



Michael M. Massarelli

July 26, 1936 - January 8, 2017

Michael M. Massarelli, 80, passed away suddenly on Sunday, January 8, 2017. He was born July 26, 1936 in Chicago, has lived in Libertyville for the past 50 years while also enjoying his home in Delray Beach, Florida. Mike began as a used car dealer in Chicago in the 1960's, started Liberty Buick in Libertyville in 1965 and later expanded his operation with many franchises. He was a member of St. Joseph Parish, Bob O' Link Golf Club in Highland Park and the National Automobile Dealers Association. Big Mike cherished his wife of 55 years, JoAnn and loved his family and friends with all his heart. He was proud of his Italian heritage, was an avid fisherman, golfer and loved a good game of cards.

Surviving are his wife JoAnn Massarelli; 3 sons, Michael (Tracy), Joseph (Margie) and John (Maggie); 11 Grandchildren, Michael, Sophia, Erica, Paige, Lexi, Joey, Sarah, Natalie, Julia, Isabelle and Jack. Also surviving are his brother Richard (Stella) Massarelli, Bob (Kay Lumino) Batelli, Janet (Lumino) Perri and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the St. Joseph Church Koenig Center (next to the church) 121 E. Maple Ave. Libertyville.

Funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 at the church.

Interment will be at Ascension Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be sent to www.lungevity.org. Arrangements are by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Our whole family remembers a Gentle Giant, "A generous man will be blessed" as Mike was. His passing is a great loss to his family and to those of us who knew him. A long friendship is a gift that will be remembered through many happy times. Our prayers go out to JoAnn and all the children Marcia, Monica, Deborah, Chris, Matt and Bruce Johnson

June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ We pray the fond memories and time will help lessen the pain of your loss. Your family remains in our thoughts and prayers.

Vince D'Amico - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ I remember my 1st day at work. He came to me and shook my hand to welcome me. On my 1st paycheck he hand wrote a message to me. Always went out of his way to make me feel a part of. A truly great man. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Lloyd Gray - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ Dear JoAnne our thoughts are with you and your family on the untimely passing of your beloved Mike. We loved him and enjoyed his love and humor for many years and are going to miss him. We flew to FL Monday night and just found out about his passing. With all our LOVE, Bill and Coula

Bill and Coula Dracos - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

JD

“ *Amazing man and incredible family! All the best to the Massarelli Family during this difficult time!Luv The Darnalls*

Jason Darnall - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

JR

“ *Mr. M was a sweet man*

Jodi Reese - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

BS

“ *Best wishes during this difficult time. Love you all and prayers your way!*

Boyd Slater - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

WW

“ *my deepest condolences for your loss.*

Wayne Winkelman - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

AI

“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry for the loss of Michael. I'm glad to have met him and had the opportunity to take care of him. He was a wonderful dad and grandfather that took pride in his family and for the accomplishments of his children and grandkids. I will dearly miss him. My condolences to all the Massarelli Family.*

Angela Ichinose - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

DY

“ I am so sorry for your loss of your Dad. I had the great pleasure of meeting him and your family at his clinic appointments. He was a big "teddy bear". My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time.

Donna Yamaji - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

JW

“ We never knew Mike very well but his intimidating personality always disappeared with conversation . We did like Mike! Sorry for your families loss.

Jose Wally - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

DW

“ Michael M. Massarelli

Don Wolf - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

RP

“ Dear Auntie Jo and family, my heartfelt condolences and prayers on the passing of a great husband,father,grandfather and my "uncle mike".

Robert Perri - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

DP

“ Dear Mrs Massarelli,My thoughts are with you and your family.I am so sorry for your loss.The year 1998 i came over from England and was very fortunate to have met Mr Massarelli,when he was in Florida at his Delray beach house he always made a point of stopping by my Pro Shop at the country club and asking me to come get coffee with him and share life.He was an AMAZING man.God Bless !!Your Friend Always.

darren panks - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ George and I are heart sick to hear of the loss of Mike. He was a gentleman and a very honorable man. George will miss his card buddy and we both will miss a wonderful friend. Jackie and George Couvall

June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Although words can do so little, we want you to know that you have our deepest sympathy

Bob and Josephine (Carl LaBrasca Sister) Swanson - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ On behalf of the Brush family we send our most sincere condolences.

Desiree Brush - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ I really enjoyed working with Mike and I learned a great deal about the car business from his wisdom and guidance. I have always thought fondly of him and he will be deeply missed. Our sincere condolences go out to his family. He will be missed.

Kathy & Jim Livingston - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ So many great memories I have when I think about Uncle Mike and his family. I grew up with the Massarelli's. Most of my fondest childhood memories were spent at Uncle Mike & Aunti Jo's home. I've fished the oceans & lakes with Uncle Mike. I've played golf with him too. There was a time I was living with Uncle Mike & Aunti Jo at their home. I spent Christmas with the Massarelli's for close to 4 decades and it should have been 5 but that is on me. I worked for Uncle Mike at United Motors. I also worked for him at Liberty. I've laughed & cried with the Massarelli's. Not too long ago I was with Uncle Mike talking about life & cooking and he gave me his recipe for the baked clams. Uncle Mike helped me better understand during the toughest time in my life. So many emotions I have when I think about Uncle Mike and the Massarelli family. Great times, Good times and Tough times. So many more great & good times than tough times for sure. Uncle Mike rest in peace. Aunti Jo my heart & thoughts are with you today. Love Jeff

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“ Massarelli Family, Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of Michael. Mike and I had many conversations over coffee, lunch, and rides in the golf cart. He was dedicated to his family, friends and associates. Mike always asked How can I help? We will forever have fond memories of Mike. May the memories of Mike and the love of family surround you and give you comfort. The Nitch Family.

Thomas Nitch - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ A very kind and likable person, my condolences to his family7gcss

Fred Bolender - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry for your loss Remembering the good times at family gatherings I have not been around much but will always love you

Ronald Sarno - April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM

TP

“ Dear JoAnn, Please accept our deepest condolences and sympathy for the lost of Mike. Tom and Margaret Pross

Tom and Margaret Pross - April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM

DF

“ Mike was my first Boss when I came home from Viet Nam. He was a mans man who took a kid and made me into a man. I know he is now in a better place but without saying he will be missed and never forgotten. Mike is looking down and yelling go grab that customer on the lot. May you Rest In Peace. Don Friedman. n. Vernon Hills il

Don Friedman - April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM

JT

“ JoAnne and family-was heartbroken to hear about Mike-always one of my favorites. Will always remember the good times the four of us shared. My thoughts are with all of you. Love, Judy

Judy Talman - April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM

MS

“ Joe and Massarelli families . Sorry for your loss of Mr Massarelli . Prayers for all to get through this difficult time .

Matt Scholzen - April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM

GF

“ I am so sorry for your loss .. I always liked and respected Mike .. I've missed you thru the years JoannPlease know you are in my thoughts and prayers May he Rest In Peace Gayle Friedman

Gayle Friedman - April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mike was one of our favorites while Bill (my son) and Mikes son John were hockey teammates at the "Bubble" in Deerfield. Condolences to JoAnn and the family. Rest in peace Mike...Lew Suhanek

April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM

KL

“ Our condolences to the Massarelli family. We pray that God will hold you tight during this difficult time and wonderful memories will flood your hearts. With much love, Juan and Karen Sue Landrian

Karen Landrian - April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM

JP

“ Our hearts go out to entire Massarelli Family. Through Mike's leadership, a great family was established and being accepted as a friend has made our lives better. We will always enjoy the memories as they are as special as Mike himself. All our Love, The Puffers.

Jim Puffer - April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM

SZ

“ Great Family. Gave me my start in the automobile business. I will always remember Mr M for his deep voice and his teddy bear like appearance. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. RIP Mr M you were one of the greats. Steve Zradicka

Steve Zradicka - April 27, 2018 at 04:33 AM