



## Michael Daniel Dubec, O.F.M.

October 23, 1945 - May 5, 2024

Bro. Michael Dubec, OFM, 78, passed away on May 5, 2024, at Woodward Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Born in East Chicago, Indiana, but in his youth native to Whiting, Indiana, Bro. Michael entered the novitiate on Aug. 14, 1967; made simple vows on Aug. 15, 1968; and professed solemn vows Valparaso, IN, as a friar in the Order of Friars Minor, on Aug. 15, 1971.

Over the years, Bro. Michael served in a variety of ministry roles focused on fraternal service and vocations. He also served as Spiritual Assistant for the Secular Franciscans and as a retreat team member. His assignments included St. Francis Friary, Franciscan Formation Center, and St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, Pennsylvania; Seven Dolors Shrine in Valparaiso, Indiana; St. Mary Friary in Columbiana, Ohio; and Mother of Good Counsel in Hazard, Kentucky. These last several years he served in fraternal ministry at Duns Scotus Friary in Berkley, Michigan.

Bro. Michael is survived by 655(+/-) Franciscan brothers in the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe; his sister, Joanne (Jack), sister-in-law, MaryAnn (Tom); nieces and nephews, Christian, Zachary, Leah, Benjamin, and Esther; 5 grand nieces and nephews; many cousins; and friends.

Predeceased by his mother Helen, his father Peter Sr., his brother, Peter Jr., and most recently his niece, Rachel.

Visitation will be held Monday, May 13th from 4 to 7 p.m. at Our Lady of La Salette Church, 2600 Harvard Road, Berkley, Michigan 48072, followed by the funeral Mass at 7 p.m. Interment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan, on May 14th at 9:30 a.m.

\*\*\* For those unable to attend the funeral Mass, it will be livestreamed on the parish website ([www.lasalette-church.org](http://www.lasalette-church.org)), the parish YouTube channel ([lasaletteberkley](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)) and on the parish Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Bro. Michael may be given to:

Franciscan Charities: website at <https://friars.us> and click on "Support"

The Housing Development Alliance in Hazard, KY: website at [www.hdahome.org](http://www.hdahome.org) and click on "Donate Now"

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation: website at [www.parkinsonsmi.org](http://www.parkinsonsmi.org) and click on "Donate"

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church  
2600 Harvard Road  
Berkley, MI 48072

## Funeral Mass

MAY 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church  
2600 Harvard Road  
Berkley, MI 48072

## Burial

MAY 14. 9:30 AM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery  
25800 W. 10 Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Unka dan, esther, ben, rachel*



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**Mary Ann** - May 13, 2024 at 12:09 PM

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“ *23 files added to the album Memories from Eddie Igras*



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**Wm. Sullivan and Son** - May 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Videos*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - May 09, 2024 at 12:18 PM

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*Mike and his German Shepherd friend, "Rudy". The voice in the background is Ms. Pat Riestenberg, a dear friend to both.*

**Michael Chowning, OFM** - May 09, 2024 at 04:31 PM

MA

“ Beside being the face and hands of God to anyone he met, he was the fun uncle, who never failed to bring joy and humor to every occasion. He loved fishing, a quiet forest, a tranquil lake, a good joke, a crazy game of pit or uno, a big meal, povitiza, and dogs of any type or temperment. He put others first and himself, last. He left everywhere he went, and anyone he met more hopeful than they were before he met them. Give hugs to Rachel for us dear "Unka Dan"....until we meet again.

**Mary Ann** - May 09, 2024 at 11:22 AM

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“ We will greatly miss Bro. Dubec's presence at Our Lady of LaSalette; his ready wit and sweet demeanor made our days at the office....yet we now trust in the hope and belief that he is at peace, free from pain and with the Lord in heaven. Rest well, dear Bro. Dubec- a good and faithful servant of God 🙏

**Christina Ihlenfeldt** - May 07, 2024 at 12:01 PM

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*Such a kind, caring , thoughtful person who could alwY make one feel special to him, such a gental soul!*

**Sharon Townsend** - May 08, 2024 at 08:40 PM

CA

*A gentle soul and committed religious!  
RIP Brother Michael "Danny" 🙏*

**Carole** - May 09, 2024 at 12:50 PM

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*I recall a time when my family came to Mother of Good Counsel Church in Hazard, KY for a visit. They met Bro. Mike for the first time and following a weekend of kindly and friendly hospitality, my family commented that Bro. Mike left them feeling like he was somebody they have known all of their life. Today I am reminded of the many blessed, fruitful and enriching years Bro. Mike brought my way during our many days together at Mother of Good Counsel Church beginning in the summer of 2000 when he arrived. Bro. Mike was loved by everybody. He was so full of life, love, energy, happiness and humor as he went about his days in peaceful, patient, gentle, kindly and caring ways getting much done throughout the day and blessing everybody along the way. His life was like rays of the sun warming the souls of everyone who knew him. Today I am especially thanking God for the life of Bro. Mike whose Franciscan heart deeply touched my heart. His passing has left a tear in my eye. His memory will always live on in me and be a part of my heart. Bro. Edward Gura, OFM*

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**Bro. Edward Gura, OFM** - May 11, 2024 at 08:23 AM