



Michael Donald O'Hara

May 17, 1963 - August 7, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Michael Donald O'Hara, a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. Michael's life was one filled with love, music, and steadfast dedication to those around him.

Michael married the love of his life, Carolynne, on July 8, 1995, at Our Lady Queen of All Saints in Fraser, a union that began with their first date on February 13, 1993. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised two wonderful children, Megan and Brendan (fiancée Jessica), who were the center of Michael's world.

He is survived by his siblings: Nickolas (first wife, the late Suzie) (Debbie) O'Hara, Jim (Debbie) O'Hara, David (Donna) O'Hara, Rosanne (the late Tom) Hinebrook, Janet O'Hara, Robert O'Hara, and Patricia (Ken) Stempowski. He is predeceased by his siblings Linda (Barry) Moore, Jackie (Norman) Hardy, and Edward O'Hara. Michael was also a cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews-Sean, Ryan, David (deceased), Dawn, Rebecca (deceased), Samantha (deceased), Jennifer (deceased), Jonathan, Nickolas, Mackenzie, Emily, Brandan, Krystal, Kevin, Kyle, Kristopher, Stephanie, Joshua, Ashley, James, Amber, Michael, Zachary, and Nathan-and a proud great-uncle to many more.

A man of music, Michael was a proud participant in the St. Lawrence Catholic

Church Choir. His passion for instruments began in high school, where he played drums and piano and marched with the Fraser marching band Symphonic. As well as being a part of the marching band and symphonic band for Eastern Michigan while in school. Music was a thread woven throughout his life, whether it was singing with Megan, drumming with friends, or simply sharing a song that meant something to him.

Michael was deeply involved in the lives of his children-building a deck with Brendan, camping as a family in Algonac or the Smoky Mountains, fixing cars, or riding his motorcycle with them. He treasured the small moments too, like ice cream runs to Dairy Queen with Carolynne for their beloved dogs Harley and Benjamin, and remembering with love their late dog Rosie. Coffee trips to Tim Horton's with Carolynne were a cherished routine.

He was passionate about lawn care and snow removal, always keeping his home looking its best and going out of his way to help neighbors with their yards and driveways. Michael's giving nature, love for family, and steady presence will be remembered and missed by all who knew him.

Michael's life was a testament to the beauty of simple joys, the power of music, and the importance of family. His legacy will live on in the songs he loved, the laughter he shared, and the love he gave so freely.

Visitation will take place at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home located at 8459 Hall Road, Utica on Monday (August 11th) from 2 - 8pm, with a Vigil Service: Scriptural Rosary at 7pm. Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday (August 12th) at St. Lawrence Catholic Church 44633 Utica Road, Utica. Michael will lie in state at 9:30am until time of her Funeral Mass at 10am

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Rosary

AUG 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Instate

AUG 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Mass

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Robin Hunter lit a candle in memory of Michael Donald O'Hara



Robin Hunter - September 01, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Donald O'Hara.



August 11, 2025 at 07:22 PM



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

August 11, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Michael Donald O'Hara.



August 11, 2025 at 07:40 AM

TF

“ *The Baer Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Donald O'Hara.*



The Baer Family - August 10, 2025 at 03:31 PM

YF

“ *Your Discount Tire Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Donald O'Hara.*



Your Discount Tire Family - August 09, 2025 at 04:32 PM

YF

“ *Your Discount Tire Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Donald O'Hara.*

Your Discount Tire Family - August 09, 2025 at 04:32 PM

MG

“ *Miller Canfield & and LADR Group purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Michael Donald O'Hara.*



Miller Canfield & and LADR Group - August 09, 2025 at 11:31 AM

GN

“ Gregory and Michelle Nowak purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Donald O'Hara.



Gregory and Michelle Nowak - August 09, 2025 at 06:53 AM

LG

“ Mike and I were drummers together at Fraser High School. We didn't see each other for many years until I joined the St Lawrence Music Ministry. I will miss him dearly, but cherish the great memories we had at Fraser(in the drum room with all the drummers)and with the St Lawrence Music Ministry gang. Blessings to You and Your Family Mike! ❤️✝️🥁🎵🎶

Lee A Gasowski - August 08, 2025 at 10:26 PM

LW

“ My deepest sympathy .God bless and comfort his family.Linda Weier



Linda M Weier - August 08, 2025 at 10:10 PM

JS

“ Mike,, you will be truly missed..I admired your great voice,your knowledge of so many things,and your great devotion to our Faith..You inspired me to be a better person, and I thank you...You are, and always will be in our hearts. .The choir will not be the same without your unique and beautiful voice..but God will enjoy it forever..love you my Brother.

Jim and Carol Skierski - August 08, 2025 at 09:28 PM