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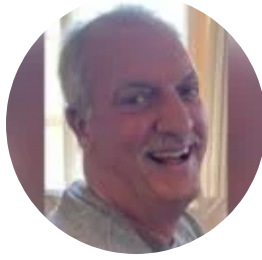
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Michael Evanek age 69, of Baldwin, passed away suddenly at his home on Friday, January 12, 2024.

Michael is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Cathryn Evanek (Hinebaugh). Loving father of Matthew (Cassandra) Evanek and Chad (Nicole) Evanek. Cherished Pappy of Bryce Evanek, Cody Evanek, and Riley Evanek. Brother of Cheryl (Gary) Funaiock and Laura Evanek. Also survived by his special sister-in-law, Carole (Ed) Protin, brother-in-law, Dr. Ronald (Bridget) Hinebaugh, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and many dear friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Charlotte and Raymond Evanek.

Michael or as those who knew him best, "Big Mike", spent his entire life in Baldwin Whitehall. That is when he wasn't laying out on a beach. Well known as one of the best baseball pitchers to ever come out of Baldwin Whitehall, he graduated high school in 1972. Like many Pittsburghers at that time, he immediately went to work in the steel mills. Mike went back to school and reinvented himself in his mid-30's. Studying and being certified in Respiratory Therapy, he worked in Home Health Care until his retirement in his early 60's. Since then, he spent most of his retirement split between Pittsburgh and their condo in Virginia Beach with those he loved most.

Big Mike was the textbook definition of a yinzer. Truly the original Pittsburgh Dad, he absolutely bled black and gold. Mike loved rooting on his Pittsburgh sports teams and playing golf. The only thing he loved more than sports was his family and he was an amazing husband, father, and grandfather. The term 'legend' is used too loosely, but anyone that knew him would agree it applies in this case given his larger than life personality. He will be missed dearly, but his memory will live on.

Family and friends are welcome on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 2 to 4 & 6 to 8 pm at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.



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A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 12 pm in the funeral home's chapel.

Memorial Contributions may be made in honor of Michael to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation at t2t.org or to a charity of your choice.



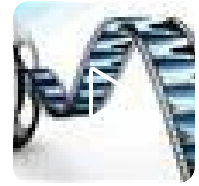
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Jefferson Memorial Cemetery & Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



October 10 at 7:14 AM



Joseph Donohue posted:

I just learned of Mike's passing. My condolences to his family. Mike was such a great guy and a great friend. He had a great personality. He and I were classmates at Western School. God Bless his family. Rest in Peace my friend!

April 13 at 11:21 AM



Patti Minetti Milsom posted:

Mike like was a little brother to me growing up. We just found out that he passed away. What a great great guy!! Our love and prayers go out to Cathy and the boys.

January 20 at 4:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Matt, We wish you and your family the deepest condolences. We are thinking of you and sending you our prayers.

January 15 at 4:31 PM



With Love, Lindsay, Leigh, Haley, Megan, And Becca posted:

Cassie, Matt, Riley and the entire Evanek family- We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

January 15 at 2:59 PM



The Iannacchione Family posted:

The Iannacchione family has known Mike and Cathy for over 35 years. We all loved Big Mike and will dearly miss seeing him at family gatherings.

January 15 at 8:03 AM



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LF

Love, Your 2408 Family posted:

Dear Chad and Evanek Family, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

January 15 at 7:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

In remembrance of Big Mike who was one of a kind and will be deeply missed. We are very sorry for your loss.

January 14 at 4:53 PM

JP

Joel, Ryan, Chris, And Priyam posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

January 14 at 3:50 PM

MF

Mary Lynn Fury posted:

My heartfelt condolences. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 14 at 9:18 AM

CF

Cher Funaiock posted:

My brother, Mike, was a larger than life guy who was a fantastic husband, father, grandfather and brother. We all will miss him terribly, and his wonderful sense of humor. Thanks, Mike, for all the great memories. Cher (and Gary)

January 13 at 3:55 PM

GL

Gloria Lewis posted:

Mike and I worked together for almost 7 years. He never called off and was always supportive of everyone he worked with. He always had a big smile on his face each and every day. I admired how close he was to his family. The one saving grace is that he got to meet his grandkids, and spend time with them. He will be missed dearly. The family is in our prayers.

January 13 at 12:22 PM



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Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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