



Mike Molloy

January 2, 2020

Michael J. Molloy, 64, of Madison and West Hartford, died peacefully in his sleep Thursday Jan. 2 in West Hartford. Mike was the 5th of seven children of the late William D. and Mary Marie (Bates) Molloy. He was a graduate of Northwest Catholic H.S., St. Thomas Moore Prep., St. Michael's College in VT., and The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. Mike began his career as a meat cutter for the former First National Stores and after graduation from the Culinary Institute he was a chef at The Harbor View in Stonington, The Café LaFayette in Madison and Forte's Gourmet Market and Catering in Guilford. Mike's joys were reading, fishing, cooking and conversation for and with family and friends.

He is survived by his family; Sarah Riley (Bill) of Bloomfield, Randy Molloy (Eileen) of West Hartford, John of Boston, MA, Patricia Teich (Mark) of West Hartford, Jane Petroski (Larry) of Oxford and Mark (Jean Marie) Molloy of West Hartford, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Calling hours are Tuesday (Jan. 7th) from 6-8 pm at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT. Friends are invited to join Mike's family for the celebration of his Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday (Jan. 8th) at 10 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Donations in his memory may be made to Camp Rising Sun P.O. Box 472 Branford, CT 06405, a camp for children with cancer. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at <http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com>

Cemetery

Events

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT,

JAN 7 **Calling Hours** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT, US, 06119

JAN 8 **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

St. Thomas the Apostle
872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT, US

Comments



“ My condolences to the Molloy family -- i went to St. Mike's back in the 1970s and have fond memories of Mike, his smile and the twinkle in his eye! May his memory be a blessing to you all. Carol Dolan, Abington MA

carol dolan - July 16, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ We have always admired and respected the Molloy Family for their extraordinary kindness and integrity so we were very sorry to learn of your brother's death. Please remember that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. With deepest sympathy, the Gray Family - Susan, Janet, Ginny, Steven & Libby

Susan Gray - January 09, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ My sincerest sympathies to the entire Molloy family, what a great group of individuals, I miss seeing you all!

Mike has meant something to each one of us and personally, someone I could confide in and talk to because he never judged me and he was enthusiastic for almost anything, that's the way he was.

I met Mike at Black Point circa 1964, we are the same age, traveled with the same group of friends, our BP homes were within eyesight and I used to cut through the Molloy property to and from South Beach. This was back before the days video games, we made our own “entertainment”, often at the chagrin of parents and neighbors alike but everything was possible, we were invincible or so we thought.

There are really too many fond memories with Mike to list, from “partnering” with Mike and Rob Burke on Mike's BP Hartford Courant paper route (those Sunday editions were a pain to deliver) to sleepovers that weren't, M-80's, 100+ MPH car rides, The Good Humor Man, Giant Bonfires... Those were the days and what a ride!

While this is indeed a difficult time, we have lost a free spirit, but in knowing Mike, I think he might want you to reflect on the following:

You must not tie yourself to me with a heavy heart. Be happy we had our times together, I gave you friendship, you can only guess how much happiness you gave me, I thank you for the love each have shown but I have so many things to see and do now, it is time I travelled alone. So, grieve for me, if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust. It is only for a while that we must part. I will not be far away, and life goes on, so if you need me, call and I will come. Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near and if you watch & listen closely, you will see & hear – my support all around you. Then when

Let us celebrate a lifetime of special moments and memories that Mike has left behind on earth, I know Mike will continue to live on within us all!

Gary Macdonald
gmac1255@gmail.com



Gary Macdonald - January 09, 2020 at 12:10 AM



“ Gary....thank you so much for these beautiful words....Tricia Molloy

Tricia - January 12, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Mark, Trisha, Randy, John, Sarah and the Molloy Family — I was very saddened to learn of Mike’s passing. All of those great memories of Summers at a Black Point and especially our teenage years. The Boone’s Farm Apple Wine before the Friday night dances at the club house; the weeknight movies at Main Beach and tossing rocks at the screen until it collapsed; swimming out to the South Beach Raft and seeing why the West side of the raft was aptly named “the Shark Side.” It was a great time and a great place to spend one’s early teen years. As other have mentioned, Mike had a quick smile, a great laugh and a mischievous nature. The first time I was in a car doing 100 mph was with Michael at the wheel of a wood paneled station wagon at dusk on Millstone Road in Waterford. Then it was on to Ocean Beach !! With the passing of time, I gradually lost touch with Mike. Saw him once for dinner in AZ in 95-96 when he was there with his Mom & Dad. Then the last time I saw Mike was in the Summer of ’99 at Daly’s Pig Roast. He was a great kid, a good friend and I know he will be missed by all who knew him. My condolences to his family and friends. May he Rest In Peace.

Dave Horan - January 08, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ Just found out of Mike's death and wanted to give my condolences to your entire family. I haven't seen Mike since we were at St. Thomas together and then my one year at Northwest but I do know there is a strong family connection with all of you and just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss.

Margaret Parutka Jelly

Margaret - January 08, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Mike’s family and friends. With all that Mike endured over the past several years, he was always thinking of others. Just a few weeks ago he stopped at Mozzicato’s to bring us a stuffed bread simply letting us know he was thinking of us. His kindness and gentleness will never be forgotten and he will be sorely missed.

Bob and Kathy DeLoreto, Madison.

Kathy DeLoreto - January 08, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ I am so lucky that I get to call you my Uncle. Will miss you so much.



Kerry Molloy - January 07, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ We have been friends with Mike for a dozen years or more. We gardened together for several seasons, and Mike could always be counted on to plant something new (tomatillos, which persist to this day and are our basis for salsa verde) and something unexpected (these 12 tomato plants were going to be thrown out...). I remember having more than 50 tomato plants one year. Anyway, Mike was a gentle soul, and we will miss him greatly.

Tom and Sue Schneiter, Madison

Tom Schneiter - January 07, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ Our prayers follow for Mike and his family. I am a fellow NWC classmate and '73 graduate. I remember him fondly and his inspiration.

Jim Callahan - January 07, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Very sorry to see this, my condolences to the entire Molloy family. I lived two streets over from Mike, we played together often, were on the St Thomas baseball team (coached by his Dad) and were classmates for many years at St Thomas and Northwest. RIP Mike.

Rob Leeds - January 07, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Michael J. Molloy



Tricia - January 07, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Mark, Randy and Family,
Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Michael. You are all in my Prayers.
Sincerely, Michael

Michael DeConti - January 06, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Michael J. Molloy



Mark - January 06, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike Molloy.



January 06, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ On behalf of President and Head of School, Christian Cashman, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of Michael Molloy. Mike, along with his siblings and nieces and nephews, is a valued member of the Northwest Catholic community, so we mourn his loss along with all who love him. Please know that Mike and his entire family will be remembered in a special way at our next school-wide Mass. We are very sorry for your loss. ~ Jane Leary, Director of Constituent Relations, Northwest Catholic High School.

Jane Leary - January 06, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ I didn't know Mike very long but have enjoyed celebrating Christmas with him & his family for the last few years. May the family find comfort in the happy memories & know that he is at peace.

Annette Farese - January 06, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mike Molloy.



January 06, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Mike Molloy.



January 06, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ Sarah and Bill our deepest sympathy on the passing of your dear brother Michael. May he rest in peace. Lila and Ted Madfis

Lila Madfis - January 06, 2020 at 08:04 AM



“ Sharon and David Gaffey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mike Molloy.



Sharon and David Gaffey - January 06, 2020 at 07:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mike Molloy.



January 05, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ Thoughts of Michael

Michael is an enigma! We watched him grow from the mischievous youth and young man known in the Family for the “terrorizing and tormenting” of his nieces and nephews. But believe me when I say the nieces and nephews loved Mike, looked forward to seeing him and always came back for more.

We had: The Sump Pump Monster of Edmund Place; Being tied to trees on Edmund Place and Prospect Street; Thrown into snow banks; Doors closed and not opened

Tickle Bunny, Brother Bunny and Ribbons had a very long and varied history with Mike: Squished/decapitated in sun roofs; Driven away at bedtime; Hoisted up flagpoles; Dressed in weird outfits, especially Daddy Bill’s clothes; Did Michael torment Ribbons to torment his younger brother???

Children were “scolded” for things that were clearly not their fault or didn’t actually happen as having “accidents” in the house and needing to clean up after the dog. Accusing children of destroying Daddy Bill’s hydrangeas after chasing said child into the bush!

Mike often used his truck in unconventional ways: Chasing children in the side yard at Black Point; Demolishing Halloween displays in West Hartford

But he was also kind and gentle: “Repairing” Friend with inexpertly sewing skills; Ignoring yet assisting little boys trying to sneak up on him to tie his shoes laces together; Putting on the best act of falling and trying to stand, walk and untie the knots.

Cooking was a passion and we all shared in the experiences. Michael might have made a really good “Gentleman Farmer”. He loved to plan, plant, grow, harvest and transfer the produce into wonderful meal. It was ALWAYS a treat to be at the Big House for a Sunday for a dinner. Mike preferred to “dine” rather than eat - he liked late dinners lasting for hours with conversation, good food and wines.

From the grill & smoker: 3 inch slabs of swordfish; Giant steaks; “Tuscan” leg of lamb utilizing herbs from the garden; Marinated chicken; Smoked bacon, pork chops and beef

Tanqueray and Tonic: Short preferred over tall, Especially on a deck or porch with family and/or friends

Mike was “fearless”: Skiing with controlled abandon; “Taught me to that there was nothing to fear in the dark that wasn’t there in the light...unless it was him”; Walking on seawalls or riding a bike on said walls over to Old Black Point; Immortalizing the phrase: “I am walking the fine line between life and death”; Skinny dipping; Sharing a joint in Waterford, Ireland while hanging out a window at the B&B; Flying under the parents’ radar

Michael loved: Reading, especially history or a good mystery; Conversation; Tucson - The Desert Museum, Turquoise belt buckles/big rings, Cowboy boots; Fishing (A real throw back to his Oklahoma Grandparents, Catch and release but also cooked!)

Michael was always willing to help where needed. A Meal; Loan of his truck; His strength; More potato pancakes; Pig roasts; Maybe on Michael time but he would be there!

Laughter and smiles: He loved to laugh at others with a twinkle in his eye; At himself; After a dental procedure taking his pain meds rather than his antibiotics and the resulting laughter at his expense!

Michael could be very "lazy", especially on his days off from work: rising late, thinking and planning about how he would treat us for dinner, but he also would greet me early in the morning coming up from the beach as I was going down to watch the sun rise. We spent many mornings on the deck sipping coffee in the quiet before we both went back to our rooms for a "nap" or to start the day.

Michael loved each of his family and friends. He always made it a point to pay attention to each of us whether we were a child, young adult or an adult. He made time for us. He knew when to speak and when to be quiet. He liked to give hugs!! And he spared us anxiety about his progressing illness.

Reserved and courageous

Rest in peace, Michael. You are loved and will be sorely missed.

Sarah Molloy Riley - January 05, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Sarah, Thank you for this moving & humorous picture of a man with a big heart.
Kathie

Katherine Spencer-Molloy - January 05, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Beautiful thoughts about a friend I knew from our days at STA my he rest in peace

ellen Stafford - January 06, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ Helene C. Fusco Class of 1973 purchased the Rose Impression for the family of Mike Molloy.



Helene C. Fusco Class of 1973 - January 05, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mark - January 05, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Michael J. Molloy



Mark - January 05, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ To Randy, Mark and Family,
We were very sorry to learn of your brother Michael's passing. Our thoughts and prayers
are with you all.

Joan and Dick Audet

Joan Audet - January 07, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mike Molloy.



January 04, 2020 at 11:20 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mike Molloy.



January 04, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ the T.J.Molloy Jr.& Kathryn Molloy Rodgers Family purchased the Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket for the family of Mike Molloy.



the T.J.Molloy Jr.& Kathryn Molloy Rodgers Family - January 04, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ Kathryn v Molloy Rodgers purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mike Molloy.



Kathryn v Molloy Rodgers - January 04, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ the family of t.j.molloy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mike Molloy.



the family of t.j.molloy - January 04, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Kathryn Molloy Lawler lit a candle in memory of Mike Molloy



kathryn molloy lawler - January 04, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ i am hurt, thinking of you all and wish i could make it better. Mike is in Christ's loving arms and w his Mom and Dad. much love cousin, kathy molloy lawler of mcneal az.

kathryn molloy lawler - January 04, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mike Molloy.



January 04, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ So much fun with Mike at Black Point when we were really young. Rest well cousin Mike!!

Bob Molloy - January 04, 2020 at 03:14 PM