



Michael Burke

May 25, 1950 - September 11, 2016

Michael Burke

Was born in St. Charles MO, on May 25th 1950. Mike completed general schooling and graduated from High School in 1968.

He studied and received a Bachelors Degree in Engineering from the University of Missouri in 1972. He went to work for Ford Motor Company in 1973.

Michael was married to Michelle in 1977 and they had Matthew and Hannah. He later went on to receive his Master's Degree in Statistical Engineering from Wayne State University.

Mike had a love of motorcycles from his younger days and still loved to ride. After Mike's retirement in 2005, he began to research our family geneology. Michael has just now completed both sides of our families geneology.

He then went on to become the publisher for the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan. This kept Michael very busy.

Michael was devoted to his granddaughter Lily, even accompanied her to catechism classes and stayed to help when needed, which was all the time. He was always willing to help.

Mike was a clever, funny, honest and good man and will be deeply missed by his family and friends (which were many!).

Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm at the Sterling Heights Chapel of the E.J. Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. 3801 18 Mile Rd (N.W. Corner of 18 & Ryan Rd)

Mass of the Resurrection Friday at 12:00 Noon at SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church

Mr. Burke will lie in state at church from 11:00 am until time of Mass.

Cemetery Details

Guardian Angel Cemetery

4701 N. Rochester Rd
Rochester, MI 48306

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Burke*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Michael Burke*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Michael passing. He was a good friend at Chrysler and a great guy to work with.*

Raymond Segar - September 27, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ *To the Burke Family
So sorry to hear about Mike's tragic passing. Mike was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed. Mike worked In quality/reliability departments with me at Ford and at Chrysler. Although he was less of a talker than most of his colleagues, when he spoke it was usually to deliver a profound contribution. We all knew we needed to pay attention. In his case there was truth in the saying that "still waters run deep". Please accept my condolences.*

*Sincerely,
Larry Parker*

Larry Parker - September 22, 2016 at 07:41 AM

DG

“ Michelle, Matt and Hannah,

I had the privilege of working with Mike at Ford Motor Company and at Chrysler LLC. There were 2 things that you could always count on from him, (1) his love for his family and (2) his passion for problem solving. He was extremely bright yet he demonstrated great patience in explaining new concepts and new information with the rest of the team. I want to thank you for sharing him with us. The employees and shareholders of both companies were better off because of his many talents.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ grant you grace, comfort and peace during these trying times. We will indeed keep you in prayer.

Donald & Patricia Goodwin

Donald Goodwin - September 20, 2016 at 03:42 PM

RG

“ I am so very, very sorry for your loss. I also went to UMR (now Missouri S&T) with Mike over 45 years ago and remember his wit and good nature back then. A small group of us from those years at Rolla have met every year around the country since then. When we were in Troy a few years back, we learned that Mike was also from there. We looked up his number, called him and asked if he would like to come to visit with us if he had time. Within an hour, Mike joined us with photos, memorabilia and strong memories from those days. His meticulous record keeping and files were apparent in that demonstration. We had a great time that afternoon. We have scheduled a very large reunion this year in St. Louis with many more of those folks from our college days. Mike had indicated he wanted to come and had sent in a questionnaire that all were asked to submit if they wished. One of the questions on the form was "What advise would you give today's student just entering college after your life experience?" In typically Mike Burke wit, his response was priceless: "One word. Plastics" (ref: The Graduate, Dustin Hoffman, 1967). Mike will be missed. He will be remembered by many of us from 45+ years ago.

Ron Gaus, St. Louis

Ron Gaus - September 17, 2016 at 08:50 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My first memory of Mike was the upper classman accross the hall at UMR in Rolla, MO. I was looking forward to reconnecting with him this October at the reunion in St. Louis. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Steve and Linda Brinkman

Steven Brinkman - September 16, 2016 at 06:45 PM

EW

“ Michelle, Hannah and Lily ~ We are so sorry for your loss. Mike always had a smile on his face and great stories to tell when we would walk into each other walking in the neighborhood. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and always as you go through these difficult times. Love Eileen and Don

Eileen Wloszek - September 16, 2016 at 09:37 AM

KL

“ Michelle, Hannah and Lily, I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was a great man. Gentle, kind, gracious, giving man. It breaks my heart to think of him being gone from your life. The world is missing a piece of kindness tonight. Sorry I didn't make it to the funeral home tonight but you are in my thoughts and prayers. Karen Lawson and family

karen lawson - September 15, 2016 at 10:58 PM

JL

“ Jerry & Linda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Burke.



Jerry & Linda - September 15, 2016 at 04:56 PM

EB

“ I was very sorry and shocked to hear of Mike's passing. I did not know him well, but he was kind, always had a smile, and a good sport. He would wear his "Grandpa" tee shirt at pickleball on Thursdays proudly!
My deepest sympathy to his family.

EB - September 15, 2016 at 03:47 PM

FF

“ *Michelle and family,*

Please know of my prayers for you and your family (especially your grand-daughter) in this very difficult time and my prayers for the repose of the soul of Mike.

-Fr. Eric Fedewa

Fr. Eric Fedewa - September 15, 2016 at 03:30 PM

KC

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kenneth claya - September 15, 2016 at 12:55 PM

KC

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



kenneth claya - September 15, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Burke.*



September 14, 2016 at 11:06 PM



“ *Joyce and Warren Nelson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Burke.*



Joyce and Warren Nelson - September 14, 2016 at 06:51 PM

JN

“ I met Mike on the internet! I know that sounds rather interesting, doesn't it??

We met on Ancestry.com. I am not sure exactly how many years ago, perhaps 6-7 yrs ago??

We discovered we were 3rd cousins. Our great grandfathers who were from Florissant MO. That is a small town just west of St Louis. As it turns out he was one of the few cousins I ever met. My mother & father had only 1 sibling, & no children & my grandmothers were only children.

Finally after years of sharing family information, political interests we decided to meet.

Last May we flew to MI, had dinner with Mike, Michelle & Hanna & Lilly! We rode to Mackinac Island with Mike & Michelle where 2 other couples, very good friends of theirs, joined us for several days at The Grand Hotel!



Joyce Nelson - September 14, 2016 at 06:05 PM

JN

I didn't explain that our great grandfathers were brothers!

Joyce Nelson - September 14, 2016 at 06:08 PM

MA

“ MacLean-Fogg purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael Burke.



MacLean-Fogg - September 14, 2016 at 03:05 PM

LH

“ Lee Harrand purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Michael Burke.



Lee Harrand - September 14, 2016 at 02:58 PM

NF

“ Nicole Reinhold, Michele Gunyou and families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Burke.



Nicole Reinhold, Michele Gunyou and families - September 14, 2016 at 12:58 PM

BJ

“ Uncle Mike will be sorely missed. He was such a nice man. Bill enjoyed talking auto engineering "shop" with Mike even though they worked for competing companies. His facebook posts and e-mails explaining our family history were always very interesting to read. Hugs and love to Aunt Michelle, Hannah and Lily.

Beth Johnston - September 14, 2016 at 12:56 PM

MR

“ Mike was a very good friend of ours and we have many treasured memories of our times together. It was a shock to get the news of his passing. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in the peace of Christ. Our deepest sympathy to his family at this sad time. May they find comfort that comes from a deep faith in God. Love, Mary Jane and Bob

Mary Jane Rankel - September 14, 2016 at 12:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Michael Burke.



September 14, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ *Pat, Dee, Bill, Nora, Rick, Cathy, Jim, Audrey, Dean, Kevin & Nicky* purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of Michael Burke.



Pat, Dee, Bill, Nora, Rick, Cathy, Jim, Audrey, Dean, Kevin & Nicky - September 14, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Michael Burke.



September 13, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Michael Burke.



September 13, 2016 at 03:53 PM

SR

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Mike. It was always a highlight of the day when I would see Michelle and Mike with his big smile walking Maggie down the street and our dog Gordie would greet little Maggie and we would enjoy a little chat about, dogs, flowers, grand kids, a beautiful day, politics or what every thought crossed our minds. I will certainly miss these special moments we had as neighbors and friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers and pray that you can find comfort from the Lord as this sad time.

Dusty and Sue Rhodes.

Sue Rhodes - September 13, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Burke.*



September 13, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Burke.*



September 13, 2016 at 01:51 PM

JY

“ Mike Burke was a loving, husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend. He played many roles in life and fulfilled them well. He was a man that loved life and we are happy to have known him and have him as our brother-in-law. RIP, Mike. You have made your family and friends proud. Love, John and Kate

John and Kate Yaros - September 13, 2016 at 08:13 AM