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Michael Joseph Falcone, of North Palm Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully in his home on April 10th, 2024, surrounded by family. Mike, or “Mickey” as many of his dearest family and friends called him, was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, and to his extraordinary joy, a recent great grandfather.

The son of Michael Paul and Rose Falcone, Mickey married his wife of 60 years, Noreen Reale Falcone on April 23, 1960. They lived a very full life first in Syracuse and Skaneateles, NY, and then for many years, in North Palm Beach, Florida.

Family and friendships were the foundation for Mike and Noreen, and they considered their greatest success and legacy the strength they found within their family and for their family.

Mike lived a life filled with travel, adventure, and friendship. He was an avid hunter, golfer, skier, (he skied into his 80’s), rowed his Adirondack boat daily on Skaneateles Lake and was an enthusiastic fan of horse racing, as both a handicapper and owner. He was an influential real estate developer throughout Upstate NY spanning from the early 1960s through today. He and his beloved anchor, Noreen, led many important civic and philanthropic initiatives throughout their lives, including important contributions to Syracuse University, Le Moyne College, CBA, Skaneateles Festival, The Skaneateles Lake Association, the Finger Lakes Land Trust, The Everson Museum, Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, Syracuse Symphony and Opera, Francis House, and far too many more to mention.

For all their passions and interests, nothing took more priority in Mike and Noreen’s lives than their large extended family, their greatest pride. They loved hosting friends and family in their homes on Skaneateles Lake and their beloved ski house in Stratton Vermont.

Legend has it that Mike remains the youngest real estate license holder in the State having first obtained his at the tender age of 16, working with his beloved father to sell homes. A graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and Syracuse University (’56), Mike started working as a real estate



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broker for Egan Real Estate in Syracuse. It was while at Egan that Mike started buying small rental properties, improving them, and eventually selling them. In 1963 he left Egan to go out on his own and in 1969, he and his CBA schoolmate Bob Congel, started the Pyramid Companies.

In 1977, Mickey started the Pioneer Group, a management and development company that initially focused on developing new office buildings in the downtowns of Syracuse, Buffalo, and Rochester. In 1986, with his partners Dan Murphy, Dale Van Epps, and his sons Michael and Mark, he created the Pioneer Companies, which successfully built millions of square feet of office buildings, shopping centers, assisted living centers, hotels, and urban mixed-use projects throughout the US.

Mickey was predeceased by his loving wife Noreen and is survived by his children Michael (Nicole Ruvo), Mark (Ellen Bruss), Michelle (Greg) Drumm and Melissa (Tom) Zell; 13 grandchildren, Sonya (Pete Stein), Olivia (Chris Roderick), Luke (Phoebe Tillem), Michael, Savaria (Costa Trikas), Amelia, Nathan, Julia, Bella, Gabriella, Alison, Angelia, Gaia, 3 great grandchildren, George and Lew Stein, Elio Falcone; his brother Robert (Judy) and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the amazing caregivers that helped him so much over the last several months, and we could never have done any of this but for the selfless dedication of our friends Carlos Velasquez and Yolanda Lacoste, who have so lovingly cared for our parents and this large extended family.

A small, private funeral service will be held in North Palm Beach for family and close friends with a grand celebration of life to follow later this late spring.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks that donations in his memory be made to the Skaneateles Lake Association. <https://skaneateleslake.org/memory-honor-donation/>



Events

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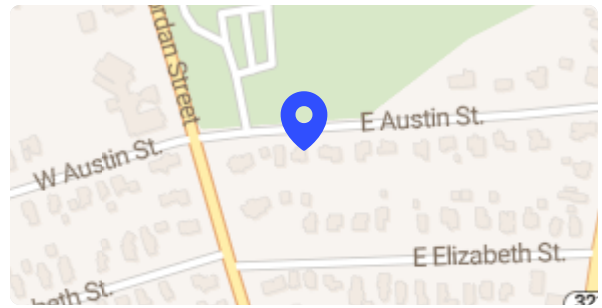
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Cemetery Details



St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery

10 West Austin Street, Skaneateles NY 13152





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RM

Rick Morris posted:

Michael, Mark, Michelle, Mellissa, Your dad was an amazing guy..truly a renaissance man. I had many stimulating conversations with him over the years. He is dearly missed by the entire community. Rick Morris

May 13 at 8:01 AM

WG

William Gooley posted:

Mike engaged my company to broker the sale of a number of his senior living properties. During the engagement on a personal levels brilliant real estate & business mind. As a lifetime resident of Syracuse I observed that Mike used the fruits of his business success to fund philanthropic efforts together with his wife Noreen and their children. The focus of their philanthropy included the areas of higher education, the arts,, not for profits focused on the environment, and the social safety net that benefited the poor & disadvantaged among the many areas of the Falcone family donations. These unselfish acts contributed in a major way to the high quality of life in our community. My sincere condolences to the generations of the Falcone clan on the loss of their patriarch. May great memories and stories carry them through the days, weeks, and months to come. Bill Gooley

April 16 at 4:41 PM

LC

Le Moyne College posted:

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

April 15 at 11:20 AM

MM

Monica Merante posted:

I'm so very sorry to hear about Mr. Falcone's passing. Both Mike and Noreen were philanthropic giants in our community - quietly supporting the organizations and people who work to make life better for all of us. My heart goes out to their family, I hope some of the memories shared here and in the coming weeks bring you comfort. -Monica Merante, CNY Community Foundation

April 15 at 5:15 AM



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TG

Thomas Gilhooley posted:

Noreen and Michael Falcone created Annesgrove in Camillus, consisting of lovely "patio style" homes. Mr. Falcone took personal interest in all stages of the development making sure it met his high standards. I am privileged to enjoy one of the homes he and Noreen built. Thank you. Tom Gilhooley

April 15 at 5:12 AM

AS

Aaron Sauer posted:

I was out with some buddies on a pontoon boat on Skaneateles Lake one day in the early 2000s. After hanging out and drifting for a couple hours, we went to start the boat and it wouldn't start (dead battery). A couple of friendly jet-skiers (Thank You Mr. Koffee King) towed us to the nearest shoreline, which happened to be Mr. Falcone's property. He was very friendly and gracious, and drove us back to the marina so we could get the boat straightened out. Great guys make great memories.

April 14 at 5:14 PM

CD

Christine Davies posted:

I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to work for Mr. Falcone. He believed in me and taught me so much. He was kind, caring and selfless. I will never forget our talks and how he guided me. He will always have a special place in my heart! My condolences to his family. May he rest in peace! Christine Davies

April 13 at 7:38 PM

JQ

Jean Queri April 14 at 9:49 AM

Mickey, Frank Shaughnessy and my husband Joe Queri were very close friends at CBA and into their married lives. Mickey was Joe's Best Man at our wedding. He was a wonderful man whose life always included religion and who was generous and thoughtful. Rest In Peace Mickey 🙏❤️🙏



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RM

Richard Mulherin posted:

Mike was a good man who helped many people.....including myself. I joined both Mike and Dan Murphy at Pioneer in 1989 and remained there for 20 years. They both taught me much. My condolences to the family....may he rest in peace. Richard Mulherin

April 13 at 3:01 PM

PM

Paul F Torrissi Md April 15 at 7:06 AM

We were so saddened to learn of Mike's passing. He has always been such a sincere and generous vanguard for his beloved Skaneateles Lake... and a mentor to so many who have volunteered their time and energy with him over the years to help preserve and protect such an important resource to Central NY. Mike's legacy will remain forever. Our condolences to his wonderful family. Paul and Mary Torrissi

BF

Brian Fusco April 14 at 12:34 PM

My condolences to the entire Falcone family. What an extraordinary life that Mr. Falcone led.

KK

Kevin Kane April 14 at 9:57 AM

It was a real privilege to have know Mike and an even bigger one to have had the opportunity to work with him at Pioneer. He was a great leader, a great motivator and great innovator who found ways to make the impossible possible for anyone who was fortunate to participate in his business ventures. I am eternally grateful to him for giving me that chance. He set high standards for us and the business, and the quality of his projects stand as a testimony to his vision. He was a remarkable leader and an amazing man who left an indelible mark on the real estate development community. I am fortunate for having known him and his family. I want to offer my sincere condolences to Mark, Michael, Michelle and Melissa and your families. Godspeed Mike Falcone, Godspeed.

JC

Joan Cincotta April 14 at 9:16 AM

We were so sad to learn of Mickey's death and want to offer our deepest sympathy. It is so hard to believe that they are now both gone. We will keep your family in our prayers in the days ahead as you cope with your profound loss. May he rest in the peace of Our Lord. Joan and Armand Cincotta

BY

Bradford S. Yeomans April 14 at 6:49 AM

Mickey and I were in the military together. At that time it was the 108 AC&W FLT at Hancock Field. We sat next to each other on a bus going to Camp Smith in Peekskill NY. Through the years we would run into each other usually in Airports. We both got married April 23, 1960. We both had 4 children and both of us had 2 boys and 2 girls and we have 3 Great Gradchildren. My condolences to his family. Bradford Yeomans



Memories only last if you share them

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



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