



## Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.

July 5, 1969 - June 11, 2017

Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr., 47, of Main Street Fultonville died Sunday morning June 11, 2017 at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Amsterdam on July 5, 1969 a son of Jennifer Downing Gilston and the late James C. Hornbeck and was a lifelong area resident. Mike was a 1987 graduate of Fonda-Fultonville Central School.

He was employed at Keymark in Fonda for more than twenty eight years.

In recent years, Mike had a passion for bringing joy to others. He especially enjoyed playing Santa Claus at Christmas and sharing positive words of wisdom that inspired many people. Mike loved boating, fishing, carpentry, and bowling. He was a NY Yankee and Jets fan and also enjoyed Friday night card games with family and friends.

In addition to his father, Mike was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, James and Stella Downing.

He married the love of his life and best friend, Jolene A. Battisti, in 1989. In addition to his wife, survivors include three children, Michaela L. Hornbeck and her fiancée, Josh Burr, Michael J. Hornbeck, Jr., all of Fultonville, and John L. Polenski, Jr. and his fiancée Alyssa Maine of Ephratah; his mother and step-father, Jennifer and Joseph W. Gilston, Sr. of Broadalbin; a half-sister, Jacey (Michael) Dorman of Gloversville; a half-brother, Daniel (Megan) Hornbeck of Cornwall; his mother-in-law, Johna E. Muller of Gloversville; three sisters-in-law, Diantha (Tim) Meier, Christa (Michael) Downing of Gloversville, and Shirley Dingman (Cory Mosher), of Ephratah; and three brothers-in-law, Joseph P. Battisti, Jr., all of Fultonville, Anthony (Patti) Gabriel and Benjamin Muller, all of Syracuse; a grandson, Layne J.B. Polenski; three aunts, Jann (Richard) Laniewski of Vero Beach, FL, Joan (Gerry) Gardner of Tribes Hill, and Janey (Ronald) Dygert of Palatine Bridge; two uncles, Jon (Joann) Downing of Fonda, and Jason (Katherine) Downing of Fort Hunter; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; his treasured, loyal sidekicks, Roxie and Zeke; and many, many, loyal friends.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling hours will be held on Friday from 10 am - noon at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street) Johnstown followed by a memorial service at noon at the funeral home with Rev. Frank Buckman, officiating. Final burial will

be in St. Cecilia's Cemetery, Fonda. Memorial contributions may be made to the Johnstown Animal Clinic or to Community Hospice of Amsterdam, both in care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN **16.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

CR

“ *My Dear friend Jolene my thoughts are with you. Connie Riccio*

Constance Riccio - June 16, 2017 at 04:43 PM

FD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jolene and your entire family. We love you Michael Hornbeck...you will be greatly missed 😊❤️*



Frank + Tina Dopp - June 16, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ *Red & White Satin Cross Casket Pillow was purchased for the family of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr. .*



June 15, 2017 at 08:44 AM

KN

“ *Jennifer, Joe and Michaela- although I didn't really know Michael I feel as though I did. I've heard many stories from Michaela and around the table fri nights! he surely was a wonderful man with a very contagious way about him! I am truly very sorry to all of you! Cherish those memories and know he will always be with you all in your heart and with you everyday! I can not make it on fri but know my thoughts and prayers are with you all💔💔*

*Karen Newkirk*

karen newkirk - June 14, 2017 at 06:34 PM

RO

“ *Jennifer,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you, so sorry!  
Bonnie*

Rev. Bonnie Orth - June 14, 2017 at 02:35 PM

ML

“ *Mary Leon lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.*



mary leon - June 14, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ *Peg DiGiacomo lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.*



Peg DiGiacomo - June 14, 2017 at 09:08 AM



*We are so sorry for the loss of Micheal...May he fly high with the Angels...Our Condolence to all Family and Friend <3*

Peg DiGiacomo - June 14, 2017 at 09:13 AM

WK

“ *William Keller lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.*



William Keller - June 14, 2017 at 08:49 AM

KL

“ *Dear Jennifer,  
We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your son, Michael. Although we are not able to make the services on Friday; we wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.  
Sincerely,  
Kathy & Tim Lembke*

Kathy & Tim Lemble - June 14, 2017 at 07:56 AM

LD

“ *My friend. I miss your morning inspirational post. I think we could all use one right now. Send us a sign. Rest friend.*



Linda Denton - June 13, 2017 at 09:56 PM

KM

“ *Jen and family  
Condolences for the loss of your "Rock". Mike is flying with the angels.  
Karen Morey*

Karen Morey - June 13, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr. .*



June 13, 2017 at 12:12 PM

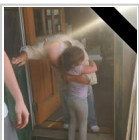
MC

“ *Jolene and Kids -*

*I am speechless. I cannot express enough how deeply sorry I am. Michael was a great man. The world is a duller place without him in it. Peace be with you all in your time of need. Much love and prayers for you all.*

*Melissa Congdon*

Melissa Congdon - June 13, 2017 at 10:03 AM



“ *Faith Borst lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.*



Faith Borst - June 13, 2017 at 05:41 AM

TA

“ Michael and I became friends on Fb not that long ago, I believe just last year closer to the holidays. I was looking for a local man who was really good at playing santa clause. I was refered to Michael and little did I know his everyday posts of positive vibes and thoughts and so on would be an everyday thing i would look for... He left this earth not really knowing how many people he had such an impact on for all of his awesome positivity! Rest in Paradise my friend I am sure you will continue your great vines from up above!!!



Tasha - June 12, 2017 at 08:40 PM

JL

Michael was my nephew and godson, a very special person who will be missed more then he could ever know. Wish I could be there. Know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jann

Jann Luniewski - June 13, 2017 at 08:39 AM

KR

“ Karen Rumrill lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.



karen rumrill - June 12, 2017 at 08:05 PM

KS

“ Jolene, family,, and friends of Mike, I am so very sorry for your loss!! You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!!  
Kristy Shibley

Kristy Shibley - June 12, 2017 at 07:56 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr. .



June 12, 2017 at 06:46 PM

JW

“ Dear Jen & Family,  
My deepest condolences for the loss of your beloved son Micheal , I'm keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Joann Wille - June 12, 2017 at 05:48 PM

AB

“ One of the best memories I have of Mike is when I bought my first road bike. For the first week I owned it we took turns riding the wheels off of it. We had so much fun, I really miss those days. Unfortunately family,jobs and life got in the way and we drifted apart. Always thought we would have time to get back together for more riding, fishing and laughs. You will be missed my friend Always Andy

Andrew Bowles - June 12, 2017 at 05:22 PM

RP


“ So sorry a good man and friend is gone. He had a heart of gold and will be sorely missed. Jolene my prayers and condolences go out to you and the family.😞😞😞

Randy Price - June 12, 2017 at 04:03 PM

LH

“ I will always remember your smile, your kindness, and your gentle soul, and kind words, fly high michael, you above all deserve it 😞


Lois Hayes - June 12, 2017 at 03:33 PM

 Carolynn Geniesse

“ Carolynn Geniesse sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.



Carolynn Geniesse - June 12, 2017 at 03:03 PM

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Carolynn Geniesse - June 12, 2017 at 03:02 PM

JK

“ *John Walsh & Audra Kubly lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.*



John Walsh & Audra Kubly - June 12, 2017 at 02:42 PM

MP

“ *Michael I am so sad that you had to leave us so young. My memory of you is as a tot of maybe 2 or 3 running around with your mother with that wall to wall smile that you kept all your life. I love you and already miss you. God has a special place for wonderful people like you. God bless.*

michael pakenas - June 12, 2017 at 02:32 PM

SO

“ *Stormy Orengo lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.*



Stormy Orengo - June 12, 2017 at 02:23 PM

DP

“ *Jolene and Family so sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers are with you. Donna Pettit*

Domna Pettit - June 12, 2017 at 02:20 PM

RW

“ *Prayers and condolences. Michael touched the hearts of many. Heaven has a special angel.*

Roy & Lorna Walsh - June 12, 2017 at 01:34 PM

DH

“ Dear Micheala and family,

*Sending our deepest sympathy for the loss of your dad. Even though we never met him, we know he was a kind, generous, loving dad since we know you. During the past weeks, we have heard many wonderful stories about your dad. He was a gentleman who everyone loved and enjoyed spending time with. Hold the great memories you have of him close to your heart and know he will be smiling down you and your family every day. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love and Big Hugs,  
Aunt Dar and Uncle John  
Gloversville NY*



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**Darlene Holubetz** - June 12, 2017 at 01:33 PM

GM

“ Georgiana McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.



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**Georgiana McGinnis** - June 12, 2017 at 01:18 PM

 Linda Renda Mendetta

“ Jennifer and Joe.. I am heartfelt sorry for your loss. I can not even imagine your sadness. Please know Im keeping your family in my heart and prayers .

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**Linda Renda Mendetta** - June 12, 2017 at 01:05 PM

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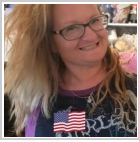
**Linda Renda Mendetta** - June 12, 2017 at 12:57 PM

JC

“ To all of Mike's family  
*My sincere condolences on the loss of such a nice man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. God Bless and may Mike Rest In Peace.*

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**Jackie Connell** - June 12, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS!



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**Gabrielle Dewitt** - June 12, 2017 at 12:09 PM

JM

“ Jennifer Motyka sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael J. Hornbeck, Sr.



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**Jennifer Motyka** - June 12, 2017 at 11:44 AM