In 1985, he graduated from the 143rd Session of the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA.

Mr. Gancarz was a police officer in the City of Gloversville for thirty years, retiring in 1991 as Chief of Police.

He was a member of the Kenneyto Masonic Lodge #599 of Broadalbin and St. Patrick's Lodge #4 of Johnstown. The Grand Lodge of New York recently bestowed him with his 50 year pin and apron, recognizing his 50 years of Masonic service.

Michael was an avid boater and a lifelong hockey fan.

He was married to Madeline E. Dell Gancarz. She passed away on December 5, 2006.

Survivors include two sons, Michael J. Gancarz III of Gloversville and Lawrence T. Gancarz of the Town of Providence; a daughter, Ellen S. Nellis of Gloversville; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on Monday from noon – 2pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street) Johnstown followed by a funeral service at 2 pm with Rev. Linda

Martin, officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gloversville.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Gloversville, NY 12078

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ To the Gancarz family: We were sorry to read that your father passed away. May your many happy memories give you strength and comfort during this time.

Bill, Maggie (Rumrill), and Abby Jones



Marj Jones - February 26, 2017 at 06:11 PM

RP

“ To all of the Gancarz family I want to share my deepest condolences at the loss of your dad, Michael. I spent a lot of time with Tom at your home and I respected your father and he was very gracious to me. He even gave me his old leather brown bomber jacket as a gift and I cherished that coat for many years.

Richard Payne - February 25, 2017 at 07:20 AM

DS

“ Sending deepest sympathy to the family of a man I deeply admired. So sorry for your loss. Hope you find comfort and strength in the days ahead. I'm sure he is happy to now be reunited with his wife. I hope he looks down and approves of my nephew, Marc's, leadership. Such a small world.

Denise Spedding - February 24, 2017 at 07:26 PM

PL

Michael was a very good man. My brother Paul Savage worked with him. Paul enjoyed working with him. Michael will be missed by all who knew him. RIP Michael.

Paula Lazor - February 25, 2017 at 07:03 PM

BG

To the Gancarz Family, our deepest sympathy on your loss. We got to see each other a few times while in Myrtle Beach. He will be missed.

Butch and Matty Generoso

Butch Generoso - February 28, 2017 at 10:07 AM