



Michael Kocylowsky

December 2, 1961 - January 8, 2019

Michael Kocylowsky, of Matthews, North Carolina, peacefully met our Lord on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, after a four-year journey with cancer. Born on December 2, 1961, Michael was the youngest child of his deceased parents, Michael and Julia, who immigrated from Ukraine. Michael spent his childhood in Garfield, New Jersey, attended Garfield High School and Montclair State University, and graduated with a degree in broadcasting communications.

For twelve years, Michael served on staff at Calvary Baptist Church in New York City as a radio engineer and producer and then communications director. It was at Calvary Baptist Church that he met his wife, Deana, of twenty-five years. In 1998, he and Deana moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where he served for twenty years as the Director of Information Technology at Calvary Church in Charlotte. He became a loyal father to Kate in 2009, and twins, Matt and Trey in 2012.

The priorities in Michael's life were always his commitment to the Lord and his family members. He also had a life-long love of sports and fitness and cherished his friendships with his brother-in law, Buddy, and nephews, Matt and Evan, as they frequently checked in on games, scores and teams throughout their lives. Michael also loved researching and cooking all things culinary, and he always enjoyed trying new recipes and foods. Fishing was another lifelong passion that Michael shared with friends and relatives through the years. He also was blessed to serve on overseas short-term mission trips for several years including his country of heritage, Ukraine.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Deana, and his three children, Kaitlyn Anne, Matthew Dean, and Trey Michael. He is also survived by his brothers and their spouses, Zenon and Ria, Stefan and Joyce, and his sister and her husband, William "Buddy" and Mary Bernat. Michael is also survived by Deana's devoted parents, Becky and Larry Burgess, along with his sister in law and brothers in law and many nieces and nephews whom he loved greatly.

We rejoice that Michael is with our Lord and through Christ, we will reunite with him in heaven one day! His faith, love and compassion will live on in those he touched throughout his life.

A service to celebrate Michael's life will be held on Saturday, January 12 at 11 am in the

Worship Center at Carmel. Visitation begins at 9:30 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions honoring Michael's legacy can be made to Carmel Baptist Church: www.carmelbaptist.org, or to Inheritance of Hope, a charity that serves families facing the loss of a parent: www.InheritanceOfHope.org, or PO Box 90, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768.

Cemetery

Magnolia Gardens

5801 Pineville–Matthews
Road

Charlotte, NC, 28226

Events

JAN **Visitation** 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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Carmel Baptist Church

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Comments



“ Our hearts are broken. Michael was part of our class at Calvary Baptist Church in New York. We studied the Bible together, worshipped together, played together, and worked together. We had great times. We will always love Mikey. We will never forget him, and we look forward to seeing him again. Deana, Kate, Matt, and Trey- we love you. There are no words that can heal your pain. When I (Jean) was sixteen and lost my grandmother, who was like a second mother, my neighbor told me to just cry. Somehow those words helped me. May God comfort you and wrap His strong and loving arms around you. We love you.
Stan and Jean Blair

Jean Blair - January 13 at 10:39 PM



“ Michael was introduced to me by Nat Fruci....we discovered that we had or were traveling many similar roads.... love of cooking and fishing..... Adopted children and grandchildren....strong faith and a battle with the Big C....the coincidences were scary on things in common....both of us found and were accepted into the same experimental program in NYC... The best place now is in God's hands The Michael Kocylowsky family is in our thoughts and prayers ..,Chip and Maureen Drozenski

Chip Drozenski - January 13 at 12:30 PM



“ The memory of the righteous is a blessing. Proverbs 10.7.
Michael and I knew each other at church in Calvary in NY. I don't recall ever seeing him without that infectious smile, no doubt, that smile brightened many others days! It was so evident to me that the Joy of the Lord was (IS) Michaels strength. Nehemiah 8:10. He lived it. Such an even-keeled guy too. Proverbs 19:22 says: What is desired in a man is his kindness. Michael showed that to us all.
May the arms of God comfort his beloved Deanna and their precious children.
love & prayers to his family,
Kevin Keller

kevin - January 12 at 04:23 PM



“ Deanna, just remember Michael is now at in God’s hands and in peace. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you or your family.



Rick and Susanne Winquist - January 11 at 08:56 PM



“ A man of such high integrity and character. We are blessed to have known him. Praying for you, Deana, and the children. We love you all. <3

Cyndi Allen - January 11 at 10:24 AM



“ Deana, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers.

Brian Scheerhoorn - January 11 at 09:17 AM



“ Though I grieve for what feels like a life cut short, I know Michael’s faith provided him the comfort and gratitude of a life well lived. I will miss you my friend, but I look forward to seeing you again one day. Go Braves!

Parker Chambliss - January 11 at 08:03 AM



“ Scarlett & Michael Inman And Family lit a candle in memory of Michael Kocylowsky



Scarlett & Michael Inman and Family - January 11 at 12:08 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services - January 10 at 02:25 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Kocylowsky.



January 10 at 12:31 PM