



Michael A. Kowalski

March 9, 1939 - December 4, 2021

Michael A. Kowalski, 82, of Naples, FL, passed away Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Gulf Coast Hospital. A former Michigan resident, he had been a Naples resident for the past 23 years. He had also lived in Indianapolis, IN and Bradenton, FL.

Michael was the eldest son of the late William J. And Carolyn (Szymoniak) Kowalski. He was born on March 9, 1939 in Detroit and raised in Michigan. He held many fond childhood memories of summers spent at his grandparents' farm in northern Michigan, and of his service and youth leadership with the Boys Club of Detroit throughout his school years. Michael met the love of his life, Irene, in high school and they most recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Fresh out of high school, he began his career as an insurance agent with the Allstate Insurance Company, where he worked for 15 years. He continued his insurance career in Indianapolis and Naples until his retirement in 2009.

Michael was an avid football fan who cheered on the Detroit Lions, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the University of Michigan Wolverines. He also enjoyed Indy Car racing and he and Irene had many wonderful memories of fun times at the Indianapolis 500.

He was proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. John Council #11281. He was also very active with the Sterling Oaks Homeowners Association in Naples. Throughout his career and life, he had a knack for making everyone feel welcome and appreciated. If you told him your name, you could be sure he would remember it. He was always a gracious host and a loyal friend. Most of all, Michael loved and supported his family, celebrating special occasions and appreciating times together.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Irene M. (Zalewski) Kowalski; loving daughters Debra (John) McCracken of Brighton MI, Laurie (Matt) McAuliffe of Rochester, MI; brother, Bill Kowalski of Plymouth, MI; sister, Barbara (Jim) Cipkowski of Dearborn Heights, MI; cherished grandchildren, Jennifer (Don) McIntosh, Amanda (Brad) Clemons, Jack McAuliffe, Kate McAuliffe; and precious great granddaughters Alice, Lucille and Eleanor.

A family memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mike's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, www.stjude.org.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael A. Kowalski*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Sending our deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. We have fond memories when Mike and Irene graciously invited us to their Michigan Lake home for some fun get togethers and enjoying lunch by the pool in Florida together...always such kind and pleasant hosts. May you find comfort in the love of friends and family and never forget all of your cherished memories. God Bless, Linda and John Lyon*

Linda Lyon - December 09, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Debbie and family,
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. We are thinking of you all.
Dianne and Dave Clemons*

Dianne/Dave Clemons - December 08, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *The family of Ken Szymoniak is so sorry for your loss. Prayers for your comfort.*

ken sxymoniak - December 08, 2021 at 07:41 AM



I am so sorry to hear about the loss of our cousin Mickey. Know that I am sending love and prayers to Irene and the family. It is another sad loss for our Szymoniak family.

CONNIE GIBSON - December 08, 2021 at 01:04 PM

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“ Amanda/Brad’s wedding in 2014 - Jen/Don’s wedding in 2009



Jennifer McIntosh - December 07, 2021 at 10:48 PM

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“ April 2019 - great granddaughters ❤️



Jennifer McIntosh - December 07, 2021 at 10:39 PM

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Debra McCracken - December 07, 2021 at 02:19 PM

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Beautiful picture

Joe Kowalski - April 14, 2023 at 09:19 PM