



Michael Edward Swanka

June 3, 1958 - April 2, 2020

Michael Edward Swanka, 61, of Statesville, NC, passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at his residence.

He was born on June 3, 1958 in Syracuse, NY, to Grace Carapella Swanka and the late Edward Swanka. Michael was an avid Syracuse football and basketball fan. He enjoyed cooking and baking; even created his own cookbook. Michael loved his family and especially spending time with his grandchildren. He was kind, compassionate, had a happy presence, and would help anyone he could. He was a great friend and was loved by all.

Michael is survived by his wife, Bridget Stella Swanka; children, Christopher Swanka, Alex Swanka, Ashlyn Swanka, Riley Delaney (Heather), Matthew Swanka; mother, Grace Swanka; sister, Mary Ann Swanka; granddaughters, Abigail and Erin Delaney; and his canine companion, Coda.

The family will receive friends on Monday, April 6 from 11:00-12:30 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 1:00 PM at Glenwood Memorial Park with Rev. Zachary Whitt officiating.

<https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/videos/615420152654849/>

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House, 3925 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, NC, is serving the Swanka family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery

Glenwood Memorial Park
273 Glenwood Drive
 Mooresville, NC, 28115

Events

APR 6 Receiving Friends 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive, Mooresville, NC, US, 28115

APR 6 Graveside Service 01:00PM - 01:30PM

Glenwood Memorial Park
Glenwood Drive, Mooresville, NC, US, 28115

Comments



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February 14 at 11:24 AM



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February 14 at 11:03 AM



“ To Mike's family

I worked with Mike at Key Bank several years ago. He was a funny guy and always entertaining to be around. He's gone too soon! I have fond memories of Mike and hope you all are comforted by yours as well. My condolences to all.

Mike Cartini - April 08, 2020 at 03:25 AM



“ Mary Ann and Michael's family, so sad this news of Michael's passing. It has been many years since Mike had made me laugh and smile. Now I will use my memories of Mike to make me laugh & smile. Godspeed to all of Michael's Family & Friends

Joseph Reed - April 07, 2020 at 06:11 AM



“ Bridget, Matthew, Riley and the entire Swanka family, I am so sorry for your loss, Mike was great guy, we really enjoyed talking with him. He will truly be missed, you are all in our prayers and thoughts. God Bless you all. The Mitchell's

Sharon - April 06, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ Darlene Delaney lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Swanka



Darlene Delaney - April 06, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ Mike will be missed dearly! I'm so sorry for the family and friends. I was a great coworker and he was easy to talk to. You will be missed by all! Club 1176 hearts are filled with great memories of you!

Darlene - April 06, 2020 at 04:34 PM



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Michael Roberts - April 06, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Grace, Mary Ann and family, so very sorry to hear about Mickey and your loss. Haven't seen him in a long time, but like it or not 'always cared for him' as I do for you guys....my/our sympathy and thoughts go out to you, he will never be forgotten....jack estabrook

jack estabrook - April 06, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ So sorry for your loss at this time! Sending prayers to you and your family MaryAnn.

Margaret (Gundlah) Higgins - April 06, 2020 at 07:00 AM



“ Bridget and family,

Sorry to see of Mike's passing. My condolences. When we were out in our back yards, he was always friendly. I still appreciate the help he gave me when my window was struck with a BB. And I'll always remember your "Tucker". He was intimidating but always friendly. Best of luck in the future.

Kent Birdslow

Kent Birdslow - April 05, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ We are totally devastated by the loss of our Dear Friend Mike. Mike and Bridget were our neighbors for 19 years and one could not ask for a better Friend and Neighbor, and we were sorry to see them move. Mike was one to worry more about people then himself He always gave it his all, not 100 or 200 percent but all, for family and Friends He was always there when some needed something, no matter what. Upbeat and cheerful always, and the only time he showed sadness was when his beloved dog Tucker had to be put to sleep due to an illness Mikes love of Eagles, led me to receive the one he had hanging In his garage window when they moved, and the last picture of us together the morning he drove away of which I will always cherish. Rest in Peace Mickey, as its your time to Soar with the Eagles

Gary & Maria Harrison

Gary Harrison - April 05, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ Jessica P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Michael Edward Swanka.



Jessica P. - April 05, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mike’s passing. Mike and I worked together at KeyBank many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Louise Mahar

Louise Mahar - April 05, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ Grace, Maryanne & Ashlynn,

I was so sorry to hear about Mike’s passing. Please know that I’m thinking and praying for all of you at this horrible time in your lives. Take care of yourselves.

Love,
Janice Todeschini

JaniceTodeschini - April 05, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ Great guy, was a great boss to all of us at Providers, Bridget, you and the kids are in my prayers,Cari :(

cari - April 04, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ I was sad and sobered to hear of Mickey's (the name I knew him by) passing from a mutual childhood friend. Mickey's was born about 2 months after me and his home was directly up the hill from my house. He and I spent considerable time together as childhood friends, sliding down that back hill on sleds and learning how to smoke cigarettes with each other. The mutual friend had linked back up with him in a business setting starting about 20 years ago but I hadn't seen Mickey since probably the late 70s. He was a good friend to me in our time of growing up and I'm quite sorry to learn of his death.

Kevin Burroughs - April 04, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ My condolences. Prayers.

Mark Potter - April 04, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Mickey and I became fast friends in college and I was so happy years later to reconnect and find that our friendship had not diminished. His compassion was evident to anyone whose path he crossed and he was always there with a caring ear. We have not had much contact in the recent past however I recall fond memories often when I drive past places we visited together. I know I am one of many, many who will feel the loss of his passing but he will always have a special place in my heart. Rest in peace, my friend.

Jacalyn Ann - April 04, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ I was fortunate enough to meet Mike in the Carrier Dome during football season many years ago. He, Terry and Lou and my SU crew became fast friends enjoying many games together. Mike's famous "you never call 245" yell when the PA announcer would alert the fans in the dome to a free giveaway was looked forward to every game. We tried to carry on the tradition this year his first year not in the building as a ticket holder (as he had moved south) but it was not quite the same.

Outside of the dome each time we went to Costco myself and my family would make sure we found Mike. My father who was not in the best health while Mike was working at Costco would also chat with Mike while at the store. Mike the class act that he was would always make sure my dad got through the store safely and more importantly back to his car.

Mike you were a great guy and will be missed. To Mike's family I am very sorry for your loss.

Our thoughts are with you.

Greg Snell and Family

Greg Snell - April 03, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ I met Mike in 2014 through our job. We became instant co working buddies. We were all sad when he transferred to the Carolinas. We are all sad again at his passing. What a great guy!

SUSAN ESKHOLME - April 03, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ I worked with Mike on the p&c credit union board of directors it was a pleasure to have known him great cook and friend. He will be missed

Love Pam McGann

Pam McGann - April 03, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ A good man. Unconditional love for his family, dog and friends. I will miss our conversations. The world is now a lesser place. Rest in peace my friend.

Glen Stone - April 03, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ My condolences to the entire Swanka family.

Hank Putz
Syracuse, NY

Hank Putz - April 03, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Mrs. Swanka and Mary Anne, I am so sorry for your loss.

Carol (Cronin) Touron - April 03, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ So sorry for your loss

Deborah A Topka - April 03, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ Dear Swanka family,

My sincerest sympathies on your loss. Mike left such a wonderful impression on us all. His kind heart will never be forgotten. I hope all of the wonderful memories during his life will help bring comfort in the days ahead.

Kathy Byrnes

Kathleen Byrnes - April 04, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ I met Mike a few years ago and we immediately became friends, he was a fellow Kiwanian with the Solvay Geddes Camillus Kiwanis club, we had so many good times cooking together at the Solvay field days, spaghetti dinners, Pancake breakfasts and even the Chicken BBQ. He came to my house for a couple of the Kiwanis picnics I had and we enjoyed probably too many jello shots together. One funny thing that happened was at the field days the people who were working were not supposed to be drinking in their tents. I snuck in a small keg of beer which he and I hid in a small cooler. The Solvay mayor, and chief of police caught us and Mike just handed them each a red solo cup and told them to keep their mouths shut. The 4 of us had a fun evening. I will miss him dearly and my thoughts of him will always be fond ones. May you RIP my friend.

Russell Villi - April 04, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ To the entire Swanka family, our sincere condolences in the passing of Michael. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

Chris & Deb Cost, Laconia, NH

Chris Cost - April 04, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ To the Swanka Family,

May God give you all the strength for such a time as this. I am praying for you all.
Ms. Grace and Maryanne I love you.

Sharon & LG Brooks, Dallas, Texas

Sharon Brooks - April 04, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ I met Mike when he was working for Mike Ryan. He was always pleasant and made me smile. I later saw him baking at Costco's. Gave me suggestions on what was good to purchase on any given day. Also shared his recipes for smoker ribs with me. Really liked

Mike and sorry his life was cut short. My thoughts are with your family

barbera Cota - April 05, 2020 at 07:17 PM