



Michael James Skehan

July 29, 1937 - July 2, 2018

Early July 2, 2018, Michael James Skehan completed his journey in this life and began his next. Born July 29, 1937 in Cleveland, OH to Clement and Margaret Skehan, he was the youngest of four children. He joins his brother Clem, while his sister Eileen Lombardo and brother Howard are still with us.

Michael met and married the love of his life, Patricia Lynn Gilbride in 1963, and she remained by his side until the end. They had three children together, a son Gary Michael, and two daughters, Kelly Ann Bitz and Shannon Aileen Fuerst. Kelly and Shannon blessed him with 4 wonderful grandchildren, Marley Kristin, Conor Mathew, Mollie Lynn and Erin Marie. A man of immense faith, he cherished his family to the end and will be dearly missed by all.

Michael was a proud graduate of Case Western Reserve University, and was the first in his family to graduate from college. He then spent several years in the United States Air Force before his discharge in 1962. Not long after, he met Pat and their adventure together began. A career in mechanical engineering at Goodyear in Akron, OH, took a surprising turn to sales for one of their subsidiaries, and they moved the family to Michigan. They spent 15 years there, until settling for good in North Carolina in 1985. He remained in sales, and devoted a considerable amount of his time to his church, St. Andrew The Apostle in Apex, NC and also volunteered in the community; Transitions LifeCare (formerly Hospice of Wake County), Catholic Parish

Outreach and Triangle Reading Service were some of his favorites.

He wanted to make a difference, and he certainly did to the loving family he leaves behind. So we ask, in lieu of flowers, that contributions be made in his name to Transitions LifeCare in Wake County, an organization he was proud to be a part of for many years.

<https://transitionslifecare.org/>

A Funeral Mass honoring Michael will be held Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 11:00 am at St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church, 3008 Old Raleigh Rd, Apex, NC 27502. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Cemetery Details

St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church

3008 Old Raleigh Rd
Apex, NC 27502

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BT

“ Pat, we just learned of your loss of Mike. I knew Mike from Case and we were fraternity brothers. We only met you once when you and Mike visited us, I think when were living in New Jersey. I know Mike is fine. You will be in our prayers.
Bill & Joan Tosko

Bill & Joan Tosko - February 26, 2019 at 10:08 AM

AH

“ Mike was very kind and helpful to me and my wife, Susie, as he helped us with insurance. We met at church. I remember him fondly and with a smile. I pray he has peace and joy now that he is Home.
Alan L Holton

alan Holton - July 11, 2018 at 12:45 PM

JK

“ TO: Pat Skehan and Family

We just received notice of Mike's unfortunate passing. Pleasant times with you and Mike will always be remembered and the times your daughters babysitted our children in Lansing were appreciated. Mike is remembered as the godfather of our son Matthew who will turn 39 in September. I also will remember many pleasant visits with Mike in the Cary/Apex area. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the Skehan extended family.

Warmest Regards,

John and Debbie Kerpsie, Gaston County NC

John Kerpsie - July 10, 2018 at 10:37 AM

MB

“ *RIP Michael! We will always remember what a sweet, kind, giving, and funny man Mike was . We will especially remember all the time we spent with you and Mike, Pat, during the Marriage Encounter years and how much you influenced our own marriage through your amazing example! Also, the dinners out together. Discussing all the fun, exciting wonderful times raising children:} Please know that you and "the kids" are in our thoughts and prayers now and always! We love you....Mary and Pat*

Mary and Patrick Bartley - July 07, 2018 at 03:20 PM

 Ron
Myers

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Ron Myers - July 07, 2018 at 12:39 AM

DH

“ Pat, I am so sorry to learn of Mike's passing. Knowing you from St. V back in the day (Class of '57), I did not realize you were married to Mike until running into him as a Reader at the Triangle Radio Reading Service. He was a "Tuesday Morning" guy and I was on Mondays and substituting for other days/shifts. When I walked in one Tuesday as a substitute for Tim Mannix who was out for a number of weeks, this guy introduced himself as Mike Skehan. As we talked over the various broadcasts I came to know that we had Ohio in common and that he was smart enough to marry a girl from St. V's! I really enjoyed the time that I had with Mike, he was an always pleasant fellow with a quick joke at hand. I have missed him at TRRS and will continue to do so. My prayers are for him and for you as well. Dick Hayden

Dick Hayden - July 03, 2018 at 05:25 PM