



# Michael "Mickey" Gentile

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**M**otown music producer Mickey Gentile passes. Mr. Michael "Mickey" Gentile died peacefully in New York City on July 5, 2019 at the age of 86. Michael was a resident of New York City and Syracuse, NY. He was graduate of Syracuse University, Manhattan School of Music, and served in the Korean War. Michael, along with his wife, was an acclaimed music producer, arranger, and songwriter for Motown Records and worked with such luminaries as Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross, and Stevie Wonder. After Motown he was the personal music director for Connie Francis then went on to be A&R director for Bob Crew. Michael was also the A&R director for Morris Levy's Roulette Records. Michael is survived by his loving wife Jennifer, daughters, Lisa (Jeffrey States) Gentile, Robin (James) Tepe, and Tara (Donald) Wood; grandchildren; a sister, Mary DeCicco; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. A funeral mass in celebration of Michael's life will take place at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 in All Saints Church, 1340 Lancaster Ave., officiated by Father Frederick Daley. Private burial will take place in Assumption Cemetery, Syracuse. Family and friends may call from 5:00- 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Michael's life.



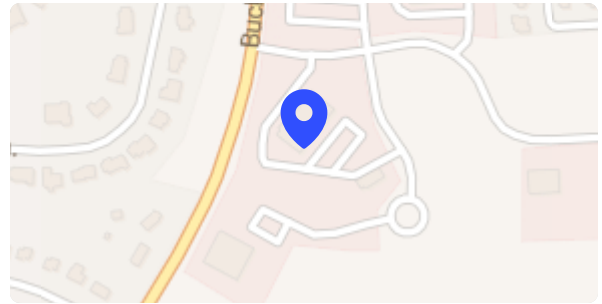
# Events

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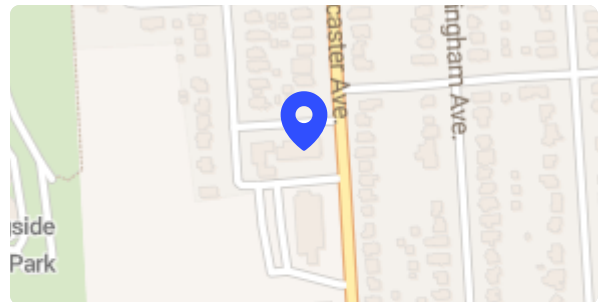
## Visitation

- Tuesday**, July 9, 2019
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



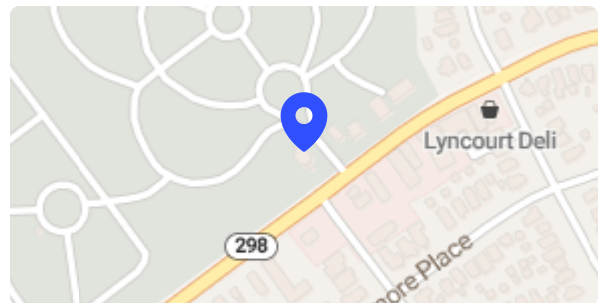
## Funeral Mass

- Wednesday**, July 10, 2019
- 10:00 AM ET
- All Saints Church**  
1340 Lancaster Avenue, Syracuse NY 13210



## Cemetery Details

- Assumption Cemetery**  
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208
- 454-3841**





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Gentile family.



July 9 at 5:44 AM



**Love, Emily** sent an Arrive in Style to the Gentile family.



July 9 at 4:07 AM



**Barrow Davis-Tolot** lit a candle in honor of Michael.



July 8 at 8:40 PM



**Barrow Davis-Tolot** posted:

I have the fondest memories of Mr. Gentile from my youth, hanging out at the families New York City apartment with my best friend his daughter Lisa, and the rest of the Gentile ladies. From Junior High through High School, I was treated as one of the family with Mr. Gentile like a second father to me. My heart is heavy to learn of Mr. Gentile's passing. I have no words. I lost my father a few years ago and there was nothing harder for my mother and I to go through. I know the pain that strikes and I wish I could do or say something to take that pain away. I can only share, with hopes, that it will be of some comfort, to say that I witnessed the great love first hand that Mr. Gentile had for... his wife Jennifer, and three daughters Lisa, Robin & Tara. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I send you all my love.

July 8 at 8:38 PM



**Rosa Fraticelli** sent an Arrive in Style to the Gentile family.



July 8 at 7:32 PM



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**Donald Matthews** posted:

Our Deepest Condolences to you and family. Don and Shelly Matthews.

July 8 at 6:27 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gentile family.



July 8 at 11:17 AM



**Laura Salomone-Wilbur** posted:

Uncle Mike, the memories i have of you will last a lifetime. I always admired your calm demeanor in parenting us kids, no matter what mischief you had found us in. I lived at your house each summer and Christmas, and you never seemed to grow tired of us all invading your house, eating your food, and occupying your space. We were treated as family at your dining room table. I love you and your family so much, and will keep the memories of you close to fill the spaces in my heart.

July 8 at 10:55 AM



**Jamie Bersani** posted:

Dear Jen, Lisa, Tara and Robin-I'm very sorry about Mickey's passing. I always carry fond memories of the Virgilio (and Bersani) family gatherings, dating back to my childhood in Syracuse. Mickey was always a sweetheart of a guy. My heart goes out to you all. God bless Mickey - May he Rest In Peace.Jamie, Ryder & Rafael Bersani

July 7 at 5:29 PM



**Marilyn** July 8 at 3:02 PM

Jenn, Lisa, Robin, Tara and family; my sincere condolences. It was truly a pleasure knowing "Uncle Mickey". He was truly one of a kind. May his kind soul be at peace. Sending you all hugs and love.Marilyn and Sasha



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**Patricia Gentile** posted:

Uncle Mickey will be deeply missed. We loved him so much and it was always a joy to see him. It feels like the end of an era. Aunt Jen, Lisa, Tara and Robin, you are in our thoughts and are sending you love. I hope your many happy memories can bring you some comfort

July 6 at 8:13 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gentile family.



July 6 at 8:07 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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