



Michael Patrick Flanagan

May 22, 2019

Michael Patrick Flanagan, who loved to travel and marvel at historical and nautical landmarks around the world, went on his last big journey enveloped in the light of pure consciousness. Michael, 70, from West Hartford was surrounded at home by his wife Karen, his sons Christopher and Ryan, and in-laws Marlene and Michael Kirkby. His passing on May 22 was caused by glioblastoma brain cancer. Michael was born in Fairfield to Mary and John Flanagan. He leaves behind his brother John, sister Mary Mele, and his Mullon cousins. His brother Owen predeceased him. Michael grew up in Nyack, NY and graduated from Saint Bonaventure Univ. He also attended MERU Univ. in Switzerland where he became a teacher of Transcendental Meditation. After moving back to Connecticut, Michael and Karen taught TM and raised their sons. Michael had a long and successful career at CIGNA. Along the way, he developed a love of landscaping and caring for trees by creating beautiful outdoor spaces. As a seeker of truth, a life-long learner, and a collector of dinosaur bones, fossils, and books, Michael filled his nautical study with his treasures. The family would like to thank the beloved team of Doctors Daher, Killory, and Rutter, and the hospice team who assisted Michael over the past year. He lived his life by always having a kind word, a helping hand, and a generous heart. A memorial service will be held at the Church of Saint Peter Claver, 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford on June 15th at 11am. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Dear Karen,
Only now are we finding out about Michael's passing three months ago. (thanks to Tom Trumbull). We are saddened. We always enjoyed our interactions with you and Michael when we were all teaching TM and helping each other with public TM events. We have missed you both over the years as your family demanded more of your attention and TM activities in Hartford were principally taken over by others. You both were always sweet, kind, and gracious and exemplary human beings.
We hope you and your family can find peace, harmony, happiness and good health as you adjust to your life without Michael's earthly presence.
With all love and best wishes,
Richard and Gail

richard and gail dalby - September 14, 2020 at 07:53 PM

RD

Oh my gosh, it is 15 months ago. R&G

richard and gail dalby - September 14, 2020 at 08:11 PM

LF

“ Lesniak family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Patrick Flanagan.



Lesniak family - June 14, 2019 at 11:38 AM

JC

“ Dear Karen, Christopher, Ryan & Family,
We are saddened to hear of your loss. May God bless you and your family at this time of sorrow. Our hearts go out to you at this time and the days ahead. Take comfort that you have your special Guardian Angel to watch over you.
Love, peace & prayer,
Joan M. Craco
Neil F. Ciarcia

Joan Craco - June 12, 2019 at 08:33 PM

RH

“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Michael's passing from this earth. We worked together at Connecticut General (later CIGNA) in the 1980s. He also introduced me to TM in a training session at his house (where I met Karen). His positive view of life and sense of humor brightened each working day. I will always remember the twinkle in his eye and his impish grin.

When we worked closely together we had a game we played. One of us would name a song from the 60s or 70s and the other would name the artist. We were pretty evenly matched and over 90% of the time we knew the artist. It was a great achievement when we stumped each other.

I will be in Canada and won't be able to be at the service on Saturday. I want to pass my condolences to Karen and the entire family. His physical presence is already being missed, but I am heartened to know that his spirit lives on.

Rick Haeseler

rick haeseler - June 12, 2019 at 10:58 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hanretta lit a candle in memory of Michael Patrick Flanagan*



Mary Hanretta - June 12, 2019 at 06:07 AM

LM

“ *Rest In Peace, my friend.*



Linda McGuire - June 11, 2019 at 10:16 PM

MI

“ *I grew up with mike even though he was one of the cool older guys in the neighborhood. He was a great guy*

mary iannacone - June 10, 2019 at 10:10 AM

MI

“ *Mary iannacone lit a candle in memory of Michael Patrick Flanagan*



mary iannacone - June 10, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Patrick Flanagan.*



June 09, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ *There are always some friends from your childhood that are unforgettable. Mike was one of those guys... After high school graduation Mike and I went our separate ways, but "found each other" again at the 2010 NHS reunion. We spent a long time catching up on the 45 years of life in between. When you say that someone is genuine and a great guy you're talking about someone like Mike... RIP and rise in glory my friend...*



DAVID D'AURIA - June 08, 2019 at 08:11 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Michael. Ma y your family find comfort in the arms of God.*

Lois Ann (Dudynsky) Galloway

Lois Ann Galloway - June 08, 2019 at 02:45 AM

MM

“ My beautiful brother. I was blessed to have Michael as one of my three older brothers.
When he last held my hand, though he could not speak, I felt this is what he said to me...
"I've set my sails upon the sea and know that you'll remember me. I was strong for you when there was no other; what any good man would do as a brother. I didn't want you to face this alone; I held your hand to let you know. I love you more in this place of freedom of which I've come to know. I want you to go on and live your life, because in my end I taught you this--we just never know when we are called to go. Spread your wings, glide high, glide free. Embrace the wind and remember me. I love you as my only sister and I'll just say this~I'm sure gonna miss you."

Mary Flanagan Mele - June 07, 2019 at 08:02 PM

KG

My dear cousin, it is so true and so him to have a kind word, helping hand and generous heart. He was the epitome of gentleness and kindness. I will carry him in my heart. My love and condolences to Karen, his sons, Mary and Johnny. Kathleen Gerber

kathleen Gerber - June 07, 2019 at 11:02 PM

ML

I knew Michael but briefly many years ago when I was fortunate enough to have been introduced to Transcendental Meditation by him at CIGNA. I also took a video course taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi at Karen's and Michael's house a bit later. Both Michael and Karen were delightful, kind, and passionate about awakening the world through TM. And I remember his face just as he looks in this memorial photograph. Michael is surely enveloped in the light of pure consciousness now. In fact, just thinking about him is lifting my heart. My deepest condolences to Karen, his sons and his whole family. Marcie LaBelle

Marcie LaBelle - June 10, 2019 at 10:07 PM