



Mr. Michael Friedman

February 7, 1959 - April 21, 2019

Michael Friedman, 60, of Barrington. Loving son of Marcia and the late Lawrence Friedman. Beloved husband of Christine Nee Boulahanis. Loving father of Alexandra, Jared and Gianna. Dear brother in Law, uncle and friend of many. A generous, smart man of specific tastes--a character who played a special and unique part in many lives. He will be deeply missed by all who loved him and especially remembered when The Beatles, Earth, Wind and Fire or Neil Diamond plays. Visitation Saturday, April 27, 11 until 12 p.m. followed by a prayer service at 12 p.m. at CARBONARA FUNERAL HOME, 1515 No. 25TH Ave. Melrose Park. Int. Elmwood Cemetery. Please Omit Flowers.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Michael Friedman*

October 05, 2023 at 03:04 AM



“ *Mr. Michael Friedman*

September 08, 2022 at 03:08 AM



“ *I think about Michael literally dozens of times over the years since we last spoke nearly eight years ago. I think of the amazing impact he had on me and my personal and professional life.... truthfully, more than I can adequately relate. But until ten minutes ago, I never googled to find him....I thought about him.. but just never took the time to reach out and try to locate him. I did that just now.. googling "Michael Friedman son of Lawrence". At first I could not believe what I found... then I read the many April tributes and knew it was him. In my heart, I always knew he would burn himself out. But because he was bigger than life itself (at times) I still was and am in shock that he is gone. No one said "Kenny" like Michael... I hear him in my mind as if he was standing next to me. No one commanded my attention or affection more than him. And as I tear over this message, I tear more for his family he loved so, so much... he was a bull in every respect... but for me always bullish in his love for family, friends, good times and achievement. I never have met a soul like Michael ever before... and I imagine I never will again!*

Ken Seidberg - October 28, 2019 at 03:25 PM

JJ

“ *My sincere condolences to Marcia, Christine, the children and those who loved Michael. I came to know Michael through my relationship with his parents who retired here in SW FL. Michael came on strong but as you stood your ground you soon saw the good man behind the initial charge lol. He gave me a box of great cigars and more than several good laughs. I heard of the love that Marcia and Lawrence had for him woven in to the many conversations we had over the years. I met them through my brother who was their CPA here. I took care of Lawrence and Marcia's insurance needs and was fortunate to get to know them personally aside from business before Lawrence passed. I loved to hear their stories of how they first met, legendary tales from the law firm and have political discussions as we tended to see things from the same side of the mountain. I always told Lawrence that in retirement he was like a General without a war. I miss him and Mrs. Marcia now that she has moved back up north. Every time I visited her, she would shed tears as she spoke of her love for Lawrence and how she missed him. Now her son has crossed over, following the footsteps of his father. Our hearts are heavy for Marcia, Christine, his children and friends. God's strength and peace to all in these most difficult of times.*

John Joiner

John Joiner - April 30, 2019 at 01:57 PM

YB

“ *FM, Godspeed and R.I.P.
Dear Christine and family, our heartfelt
condolences for the loss of your beloved
Michael.*

Ygal and Sharon



Ygal Baruch - April 28, 2019 at 05:22 PM

MD

“ Finding it hard to believe someone who was larger than life could be gone so suddenly. MF, as I liked to call him, was always running at 100 m.p.h., (sometimes literally) and never seemed to slow down. He was obnoxious yet charming, super-smart yet often head-smacking, funny as heck until he crossed the line of good taste, (which was often) and ALWAYS up for a battle. He could have been an awesome lawyer, (at least until he lost his license for smacking an opposing counsel) In 20+ years of knowing Michael we never had an argument that wasn't more than half-serious. Humor was always underlying our conversations, and he was more than aware of his own shortcomings. His persistence, of which he had no shortage, led to his hiring me back in the 80's and changing the trajectory of my life immensely. I learned a lot from Michael, (and a few things to avoid) and he was always supportive of my efforts. I sometimes wish I had the cajones to pull off some of the things I saw him do or say. Even though there were times I would see his name on my caller ID and think "am I up for this 25 minute rant?", now I'm sad I won't get to hear his latest spin on whatever craziness he was involved in. I'm going to miss the big guy.

Mike Dimand

Mike Dimand - April 26, 2019 at 12:49 PM

DG

“ Denine Goulden-Guerrero lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Friedman



Denine Goulden-Guerrero - April 25, 2019 at 10:16 AM

DG

Will never forget all the memories, the good times at LOLF. RIP Michael!

Denine Goulden-Guerrero - April 25, 2019 at 10:18 AM

PA

“ Thank you for all the wonderful years of fun we had at LOLF. You made me laugh.
Pamm Jarrett-Becker

Pamm - April 25, 2019 at 09:51 AM

MS

“ Mary Ann Salvi-Visoky lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Friedman



Mary Ann Salvi-Visoky - April 24, 2019 at 11:52 PM

JC

“ John Christie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Friedman



John Christie - April 24, 2019 at 10:30 PM

EC

“ *Eve Christie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Friedman*



Eve Christie - April 24, 2019 at 10:29 PM

EC

“ *Christine and Family,
No words can express our sorrow and grief on Michael's passing.
He was closer than a brother and a true friend who gave
unconditional love. His loss has left a deep void in our hearts.
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, John & Eve Christie*

Eve Christie - April 24, 2019 at 10:27 PM

AG

“ I met my Uncle Michael when I was 10 years old. Auntie Chrissy brought him up to Wisconsin where we had a lake house. He took my cabbage patch kid and put her in the oven with her little head peeking out the tiny oven window. He was a character and probably the most generous person I’ve ever known. He took me to Las Vegas when I was 19 and got me a players card (even though I was under age) so that I could gamble with him. He took me to Disney World and we rode Space Mountain. He took me to London and we flew together first class, just the two of us, to meet Auntie Chrissy, Alexandra, and Alyssa there. In my 20s home from college during summers, I worked at Uncle Michael’s law firm where he graciously hired about 8 of my friends so that we could all have a summer job together. I’ll never forget all of the memories... from nights out where he would splurge to show me and my friends a great time, to holidays at home with our family where he would dress up as Santa Claus (me by his side as his elf) and give thoughtful gifts to everyone in the room, not just the kids. We had so many great talks on his boat in Lake Geneva. I spent so many weekends up at the lake with my aunt, uncle, and cousins and we would jam the “Mambo Kings” soundtrack while watching uncle Michael dance and sing “Guantanamera.” I could go on and on with the memories of times with my uncle where he made us all laugh. He truly was the life of any party and he brought such amazing energy and happiness to our family. Whenever or wherever I needed him, he was there for me. He went above and beyond the call of duty of “uncle.” I even had a special dance just for me and him at my wedding. We danced to “September” by Earth, Wind, and Fire, his favorite. No one will ever take the place of Uncle Michael and there is now a void in our family that we will feel for a long time to come. He was in a class of his own. I loved him so much and will miss him terribly. Rest In Peace.... Love, Andrea

Andrea Garcia - April 24, 2019 at 02:29 PM

AM

“ *Alida Maria Marchese lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Friedman*



Alida Maria Marchese - April 24, 2019 at 09:47 AM

AM

“ *Cristina, Alexandra, Jared e Gianna, e tutta la famiglia, siamo letteralmente senza parole per l'incredibile e gravissima perdita del nostro carissimo, meraviglioso Michael!!! Vi siamo vicini con tutto il nostro amore e addoloratissimi!!! Siete nelle nostre preghiere e nel nostro cuore e vorremmo essere fisicamente lì per abbracciarti e consolarvi!!! Dio vi benedica e vi dia la Sua pace e a Michael il riposo nella Sua Gloria! Vi vogliamo un bene immenso!!!*

Alida Maria Marchese - April 24, 2019 at 09:45 AM

SH

“ *So very sorry for your loss, Gianna. You and your loved ones will be in my thoughts and prayers.*
Sean Hammer

Sean P Hammer - April 24, 2019 at 08:44 AM

TN

“ *The Esposito Family, Lou Pat & Nancy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Michael Friedman.*



The Esposito Family, Lou Pat & Nancy - April 23, 2019 at 09:05 PM

LE

“ *Christine and Kids:
Michael and I were close friends when we were growing up. Our parents were best of friends and will be forever. We spent vacations together cruising Lake Michigan in the El Friedo and the Nancy, Pat, Lou. Schmedley and Irving were the names of fish we caught and Michael being afraid of mustard and loving fries on his plain hamburger are the memories I have :). Although we did not stay in touch, whenever we got together we remembered the fun times we had as if no time had passed. Michael will be missed and I was lucky to have a friend like him.*

Lou

Lou Esposito - April 23, 2019 at 08:08 PM

EV

“ *Elena and Petey Valdes, and Ron Vandolah purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mr. Michael Friedman.*



Elena and Petey Valdes, and Ron Vandolah - April 23, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Friedman.*



April 23, 2019 at 12:09 PM

ST

“ Christine, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember tying our boats together at the lake—Michael always so willing to offer to share all the food and drink on his boat. Those were happy times. I will keep you and your family in my pray. Warmly, Suzanne Tighe

Suzanne Tighe - April 23, 2019 at 11:24 AM

ST

Prayers not pay—sorry for the autocorrect that was incorrect.

Suzanne Tighe - April 23, 2019 at 11:39 AM

LF

“ Dear Christine and Family,
When I always drive by what is now One Arlington (next to the race track) It always makes me think of the girls post 8th grade graduation party there and Michael’s generosity to have the DJ continue playing even after the party was over. It was a fun time had by all and still brings a smile to my face. Our families have had many memories together- from the time the girls were small and everyone thought they were sisters - to our Cancun/Disney vacations -to the girls going off to college - and even now, that they are all grown up. We will always remember Michael and be thankful our paths crossed all those years ago.
Love, The Merlitti Family

lfm - April 22, 2019 at 10:57 PM

LK

Christine and Family,
So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Lauri Krakora and the John Felice Rome Center Community

Laurine Krakora - April 27, 2019 at 12:47 PM