



## Michael Giovinazzo

January 10, 2023

Michael Giovinazzo of Lancaster, PA passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Born on June 7, 1931 in Ravenna, Ohio, Mike was the son of Rosario and Maria (Martelli) Giovinazzo. He was the first in the family to be born in the United States after his parents immigrated from Calabria, Italy. Mike was a proud Italian!

He graduated from Ravenna High School and went on to serve in the Army. He attended Kent State University where he met his wife, Mary Jane. They married in 1957. He received his BBA in 1958 and began his career at Kroger, also working for Rini's Stop N Shop, and Charley Brothers. He owned and operated several County Market supermarkets in Maryland and Pennsylvania until retiring in 2002.

Mike enjoyed traveling and was a lifelong fan of the Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Indians. He had 12 grandchildren and delighted in their various activities and was always so proud of their accomplishments. He was the "fun grandpa" who loved to offer the kids homemade milkshakes right before dinner or bedtime.

Mike is survived by his children: Mary Lynne Pallasch, Steven (Denise), Andrew (Trudi) and Lisa (Scott) Morrison. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Brant (Angelina) Pallasch, Christine (Anthony) Wile, Jaynie

Pallasch, Alex Giovinazzo, Maria (Cole) Vance, Chloe McCullough, Hunter Pallasch, Briana (Armando) Roca, Sophia Giovinazzo, Nathan Giovinazzo, Patrick Morrison, and Isabelle Giovinazzo; great-grandchildren: Kylan McCullough, Massimo Wile, and soon to be Baby Vance, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane, parents, brother, Dominic Giovinazzo, sisters, Anna Tucci, Frances Benshoff, and Judith Giovinazzo, and son-in-law, John B Pallasch III.

Funeral services will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish at 409 W. Main Street in Ravenna, OH on Saturday, January 21, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital - [stjude.org/donate](https://stjude.org/donate).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Parish  
4090 W. Main Street  
Revenna, PA

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

JK

“ We are very late in hearing that Mike has passed. We were their almost most recent neighbors and we thought world of these two. They would come to parties at our house and our friends loved to chat with them, and Michael and my wife always had such fun talking birds, flowers & butterflies. RIP my good man.

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**Jeff & kathy Kirk** - June 30, 2025 at 02:30 PM

JS

“ I have only just heard that Mike had passed. I think of him often. He was my father's, Patrick Spano's, closest friend. Simply a wonderful man, father, husband to the beautiful Mary Jane, grandfather, and friend. Kind, generous, funny, hard-working, always putting family first. A warm spirit full of goodwill. I hope he and my dad are palling around in Italian Heaven! I will always remember him.  
All my love,  
Jon Spano

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**Jon Spano** - October 15, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ **Michael Giovinazzo**

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

WB

“ My time with Michael and Mary was brief, but what I did see was a loving relationship which I don't see much of anymore. My condolences to the family.

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**Walter G Bennett** - February 02, 2023 at 04:56 PM

MG

“ My condolences and prayers to the Giovinazzo family. I was fortunate to have worked with Mike while I was employed by Charley Brothers/Supervalu. I always had the highest regard for Mike and I learned a lot from him during our many interactions over the years. There was always a lot of "give and take" in our dealings, but he was always professional, respectful and supportive, even when we "agreed to disagree". It was my privilege and honor to have known Mike!! God's peace and comfort to his family.

*Mario Grana*

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**Mario Grana** - January 26, 2023 at 02:50 AM

DF

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Mike for many years. We had both worked for Kroger at early points in our careers. Mike was one of the brightest and most knowledgeable person that I have met. Mike taught me many things over the years and I am grateful for his guidance and support. He was a great man who loved his family and his friends . Mike will be sorely missed but his memory will live on.

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**Don Fabian** - January 24, 2023 at 12:32 PM

MS

“ May God comfort and keep your family.



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**Michael Shaffer** - January 21, 2023 at 08:15 AM

MS

“ I worked for Me. G in LaVale MD at Coibtt Market. He was always very welcoming with a warm smile and greeting and sometimes shared a story or interest ing fact. At that time, I hadn't seen hardly anything outside of the local area. Mr. G shared that you often could tell what part of the country someone was from by their choice of word for a Coke (pop, soda, tonic, etc...).

Michael Shaffer - January 21, 2023 at 08:12 AM

WC

“ Michael was a good hearted hardworking individual who loved his family very much!!!  
I used to enjoy our GARLIC lunches beck when he was running the supermarkets with his good partner Tony. May he rest in peace and watch our his family Walter Coury (Coury Financial Services)

Walter Coury - January 19, 2023 at 05:14 PM

MP

“ 1 file added to the album Dad



Mary Lynne Pallasch - January 18, 2023 at 11:08 PM

KL

“ I remember Michael when he was working at Krogers in Ravenna. He was the kindest and most helpful man. It was in 1964 and I had 2 babies and the store was so crowded. He helped me. Also Judy was so pound of him. They went to Italy together!! Good memories of all the Giovinazzo Family!

Kathy latimer - January 18, 2023 at 11:27 AM

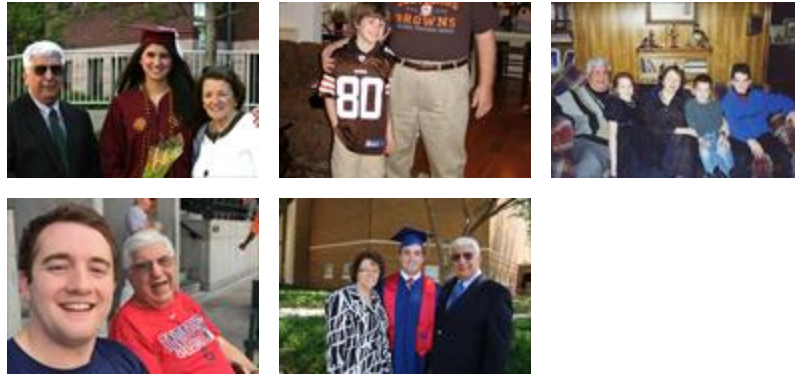
MG

“ I remember Mike and his wife Mary Jane well when they operated a market in Cumberland, Maryland. They contributed much to the community while they were here.

Margaret Gaughan - January 18, 2023 at 09:34 AM

LM

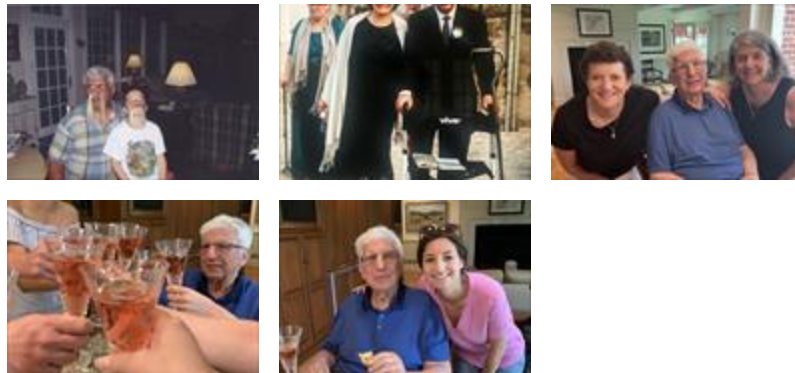
“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



LISA R MORRISON - January 17, 2023 at 01:42 PM

MP

“ 34 files added to the album Dad



Mary Lynne Pallasch - January 13, 2023 at 08:11 PM