



Michael O'Brien

November 7, 1953 - March 27, 2025

Michael John O'Brien, adoring husband, dad, and "Bamps," passed away on March 27, 2025. Mike was born to Simon Norman O'Brien and Beverly Ann Fuller in Detroit, Michigan on November 7, 1953. Mike was a beloved brother to Norman (Marilyn), Kimberly (Tom), and Kathleen, brother-in-law to Mike (Latifa) and June, and an endearing uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Proudly raised in Berkley, from a young age Mike was a musician. Influenced by The Beatles and The Who, he became a drummer, playing in a variety of bands with life-long friends. Mike was a dedicated surgical technician and first assistant in the operating room for more than forty years at Beaumont in Royal Oak. It was there that he met the love of his life, Donna Johnson. They were each other's very best friend, spending six years together before getting married on September 22, 1984 and remaining married for over forty years.

The best days of Mike's life were spent around his children Molly and Michael, well documented by every generation of home video. He celebrated and cherished simple day to day moments with his kids and fondly remembered every family vacation. Mike was proud to watch his children grow up and grateful to consider them his dearest friends. Mike welcomed as one of his own his dear son-in-law, David, who was a buddy and travel companion for years.

Four and a half years ago, Mike became "Bamps." A beloved grandfather to his three granddaughters, Endelyn Inza, Agatha Finley, and Imogene Alice. His playful ways were reinvigorated when spending time with them. Fun loving, creative, and silly, "Bamps" was the highlight of many memories shared at the family home on Chippewa.

Those that knew him best saw Mike as the most gracious, kind, and genuine person. He inspired those around him with an infectious love of his life's captivations - music, baseball, space, history, irreverent humor, weather, A&W rootbeer, and cold Miller Lite. Our dear dad was cherished and will be deeply missed by so many.

There will be a visitation held for Michael on April 3rd, 2025 at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 Blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI 48067, from 2-8 pm. Michael will lie in state on April 4th, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 730 South Lafayette Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48067, from 11:30 am till the Mass time of 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Hospice of Michigan at <https://www.hom.org/donate>.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Mass

APR 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
730 S. Lafayette Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Burial

APR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Roseland Park Cemetery
29001 Woodward Avenue
Berkley, MI 48072

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Lynn C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael O'Brien.

Lynn C. - April 04, 2025 at 01:48 PM

LY

“ Molly and Dave,

*Dan and I are sorry to hear of your dad's passing!
We only met your Dad a couple of times.
Your Dad and family radiated joy!
Dan and Lynn Cavanaugh*

Lynn - April 04, 2025 at 01:43 PM

TB

“ Teresa B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael O'Brien.

Teresa B. - April 03, 2025 at 05:04 PM

AM

“ All my love, Alexa Mann purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Michael O'Brien.



All my love, Alexa Mann - April 03, 2025 at 01:25 PM

SS

“ We are saddened to hear of the loss of Mike. He was a great friend through high school and many gigs with our band “I C \$”, fun times. Always laughter and smiles. He was definitely a people person and kept that glow on stage. Friends may move however those memories last forever. And his memories will remain with us all, especially his family. God Bless, RIP Mike. Our condolences, Steve and Patti Smeekens

Steve Smeekens - April 03, 2025 at 12:10 PM

MM

“ Moike was absolutely the best kindest most lovable person. We worked together for about 35 years at Beaumont he helped me so much and so many days! Every time he was with me or just passing in the halls he always made me smile. I fondly remember his Band playing at our Ortho Party years ago, so talented! Such a pleasure always! My prayers go out to all his family and friends. We all have great memories to keep him alive in our hearts. He was one of the Originals that made Beaumont great! He's at Peace and we'll see him when Our Father brings us home.

Michael J Hubers MD - April 02, 2025 at 11:47 PM

JM

“ I'm worked at Royal oak Beaumont hospital with Mike for many years! He was always a gentleman! I used to watch him come out of the locker room in the mornings and walk is slow swaggered walk down the Halls to whatever room he's going to be in! Like I said he was liked and he was a gentleman! So sorry for your loss!

Jane marshall - April 02, 2025 at 09:26 PM

LF

“ Love, Gary, Sharyn & Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Michael O'Brien.



Love, Gary, Sharyn & Family - April 02, 2025 at 05:43 PM

LA

“ Love, Kristen Anderson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael O'Brien.



Love, Kristen Anderson - April 02, 2025 at 03:54 PM

LA

“ Love, Kristen Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael O'Brien.

Love, Kristen Anderson - April 02, 2025 at 03:54 PM

YF

“ Your VK Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael O'Brien.



Your VK Family - April 02, 2025 at 03:01 PM

YF

“ Your VK Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael O'Brien.

Your VK Family - April 02, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael O'Brien.



April 02, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ Susan M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael O'Brien.

Susan M. - April 02, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael O'Brien.

April 02, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ Jack Donnellon & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael O'Brien.



Jack Donnellon & family - April 01, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael O'Brien.

April 01, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael O'Brien.*



April 01, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ *rest in peace Mike*

Fred Wolfe - April 01, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *From Jerry and Susan purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Michael O'Brien.*



From Jerry and Susan - April 01, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael O'Brien.*

April 01, 2025 at 05:20 AM



“ *Dale Meloche planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael O'Brien.*

Dale Meloche - March 31, 2025 at 08:14 PM

DM

“ Dale Meloche purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Michael O'Brien.



Dale Meloche - March 31, 2025 at 08:14 PM

TF

“ The Bahleda Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Michael O'Brien.



The Bahleda Family - March 31, 2025 at 04:46 PM

DF

“ Dave, Cindy and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael O'Brien.



Dave, Cindy and family - March 31, 2025 at 03:50 PM

KG

“ Mike was a great FA who I was lucky to work with for many years..... Extremely talented at his job. I enjoyed every day I was working with him. May God bless his family and I know Mike is resting in peace above.

Your friend, Kim

Kim G - March 31, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael O'Brien.

March 31, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael O'Brien.



March 31, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Sandi Daniel and Family from Idaho purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Michael O'Brien.



Sandi Daniel and Family from Idaho - March 31, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael O'Brien.

March 31, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Michael O'Brien.



March 31, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael O'Brien.

March 31, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael O'Brien.



March 31, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Love Ron and Brenda Sussman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael O'Brien.

Love Ron and Brenda Sussman - March 30, 2025 at 11:43 AM

LS

“ Love Ron and Brenda Sussman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael O'Brien.



Love Ron and Brenda Sussman - March 30, 2025 at 11:43 AM

MT

“ Mary Buccilli and Tom Thornton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael O'Brien.

Mary Buccilli and Tom Thornton - March 30, 2025 at 09:02 AM

MT

“ Mary Buccilli and Tom Thornton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael O'Brien.



Mary Buccilli and Tom Thornton - March 30, 2025 at 09:02 AM

BD

“ Mike and I grew up on the same street. As young kids we spent countless hours playing, especially with his toy soldiers. As we grew up, it became apparent his love of music and we would sing many Beatles tunes, he would change the words, ie: I want to hold your hand became I want hold your toenail, just a super fun loving guy. We grew apart as time went on but I would catch him when he was gigging. Truly one of the great ones and he will be missed by are family . Mike, I wish I could hold your hand this very minute, may you rest in piece my friend

Bruce Derington - March 29, 2025 at 09:31 PM

SM

We called him Moike at Beaumont and he was such a great coworker and friend. He was amazing at his job and would do whatever was needed. We all went to school together and had so much fun. Donna he always talked about you!

Sue Montgomery - March 30, 2025 at 04:05 PM

GS

Bruce, that's a great memory of you and Mike rewriting "I Want to Hold Your Hand" LOL! Thanks for sharing that.

Gary Sussman - March 31, 2025 at 10:58 AM

SD

*So many great memories of Moike and Donna. From their first days dating to now. His band played at my wedding, going and watching his band many nights in our 20's and the best was seeing the love he has for his beautiful family ❤️💔
Rest in peace sweet Mike.*

Sandra daniel - March 31, 2025 at 02:35 PM

PS

I remember Mike playing drums in the Ravons with Dan Logan , Tim Hosper, and my brother George Schrein Mike was a solid drummer and now he and George can play again in Heaven thanks for laying down the beats Rest In Peace !

Patrick Schrein - April 02, 2025 at 09:00 AM