



Michael R. "Mikey" Mullinax

October 6, 1950 - October 16, 2023

Michael R. "Mikey" Mullinax, age 73, of Kankakee passed away Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. He was born Oct. 6, 1950, in Kankakee, the son of Jack R. and Doris M. (Dupuis) Mullinax.

From an early age, Mike was an avid fisherman; he always had his favorite "secret" fishing spots along the Kankakee River. He also loved to bowl. To his family, he was a lovable jokester, often telling friends that he'd won his younger brother, Jimmy, at the fair.

He was thrilled when his sister, Jackie, came to visit and would leave behind leftovers of her famous pot roast or meatloaf. When his younger sister, Lori, became ill, Mike took on the role of companion, often running errands for her and making sure she was comfortable. Mike loved his family dearly; he also loved his independence. He spent many years on the road as a Schwan's delivery man — often earning the title of top salesman. Frequently on his routes, he would stop by customers' yard sales at the end of the day and bring his mother, Doris, his latest finds.

In his early years, he was an outstanding pitcher, having played for both the Lions Little League and the Alpiners' Pony League. He had a pretty nifty knuckle ball and pitched a no hitter in each league.

Mike, in his free time, liked to frequent his favorite neighborhood establishment: Marie's bar. As a regular, his favorite bartender and

dearest friend, Michelle, would have his usual seat open and the TV remote waiting on the counter to turn on the day's game.

Mike was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Vietnam Conflict. Rarely would you see him without his veteran's cap.

His sisters will miss his annual calls to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries; the way he'd let out a belly laugh at his own jokes; his big-bear hugs; and the way he'd end each call with, "Love you, hon."

He is survived by his sisters, Jackie M. Ziemer of Evansville, IN; Judy (Mike) DeBouck of Decatur; Mary Brandt of St. Louis, MO; and Cathy (Brian) Pepin of St. Louis, MO; four brothers, Tommy (Cindy) Mullinax of Gilbert, AZ; Jimmy (Sandy) Mullinax of Herscher; Jeff (Cindy) Mullinax of Bourbonnais; and Greg Mullinax of Kankakee; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and many long-time and loyal friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents and beloved sister, Lori Oswald-Mullinax.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. A celebration of life will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at Marie's, 900 W. Station St., Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or your local VA organization in support of homeless veterans.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
486 W Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL

Celebration of Life Open House

NOV 11. 5:00 PM (CT)

Marie's
900 West Station Street
Kankakee
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Sorry for your loss of big brother Mikey. Asking God to give you all an extra measure of His grace at this time. Would have liked to have attended to see all of you all from the hood. Tom and I are the same age.

Steve Blanchette - November 13, 2023 at 10:46 AM

SM

“ Mary and all of the Mullinaxs us Mitchells grew up with over the years, we are saddened to hear of Michael's passing. Please know that we are thinking of you and yours. Sheryl Mitchell

Sheryl Mitchell - November 12, 2023 at 08:57 PM

TN

“ Going to miss your smile and "howdy Marine" greetings. I will always cherish the memories my good friend and I will surely miss you, but never forget you..
Terry Nickens

Terrance Nickens - November 11, 2023 at 09:45 AM

JS

“ Dear Mike I miss you buddy you always had a story to tell me RIP MY FRIEND



Jeff Stone - November 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM

CM

“ So sorry to see the passing of Mike. Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends. Mike was quite a character, you could always count on an interesting story or a good chuckle when you saw him. We will miss seeing him.
Paul & Carol Mau

carol A Mau - November 07, 2023 at 08:29 AM

PC

“ Pat. Chi lit a candle in memory of Michael R. "Mikey" Mullinax



pat. chi - October 30, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ I'm very sorry to say I didnt KNOW Mike personally, but I went to Westview with 2 of his sisters! R.I.P Mr.Mullinax!!!You will be sorely missed!Kay Graham

Kay Graham - October 23, 2023 at 12:03 PM

MW

“ I have known Mike since the first days I started at Shapiro in Kankakee. We used to go to the Forum after wrk and Mikey was the bartender. We had a lot of good times and laughs in th last 50 years. You are already missed, Mike. I wish I could have taken to you one more time. You were a good friend. Thanks for everything.
Mark Wegner

Mark Wegber - October 21, 2023 at 09:42 PM

MW

"talked"...I wish I could have TALKED to you, one more time'...frikken spellcheck

Mark Wegber - October 21, 2023 at 09:44 PM

MS

“ Sending comfort and prayers to the Mullinex families! Mike taught me so much about life, and had many laughs along the way. I will miss seeing and talking to you so much! God Bless you all. He was a great friend and I'm sure a brother. RIP Mikey! You will be sorely missed, 🙏🏻🙏🏻❤️

Mark and Lisa Stipp - October 21, 2023 at 08:49 PM

WM

“ Deepest sympathy and my prayers on your loss of Mikey. Keep those great memories alive and close to your heart along with those of Lori, especially when you have your yearly trip to the beach. Big big hugs..

William Maass - October 21, 2023 at 08:11 PM

JB

“ Thoughts and prayers for all the family in this time of sorrow. He is remembered fondly as a member of our Southside Family. RIP Mike

Jr. & Elaine Blaylock - October 20, 2023 at 05:42 PM

KS

“ Mike and Steve fished alot together, always at their "secret" fishing spots and then finished up always at Brando's ! He wasn't one to come to Herscher to visit, but always asked for my fresh grown green beans which were delivered! Rest easy Mike, do some Heavenly fishing with Steve ❤️

Kelly Sperry - October 20, 2023 at 04:25 PM

SM

Mary and family, I was very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. There isn't a Mitchell who hasn't been a friend to everyone in the Mullinax clan since elementary school. We all will keep you and yours in our thoughts and prayers. Sheryl Mitchell

Sheryl Mitchell - October 22, 2023 at 08:26 PM

LS

“grew up on southside we went fishing together always had a good time

larry suprenant - October 20, 2023 at 01:35 PM