



Michael Kasztelan

September 1, 1957 - November 29, 2020

Kasztelan, Dr. Michael Joseph, Age 63, September 1, 1957- November 29, 2020

Beloved husband of Mira for 31 years. Loving father of Shaina, Amanda, Marisa, Jacob (Qingzhuo) and the late Joseph. Dear son of the late Chester and Mary and brother of the late Roberta Buelow.

Michael was first and foremost a family man who shared a deep, loving bond with his wife, 5 children and his spoiled dog Trudy (who honestly was his favorite child who could do no wrong). The love story that he wrote with Mira spanned half of his life and across millions of miles- he adored her passion, her intelligence and her sense of style. The love they shared knows no bounds and we're sure he's already planning many adventures for them to go on together when they are reunited in the afterlife. They raised 5 children together, tragically losing the late Joseph to cancer, which only sought to bring the family closer together. All of his children warmly reminisce of the fun yet educational trips their parents would take them on well into their adulthood. Michael taught his children so many valuable life lessons, encouraging leadership and giving them the wisest, most honest advice, whether they wanted to hear it or not, which shaped them into the successful and unique individuals they are today. He worked very hard to get to his position; when his dad passed away when Michael was 18, he was destined to take care of his mother and sister while working 3 jobs to put himself through medical school while also earning scholarships. His work ethic was very admirable and he got

a huge reward from his career as a family practice medical doctor helping people. While he loved his staff and his patients, he was very happy to take full advantage of his retirement during the last few years of his life. He was a teacher of many topics, notably history and science, and probably would have been a winning Jeopardy player with the amount of random knowledge he possessed. He was very interested in his family genealogy and was proud to share traditions from his Polish and Italian cultural background. He loved learning about other cultures and really broadened his horizons and his culinary palette with the addition of Qingzhuo, Jacob's wife whom his son met while serving in the US Marines, to the family. Michael was a man of many talents; he was an avid gardener, a violinist, a talented home chef, a photographer, a skilled technical painter, a woodworker, and a patient fisherman. He was an extremely creative individual and a seasoned world traveler who created annual scrapbooks highlighting his favorite memories with his adventurous family. One of his favorite places to spend time at was the family cottage up north, especially during the fall when he could see the beauty in the colors of the leaves and the sunsets. Michael was taken from us way too soon, as he had many plans for future endeavors around the world with his wife. Although he is gone from us in the physical realm, his spirit lives on through his loving family whose tight knit bond will give them strength during this tragic time. Visitation Saturday 2-8 pm and Sunday from 11:30 am until the time of the funeral service Sunday 1:30 pm the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica. Do to COVID 19 restrictions we will be limiting visitation to 25 people at a time and ask that all visitors wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to the Belle Isle Conservancy.

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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Utica, MI 48317
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utica@sullivanfh.com
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Funeral Service

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Burial

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Cemetery
Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

BK

“ This is the first time I've heard of Michaels passing. Our family lost touch after my father's death in 1986. Uncle Chet was my father's brother. We lived in Illinois and they lived in Detroit. We only saw each other in the summer. I will keep Michael in my prayers.
Bernice Kasztelan Kopp

Bernice Kopp - May 27 at 10:03 PM

RB

“ The best doctor I ever had, rest in peace my friend 🙏

Ron Berry - March 12, 2025 at 02:25 PM

VA

“ To the family of the best Doctor we have ever had we loved him. He was are doctor for 30 some years. Rest in peace ❤️

Victoria St Arnaud - April 26, 2023 at 08:34 AM

AE

“ Can't believe he's gone can't believe I didn't heard this sooner then 3 yrsr later but he was such an amazing dr who I'll never forget and God gave him my case form 24weeks to 19 I loved everything about him as a doctor love his kind understanding caring ways of doctor it's such ture honor to have him
In my life and the memories and knowledge he's given me I will carry on in my life I always loved his pen people he carried in his pocket and I'm so ever thankful to God for this amazing doctor who helped save my life countless times because I was born at 24 weeks and have had many medical issues and chronic Illnesses and I don't where I'd be without him heaven has a special angle in the clouds

Ashley Evans - April 02, 2022 at 08:44 PM

BE

“ Thanks for all the years you called me a miracle patient, you gave the greatest advice and shared your good faith with me... you were a kind man and definitely have a special place in my heart and now you have definitely left a mark on the world. Rest In Peace you will be missed but not forgotten I'll never forget one of the best doctors to have had. You had a great sense of humor and wise with words of faith and medical. Thanks so much

Brittany Evans - April 02, 2022 at 08:26 PM

SD

“ I just heard Dr. Kasztelan's name mentioned on the Thanksgiving Day Parade and had never heard of his passing until now. I'm so sorry to hear that. He was my Dr. for many years and always appreciated his care and wisdom. The world needs more people like him.

Steve Dalton - November 25, 2021 at 11:25 AM

DD

“ Dawn Dziurman lit a candle in memory of Michael Kasztelan



Dawn Dziurman - December 09, 2020 at 03:20 PM

HL

“ R.I.P Dr.Kasztelan....I'm grateful for the years we spent working together at Cornerstone Romeo Family Pactice..You will be missed dearly... Hilda Lacey from Florida..



Hilda Lacey - December 08, 2020 at 08:03 PM

DO

“ *Mira and the kids,,*

We we truly shocked. We are deeply saddened by your loss. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with you all during these troubled times.

*Love,
Cheryl and Dave Obudzinski*

David Obudzinski - December 06, 2020 at 11:57 AM

KM

“ *It was truly a pleasure to have known Mike and I feel very blessed to have worked with him a short time in Romeo when I first started in practice. My husband and I always looked forward to recapping the year at the holiday gatherings with both Mike and Mira. May God give you peace and strength as you move forward.*

Donation made to Belle Isle Conservancy

*Yours in Christ,
Kelly and Rich Machesky*

KELLY MACHESKY MD - December 06, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Kasztelan.*



December 05, 2020 at 01:39 PM

AT

“ We were so extremely saddened to hear of "Dr. Mike's" passing. Our thoughts are with Mira and their children. We will cherish the fantastic memories of our times in Crown Pointe, sharing recipes and laughing at the pool. He had so many great stories but was always interested in hearing from everyone else.

A donation has been made in his memory to the Belle Isle Conservancy.

*Ann and Charlie Taylor
Whitby, Ontario, Canada*

Ann & Charlie Taylor - December 04, 2020 at 08:15 PM

PS

“ *Pat Sommerville purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of Michael Kasztelan.*



Pat Sommerville - December 04, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Kasztelan.*



December 04, 2020 at 11:41 AM

DD

“ Our relationship was very special as brother in laws. We both grow up without a natural brother as Catholic boys in the Detroit area was Detroit sport fans. We became brother (in law) by marrying beautiful sisters. We shared the same Mother in law, Father in law, siblings of our wife's and many nieces and nephews. We both quickly learned to love our wife's aunts, uncles and cousins from Michigan to Kentucky.

For 30 years we shared Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Memorial Day, Birthdays, Weddings, Baptisms, Picnic's, Reunions and Funerals together with our families. I enjoyed the countless number of dinners out we spent with our wife's. I always looked forward to your presence and felt lucky to spend quality time with you.

As a Doctor you always gave great care and attention to your patients and health care partners. No different than the concern you always gave to your friends and family. I think of you as a intelligent, talented, love to teach and learn, love to travel, love to laugh person.

Your lost is so devastating to so many people, including me. I know that your priority has always been your wife and children and you are proud of them. I will remember you always with smiles, laughter and joy.

Dan

Dan DuBeau - December 03, 2020 at 09:22 PM

HR

“ Dear Mira and family, We were so saddened to hear of Michael’s passing. We had such good times at the Crown Pointe Pool. Especially, diving for gum. In reading Michael’s obituary, we are sure that you shared many great times and memories, and we know that those memories will sustain you today and forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will miss our Surgeon General.

Hank and Maria Riccitelli

Hank and Maria Riccitelli - December 03, 2020 at 12:29 PM

MS

Dr. Kasztelan was my family Doctor for many, many years. He always came in the room with a big smile and a warm handshake. He took his time and listened to me.

He was right on with my diagnosis and medicine. If I wasn’t better, I could get in right away to see him. So very shocked to hear of his passing. He was a great Doctor and a very kind man.

mary spencer - March 05, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Kasztelan.



December 03, 2020 at 12:20 PM

JG

“ He was our doctor for many years out in Romeo and always told my husband he was his most healthy patient. We had many laughs with him and he took great care of both of us. It was a shock to hear of his passing so young. I pray for his family and friends and patients and wish him God Speed for more adventures with the Lord.
Kay and John Giacoletti

John Giacoletti - December 03, 2020 at 10:59 AM

EP

I'm Edith phillips n I'm heart broken to hear of Dr kastelan passing. He's been my husband n my Dr n my kids for yrs until he retired.. I was so blessed to find him.. he was always there in a heart beat when we needed him.. n never had problem regarding meds or a call about kids on wknd.. n we didn't have insurance at times n HE ALWAYS WORKED WITH US.. then we got horrific news..my husband was given 3 months to live with brain cancer n only wanted to talk to Dr kastelan... HE WOULDNT TRUST NOBODY BUT HIM. so Dr kastelan seen him after work without charge n talked to him for a long time to comfort him n explain.. that Dr is an amazing man, and Dr n a tremendous loss to this world.. I'm truly sorry to mira n the kastelan family n prayers to u all.. so glad I knew that angel while he was with us on earth...

Edith phillips - January 09, 2023 at 12:04 PM

MF

“ Well what can I say about Mike, other than a great guy. Played euchre with Mira and Mike for years. Such a tragic loss but he will never forgotten. Mira and family you are in our prayers 🙏 We love you 🥺

michelle (Greig) Fanelli - December 02, 2020 at 05:56 PM

JP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr K as his Office Manager for approximately 16 years. So, I have many memories I could share about him. But, the ones that stand out in my memory are two that demonstrated his Faith in Jesus Christ. The first story was when our office party came around at Christmas time. It was common knowledge that I was a Christian so I often did the prayer before dinner. Apparently there was some talk of folks not liking me praying in Jesus name because they didn't believe the same way. Dr.K got wind of that said to me, “I will do the prayer this year and nobody's going to tell me I can't pray in Jesus name”. His boldness for Christ stayed with me always. Then the second story is what he shared with me about his little son Joseph after he passed away. A lot of people could blame God when something like that happens ,but I remember Dr. K. saying. “God was faithful and He answered our prayers, Joey did not die from the cancer, his death was attributed to something else. “. I thought what a display of Faith he had not to blame God but still honor God for his goodness.. Dr K was a good man that loved God and his family and it was my pleasure to call him my friend. Janice Piccini

Janice Piccini - December 02, 2020 at 05:26 PM

SD

“ My husband and I were shocked to hear of the passing of Dr Kasztelan especially being so young and just starting to enjoy his retirement. He was our favorite doctor and we were so sad when he retired. Our prayers go out to his entire family and his friends 💔

Susan Duncan - December 02, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Kasztelan.*



December 02, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Kasztelan.*



December 02, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ *There are no words to express my sadness over this news and also to portray what a valuable doctor and friend Michael was to myself and my family. He was a man among men and his loss will be felt by so many. I'm so sorry Mira and family. ❤️*

Katherine LeRoy - December 02, 2020 at 05:11 AM



I am so saddened to hear this news. I was his nurse for many years at Cornerstone. I have always had tremendous respect and admiration for Dr. Kasztelan. He also was our family physician and a friend. He exemplified what it was to be a husband, father, physician, and friend. May God be with you all during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Renata Vitale and family*

Renata Quadrini-Vitale - December 02, 2020 at 11:17 AM

JF

Steve and I are heartbroken to hear the news. We so enjoyed all the times together at our home or at Noreen and Curt's playing cards, talking politics. laughing at good jokes (or at each other!) all while eating lots of food finishing off with Mike's cookies or butterscotch cannoli's. We will always admire the beautiful relationship between Mike and Mira ... like two peas in a pod they are an inspiration for love and respect of your spouse and best friend. While we cry to say goodbye, we are so happy and privileged to have been a small part of the beautiful life that was Mike. Enjoy your rewards in Heaven, Mike, you deserve it! To Mira and family you have our arms around you and an Awesome Angel watching over you!

Love,

Julie and Steve Ferrerio

Julie Ferrerio - December 02, 2020 at 12:16 PM

KD

*What a terrible loss! Dr. Kasztelan was a kind, funny man who touched many lives. When I worked with him at cornerstone he was always encouraging, and straight forward! We all new his family was his biggest joy and priority.
God bless!*

*Thank you,
Kris Davis*

Kris Davis - December 02, 2020 at 12:19 PM

MB

Dr. Kaztelean I was so glad to of worked for you. I enjoyed your history lessons and our Saturday morning breakfast before work. You made the best french toast. I learned alot from you. You will be missed by many. God bless you and your family.

Melinda Budzyn

Aka. Mel

Melinda Budzyn - December 02, 2020 at 01:35 PM

C(

Dr. K and my family at Romeo Family Practice as it was known back in the day, were amazing. I know that He and his son are playing together right now. It was an honor to work with you. Prayers for healing for your family during this difficult time.

Corinne Harnden (Nobis) - December 02, 2020 at 06:47 PM

BB

Dear Mira and family, We are so saddened by the passing of Dr. Mike as we called him. He was such a kind man and always had a smile. We only had the pleasure of knowing both of you for a little over two years but in that time Mike brought such joy into our lives. He shared with us just to name a few his culinary loves and woodworking skills. In fact, when there was a pot luck at Crown Pointe Mike brought his delicious sausages. They disappeared in no time flat when the hungry locust descended upon them.

*We are so honored to have had him in our lives. He will be missed.
Love, Ted and Bonnie*

Bonnie Bertrand - December 02, 2020 at 09:38 PM

MA

*Dear Mira and Family,
We felt down when we heard the news of Dr. Mike's passing. You are in our prayers to have inner and physical strength at this most difficult time.*

- Carol, Manny Barrido

Manny - December 03, 2020 at 11:46 AM

DB

It's difficult to find the words to put together at this time. I remember all the times we were together when I was a little boy; you taught me to fish, you played catch with me, took me to the park. We looked at slides and watched cartoons together. You were an inspiration to me as I was growing up, part of who I am today is because of you. I will miss you Uncle Mike.

Love Denny

Denny Bennett - December 03, 2020 at 03:00 PM

DR

So sad to hear about Mike's passing.....I have fond memories from medical school.....my prayers are with the family.....

David Rothfeld - December 10, 2020 at 05:44 PM