



Mario Bandera

May 12, 1931 - July 8, 2016

Mario Bandera, 85, of Syracuse, died Friday, July 8, 2016, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York, with his loving family by his side.

Mario was born May 12, 1931, in Syracuse, New York, to Quinto and Victoria Bandera. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Rae-Ellen. Also surviving are his four sons, Irving (Cynthia) Lyons, Jr., Anthony (Laura) Bandera of Fairmount, Nicholas (Bobbi) of Oneida, Christopher (Tammie) of Rockford, IL; ten granddaughters, Dayna-Rae, Ryan, Alexandra, Gabrielle, Julia, Amber, Cheyenne, Brittany, Amber and Ashley; seven grandsons, Jesse, Jake, Luke, Nicholas, Noah, Elijah and Chayne. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, including Melissa Rank and Samantha Rae. He had twelve great-grandchildren.

Mario was a lifelong resident of Syracuse. He attended Franklin and Grant Schools. As a youth, he was a drummer on the Syracuse Brigadiers Drumline. He was a delegate for the Indian Bowling Association for fifteen years. Mario loved to cook for his family, friends and church. He was a fan of Drum and Bugle Corps and would frequently attend shows and competitions. He also liked to hunt and was an avid bowler. He liked to fix things and was skilled as a carpenter, electrician, mason and auto mechanic. He was a member of the Tyrolean Club.

His greatest love was his wife, Rae-Ellen; he was a devoted husband and they were rarely apart. Next, he was devoted to his family, friends and church. He loved his dog Ziva and she was always by his side. After his retirement, he spent numerous hours helping those in need. He would take them to doctor appointments and to shop for their groceries.

Mario retired after thirty years of employment. He was an elected union steward of Local 624. Mario was respected as a leader, husband, father and humanitarian.

Calling hours will be Thursday, July 14, 2016, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205. A funeral service will be held on Friday at noon at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mario's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mario Bandera*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - July 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mar will definitely be missed so much ! I love you and will miss you Mar ❤️ .. My sincere condolences to the family I love you Rae and family*

July 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to you all for your loss. My thoughts and prays are with you. You dad was a great man.
~Beth Martin Rinaldo~*

Candle of Memories - July 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Rae, Irv and family. I was sorry to hear about Mario's passing. We will keep you in are thoughts and prayers*

July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Rae Ellen and Family,
I was so sad yesterday to hear of Mario's passing. My thoughts and prayers immediately went out to you all. I also immediately started to remember all of the good and fun times Mario, Rea Ellen, Care, Leon and I had when we were 'younger'. A lot of happy times together. Mario was a good, fair person and a true friend to all. RIP Mario, you will surely be missed.

With much love to you all, Keenie

Candle of Memories - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I was in the drum corp with him /// sorry for your loss /// he was a hell of a guy /// Tony 'NENE' Adiano

July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER MARIO FROM MR DALTON'S
WOODWORK CLASS AT GRANT JR
GEORGE BELL

July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM