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Michael J. Meloche passed peacefully from this life, at home, early in the morning of December 16, 2012 after fighting a valiant, yearlong battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 43 years, Maureen (nee Desmond) and their three children, Kristin Sagedy (Rob), Joseph Meloche (Ann Marie) and Terry Meloche (Denille). He is also survived by his nine loving grandchildren, Ryan Sagedy, Abigail Meloche, Madeline Meloche, Shannon Meloche, Grace Meloche, Andrew Sagedy, Bridget Meloche, Michael Sagedy, and Kelly Meloche. Mike was predeceased by his first grandchild, Katie Sagedy.

Mike is survived by his two brothers-in-law and their families: Jack and Maryann Desmond (Kimberly Desmond, Tara and Bill Lenz, and Shaun and Nikki Desmond) and Neil and Geri Desmond (Jessie Desmond, Carrie and Gary Lauck, Erin Desmond, and Tracy Desmond and Kevin Zumbrum).

He is survived by his six brothers and sisters and their families: Norma Peters (Dick), Dolores Chamley (Tom), Margaret Easa, Tony Meloche (Susan), James Meloche (Brenda), and Robert Meloche (Pam Burkholder), and their children.

Mike is also survived by a host of friends and colleagues from his life.

Mike was born in Detroit, Michigan to Norman and Anna Jean Meloche, who both predeceased him. He was an industrious and driven man, with a heart and a generosity that surpassed even his large physical stature. He was the product of an Oblate education, graduating from Salesian High School in Detroit prior to living in community as a Brother in the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. The majority of his professional career was spent with Detroit Diesel, in one of its many incarnations - beginning by working on the line in the plant making engines and finishing his tenure as a regional service manager. For a time he worked for Carey's Diesel in Leipsic,



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Delaware, the American Public Transit Authority (APTA) in Washington, DC, for MCI (Motor Coach Industries) and finally for Espar. During his career he traveled to all forty-eight of the contiguous states, able to navigate highways and areas in all of them.

Beyond his love for his family, Mike's other great love was the great outdoors. Some of the happiest times of his life were spent on a dock or a beach or boat fishing, or in the woods hunting for deer and pheasant or on the water hunting for ducks and geese. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mike retired to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware in 2009 to a home that he loved and shared with Maureen. Together they established a loving and welcoming environment. He was happiest when his home was filled with his grandchildren. He knew about their concerts and games, their classes and their grades, and through the past few months lived to hear about their successes.

The family will receive friends and relatives at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware beginning at 10 AM on Thursday, December 20, 2012. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated immediately following the visitation, beginning at 11:00 AM. Internment will be private.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Mike's memory to Hope With Heart, PO Box 737, Harriman, New York 10926 or to Delaware Hospice, Inc., 911 South DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901.

Please sign the online guest registry at this site.

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JM

Jim Meloche posted:

Goodbye, Bro....I'll have trouble enjoying a life where I can't hear your laugh, or feel your hug

December 21 at 8:00 PM

BM

Barry Mcginness posted:

RIP to my friend and colleague. My thoughts are with Mike's family

December 21 at 8:00 PM

AF

Alex Foxwell posted:

Meloche family--I was sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Michael Meloche. I can only imagine the hurt and loss you all feel at this very moment. May you all be granted peace and some sort of serenity during this difficult time. From my parents, Robin and Jim, as well as my sister, Samantha, and myself, we wish you all nothing but the best. The merriest of Christmases to you, Meloche family. May you all find peace in this tough time. All of our support, friendship, and love, Foxwell Family

December 20 at 8:00 PM

RO

Rev. Joseph A. Dimauro, OSFs posted:

Mike was a brother in 1966 at the Oblate Novitiate in Childs MD when I met him. He was special to me at the time because he seemed to me to be genuine, down to earth, and a rough hewn but lovable person. May God have mercy on him and bring Mike into His Kingdom. I said a Mass for Mike and offer my prayers for his family.

December 20 at 8:00 PM

AJ

Alix Jones posted:

Mike's strength and love will endure in his very special family and all who knew him.

December 19 at 8:00 PM



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CS

Chris & John Stanton posted:

We were so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I know he is in a much better place, where the fish are always biting. I will always have such fond memories of his friendship over the years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Maureen, Kristen, Joe and Terry and all the family.

December 18 at 8:00 PM

SS

Samir Shah posted:

Michael will be missed for his warmth, charm and inviting personality! Condolences to the family.

December 18 at 8:00 PM

TB

Teri And Ronson Burton posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.

December 18 at 8:00 PM

LA

Loretta L. Adams posted:

I am so sad to learn that Mike passed away. I grieve with all the family and pray that you find peace during this holy season as your hearts will be heavy without him.

December 17 at 8:00 PM

TM

Tony And Sue Meloche posted:

With our deepest sympathies to Maureen, Kristen, Joe and Terry and their families.

December 17 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Michael J, Meloche.

December 17 at 8:00 PM



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AH

Art Hill posted:

Dear Maureen, Joe, Kristin and Terry, My most sincere condolences to each of you. Although it has been a while, your dad and husband is remembered as a kind, gentle man who will be an asset to heaven.

December 17 at 8:00 PM

VB

Veronica Boettger posted:

wDear Maureen! I'm so sorry to learn of Mike's passing. You & your family will be in my prayers. I know that his last days were painful for everyone involved in his care, just remember he is at peace and without pain now.

December 17 at 8:00 PM

KF

Kolojejchick Family posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May you find comfort in all your wonderful memories and in each other. May the angels come to greet him and lead him to paradise to be home with God. God Bless.

December 17 at 8:00 PM

MN

Michael Nuzzo posted:

Joe and your family: Sorry to learn that your father has passed away. Hold on to the fond memories of him

December 17 at 8:00 PM

JM

Jim, Jen & Mckayla posted:

Joe, Ann & girls., Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

December 17 at 8:00 PM

SM

Sheryl Mannino posted:

To Denille and Family, My sincerest sympathies to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sheryl Mannino

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Steve Husenica posted:

Good Hunting, Buddy.

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Ted Olson posted:

Dear Maureen, I am sad to learn of Mike's passing. Please accept my sincere sympathy and condolences. I remember way back at First and Central Day Camp when your and Mike were planning your wedding. May he live forever in love and peace, and may God surround you and your family with lots of love.

December 17 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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