



## Mr. Michael James "BIG MIKE" Nardella

November 15, 1924 - July 18, 2019

Michael "Big Mike" J. Nardella; 94 years old.

Decorated World War II Veteran of the Armored Division under General Patton, and long time resident of Melrose Park. Beloved Husband of the late Joyce (nee: Wilson). Devoted Father of Michael (Vicky), Frank (Lynn), James "Jim" (JoAnne), and John. Loving Brother of late Frank, late John "Jack" (late Anita), late Robert "Bob" (late Geraldine "Geri"), and Anita (Frank) Vaccaro. Adored Grandfather of Christina (Jeremy) Schultz, Frank (Mandi), Anthony, BryAnne (Blaise) Truiett, Lindsay (Kevin) Volk, Alexandra, Lauren, Michael, Arianna, Joshua, Alyssa, Jonna, and Jason. Proud Great-Grandfather of Ryder, Tessa, Maya, Ella, Brayden, Bryse, Stella, Sloan, Maren, Anthony, and Sophia. Loving Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Dear Friend and Mentor to many.

Mike was a retired member of Local Union #134 IBEW, where he worked at the Chicagoland Horse Racing Track for over 40 years. His love in life besides Family & Friends was the game of Hockey. His love of the game started as a young boy in the 1940's with the Chicago Blackhawks. He was fortunate to be a "Stick Boy". He followed the love to coaching youth hockey in the Chicago Area. He was involved with long time Friend Gene Ubriaco with many semi-pro, minor league hockey teams such as the Cardinals, Warriors, and ultimately the Chicago Wolves since their inception 25 years ago. His love of the game also filtered to family members with most of the boys participating in the game he loved. In Lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer

Society would be greatly appreciated. Visitation Tuesday 4-9. Funeral Services Wednesday 9:00 at Carbonara Funeral Home, 1515 N. 25th Avenue Melrose Park, to The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Mass 10 AM.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Michael James "BIG MIKE" Nardella*

October 05, 2023 at 03:04 AM



“ *Mr. Michael James "BIG MIKE" Nardella*

September 08, 2022 at 03:08 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the Nardella family. Your father was one of a kind. He will be missed. Lenny Salvatore*

**lenny salvatore** - August 10, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Nardella family. Mike was a great friend to everyone and will be missed by all. 🙏🙏🙏*



**Seymour and Rosemary Sapoznik** - July 23, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James "BIG MIKE" Nardella.*



July 22, 2019 at 03:08 PM

CP

“ John, I am so sorry fir the loss of your dear father. You were a good son and took very good care of him until the end. I loved seeing him all over town and he would give me a big hug. He was a great guy and will always be remembered as that. He is your guardian angel now. My prayers go out to you and your whole family. Love, Corinne

Corinne Principe - July 22, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James "BIG MIKE" Nardella.



July 20, 2019 at 06:55 PM

SC

“ So very sad to read this, so true, Mr. Nardella, was everything good, kind & wonderful.

The Love of his life Joyce was a beautiful marriage. I babysat their first three born sons for a number of years as a teenager. We were neighbors on 17TH in Melrose Park & so happy to have known this fine family, very nice memories. Saw Joyce ❤️ Mike years later with my husband at a Hockey Banquet at Itasca Country Club, as their Son Frankie was a coach on his son's team & Frankie coached my nephew David Carlstrom. Good times.

Now Mike ❤️ Joyce are reunited in HEAVEN IN THE LOVING CARE OF GOD.

Thank You for such nice memories.

Sherry Mc Neal-Culotta.

Sending many warm condolences to The Michael Nardella Family.



Sherry Mc Neal Culotta - July 20, 2019 at 03:46 PM

MM

*He was the last of a generation....*

---

**Mike Mullally** - July 23, 2019 at 06:08 PM

MM

*I am so sorry for your loss. Me was the last of a generation and will be truly missed. My condolences.*

*Mike Mullally*

---

**Mike Mullally** - July 23, 2019 at 06:09 PM

JC

*Big Mike was bigger than life. Our family was blessed to be part of his hockey life. From Oak Park hockey, to Fenwick hockey, to the Chicago Wolves, we all loved and admired him. He was a big and positive part of our lives.*

*The Collins Boys*

---

**Jack Collins** - July 23, 2019 at 11:04 PM