



Michael Joseph Morris

April 7, 1960 - October 26, 2020

Michael Joseph Morris, 60 of West Hartford, CT, husband of Kathleen Morris, father of Michael Morris and Ashley Morris Flaherty, father-in-law to Drew Flaherty and brother to Rob Morris passed away suddenly on Monday, October 26, 2020. The son of Jack and Joan Morris, Mike was born April 7, 1960, and grew up in the North End of Hartford, followed by West Hartford, CT. "Mercury" Mike was the unstoppable quarterback of the football team at Hall High School where he formed a close-knit group of friends and graduated in 1978. He later attended Greater Hartford Community and Central Connecticut State College, and became a Registered Radiologic Technologist at St. Francis Hospital. Mike's work ethic, pride in what he did, and care for his colleagues allowed him to form extended family everywhere he was employed. Mike was committed to his position at St. Francis Hospital and to being Chief Radiologic Technologist and Vice President of Finance and Operations at Avon Medical Group. Mike recently celebrated 20 years at Wilson-Cook Medical Inc. where his boss and friend, Al Tilbe presented him with Cook Endoscopy's most prestigious "Marsha Dreyer" award for being a passionate district manager who went above the call of duty and always put the patient first. Mike enjoyed contributing through his work and mentoring others, often lovingly referred to as "Uncle Mike". While Mike's work ethic was unparalleled, his main priority and joy in life came from being a family man; celebrating 34 beautiful years of marriage to the love of his life and raising his two children with strong moral values, especially kindness and gratitude.

Michael took pride in becoming a part of the Dougherty family and was overjoyed the day he walked his daughter down the aisle to officially welcome his son-in-law, Drew into the family last summer. Michael was loyal, compassionate, and a true “helper”, always there for those in need. When he wasn’t holding court as “the Mayor”, Mike took introspective time to dive into special projects, woodworking and tinkering with a beer in hand at his family vacation home in Onset, MA. While Mike leaves behind many family and close friends who will miss his humor, creativity, and advice; he is now at peace, reunited with his father Jack, mother Joan, brother John, and sisters Patty and Mary. Michael’s family is grateful for the outpouring of love, support, and stories about Mike that they have received from around the world. Although Mike’s life was cut short, and we all wish to see his smile, and hear his laugh one more time, the impact he made on the world is everlasting.

Calling hours will be held Friday, November 6th from 4-7pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT. Michael’s funeral will be held Saturday, November 7th at 10:00am (Covid 19 guidelines restrict Church attendance to 100) at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 N. Main St., West Hartford, CT, followed by a burial ceremony at Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Avenue, West Hartford. A link for live streaming the funeral service is available at <https://youtu.be/gdIYoCZZRP8> . There are many ways to honor Mike including donating to Americares in Mike’s memory, continuing Mike’s legacy through acts of kindness and love; even something as simple as smiling and saying hello to someone you don’t know. Mike’s family wants you to celebrate Mike’s life and hopes you will share your memories and stories with them below.

Americares Link:

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Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Michael Joseph Morris*



Molloy Funeral Home - October 31, 2020 at 04:09 PM

BS

“ *One of the nicest, most sincere persons I had the honor to work with as a certified GI nurse. Mike was like your best friend, caring and humble at all times. Knowledgeable in his field, loved his family. I feel honored to have worked with him. He died much too young. I am so sorry for your terrible loss. Barbara Sullivan CGRN*

Barbara Sullivan - January 25, 2021 at 08:34 PM

TJ

“ *A kind neighbor and good conversationalist, Mike will be missed on our street—may he rest in peace and his family take solace in the memories. God bless.*

The Jeans - November 08, 2020 at 11:28 AM

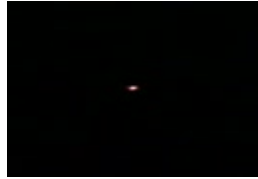
EV

“ *Kathy & family, we were so very sad to hear of Michael's passing,. We will miss our friendly chats when we would bump into Michael around town. Such a nice man. We are praying for you all. With love, Beth (Martin) Vincens*

elizabeth Vincens - November 08, 2020 at 08:19 AM

RF

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Richard Frisk - November 08, 2020 at 07:46 AM

RF

Last Night we Light a Chinese Lantern in Mike Name and sent it out over the ocean in Oak Island North Carolina ...We miss you Mike ..

Richard Frisk - November 08, 2020 at 07:49 AM

CK

“ *Our hearts break for all of you. We are sure he is smiling down on you. Ashley, your words painted a perfect picture of who your Dad was. Sending you all love. Tom & Carol Koehler*

Carol Koehler - November 07, 2020 at 11:17 AM

SN

“ *Beautiful service.*

Susan nelson - November 07, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *You will be missed Mike. A wonderful person with smiling eyes! Prayers to your family.*



Cece Francis - November 07, 2020 at 10:43 AM



Signed Francine Francis

Cece Francis - November 07, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.*

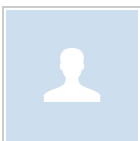


November 07, 2020 at 06:36 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the Morris family.... our days were brighter when Mike came to our department. His patient professional guidance helped us through many a difficult procedure... and, he did so with a smile and encouragement... we all were so happy when Mike showed up. He spoke so highly of his family, that we all felt as though we knew you... The world has become a lot dimmer without his brightness. Thank you for sharing your husband, father, and father-in-law with so many admirers. My sincere condolences Laurel Vollono, RN Midstate Medical Center*

laurel vollono - November 06, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.*



November 06, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.



November 06, 2020 at 08:05 AM



“ Cook Endoscopy Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.



Cook Endoscopy Family - November 06, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ Kathy, Ashley, Michael and Drew,

We are deeply saddened about the loss of Michael. We will miss his smile, laugh and loving spirit. We were blessed to have been able to spend so much time with him. Together with you, we will honor his memory. Forever in our hearts❤️

*Love,
Tim, Liz, Patrick, Elizabeth & Caitlin*

The Davis Family - November 05, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.*



November 05, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.*



November 05, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ *I want to express my deepest sympathy to Mike's family. I have known Mike through my involvement with CTSGNA. He was a faithful supporter of our organization through Cook Medial. He will be extremely missed. Mike may you rest in peace. You will be missed*

Gail Steele - November 05, 2020 at 06:53 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Our fathers were best of friends and I met Mike several times while we were in high school and after. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*
Lou DelMastro

Lou DelMastro - November 04, 2020 at 11:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.



November 04, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ A wonderful person , a patient and supportive instructor , always a smile on his face and a friendly “ Hello “ ...
He will be sorely missed by all that had the privilege of knowing and working with him ..
My deepest sympathy to all of Mike’s loved ones ❤️

Janet Hennessy - November 03, 2020 at 06:24 PM



Ashley Morris Flaherty - November 03, 2020 at 09:51 PM



Michael was the most amazing person I have ever known. Sincere, kind and honest to a fault. He will sincerely be missed. My deepest condolences to his family. 🙏❤️

Cheryl Riley - November 04, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.



November 03, 2020 at 04:48 PM



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



November 03, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and Ashley and Michael during this difficult time I grew up with the Morris family in the north end of Hartford and have very good memories of the neighborhood and the life long friendships we made Family and faith were # 1 We all enjoyed the many family get togethers on Lebanon St and then on Auburn Rd Mikey, as we used to call him, always stayed in touch and we were so proud to see the man he became with his beautiful family God Bless Ron and Joanne Protasewich*

Ron Protasewich - November 03, 2020 at 01:17 PM



Ashley Morris Flaherty - November 03, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.*



November 02, 2020 at 12:04 PM

RF

“ *Richard Frisk lit a candle in memory of
Michael Joseph Morris*



Richard Frisk - November 02, 2020 at 11:17 AM

RF

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss ...
Michael was the best Husband, Father and Friend ... our thoughts
are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*The 1st time I saw Michael's inner strength and courage was during
our senior year in high school ... we faced each other from different
sides of the Hall/Conard Football field. Michael from Hall and I from
Conard. I watched 1st hand from the edge of the sidelines as we
tried to stop him from running the wishbone. Our Ends were
instructed to ignore the RB and hit the QB EVERY chance they
could. At times I couldn't believe how hard he was hit (sometimes
even after the whistle), and yet I watched him pick himself up, time
after time, and head back into the huddle NOT allowing us to have
our day!*

*Michael and I talked a number of times about the courage he
showed in the face of such adversity and I admired him for that
inner strength!*

*As years went by, we became good friends and I saw him Marry
and raise such a wonderful family.*

*We will all miss Michael! I will miss his smile and his laugh! The
stars are a little dimmer today, now that we have lost such a shiny
bright star in our lives.*

Richard and Karen Frisk

Richard Frisk - November 02, 2020 at 11:16 AM



Ashley Morris Flaherty - November 03, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.*



November 02, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.*



November 02, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Morris.*



November 01, 2020 at 06:14 PM