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Michael J. Drulis, Sr., of Lewes, DE, passed away suddenly near his home on Monday, December 5, 2022. Born on July 13, 1950, in Philadelphia, PA to Mary and Joseph Drulis Sr., he attended Notre Dame High School in Lawrence Township, NJ, where he was a three-sport star athlete and a member of the National Honor Society. Upon graduation, he attended the University of Delaware where he joined the Theta Chi fraternity and met the love of his life, Diane Okonowicz. They married in 1972, then moved to Dover, Delaware in 1978, where, with Diane's mother (Theresa Okonowicz), they would spend the next 20+ years raising a family and building lasting relationships in the community.

Above all things, he cherished spending time with his family and friends, whether it was relaxing at the beach, watching a ballgame, or a night of board games that promised to deliver laughs. He also enjoyed his long walks and bike rides through Sussex County, following his Fightin' Blue Hens, Fighting Irish, Phillies, Flyers, and Cardinal's football (going back to the St. Louis days). A supporter of the arts and an Army Dad, Mike always showed a deep devotion to God and country.

He is preceded in death by Diane Drulis, his beloved wife of 36 years. He is survived by his sister, Mary Beth Zagorzycki (Peter) of Winter Haven, FL; his brother, Joseph Drulis Jr. (Kathy) of Ewing Township, NJ; his son, Michael Drulis, Jr. (Emily) of Seattle, WA; and his daughter, Autumn Schneider (John) of Lewes, DE, as well as nine nieces and nephews. He never missed an opportunity to dote on his three precious grandchildren: Dru, Natalie, and Joel.

Known to many as "Pop," "Pop D", "Pop Pop", "Big Mike" or "Drubs", Mike will always be remembered for his selfless love, quiet strength, tight spiral, and bottomless compassion.

Friends may call on Thursday, December 8, 2022, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE.



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A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 10:30 AM at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Street, Rehoboth Beach, DE. Burial will take place on Friday, December 9, at 2:00 PM at Sharon Hills Odd Fellows Cemetery, 35 Rising Sun Road, Camden, DE.

Memorial Contributions are suggested to the Gary Sinise Foundation , PO Box 368, Woodland Hills, CA · 91365 (<https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/>) or to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>).

Please visit Mr. Drulis' tribute page and sign his virtual guestbook.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022 AT OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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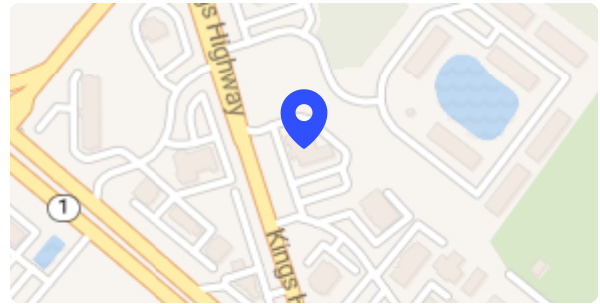
Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 8, 2022

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



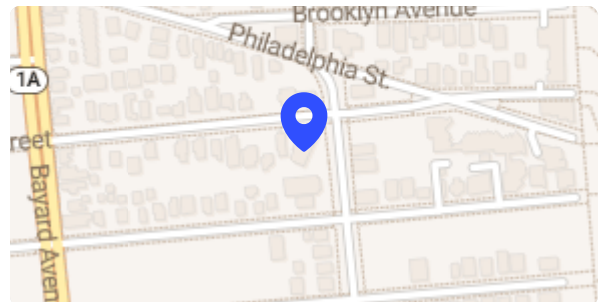
Mass of Christian Burial

 **Friday**, December 9, 2022

 10:30 AM ET


 **St. Edmond Catholic Church**

409 King Charles Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971



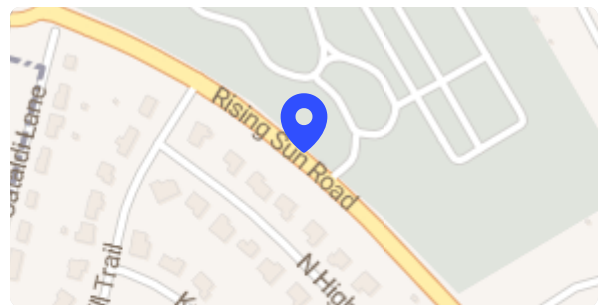
Graveside Service

 **Friday**, December 9, 2022

 2:00 PM ET

 **Sharon Hills Camden Odd Fellows Cemetery**

35 Rising Sun Road, Camden DE 19934





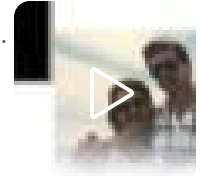
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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.



December 9 at 8:01 AM



Bill Lawyer December 10 at 6:38 PM

Wow! I love the photos and the memories. Rest in peace Mike .



Kasey Stokes posted:

May you find the peace that only comes from God today and all the days ahead, in knowing that new life has begun for your dad, (brother, Pop) and you'll see him again one fine day. Sending my love, Kasey Stokes

December 9 at 4:12 AM



Barbara Ellis posted:

Dear Mick, Autumn and family, I am so sorry to read about the passing of your dear father. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

December 9 at 2:34 AM



Howard Twiford posted:

Our Deepest Sympathies For Your Loss, We wish you & your family , Endless Happy memories Howard & Karen Twiford

December 8 at 12:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Drulis, Sr. family.



December 8 at 12:15 PM



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Chuck Gorman posted:

Echoing many others on this site, my relationship with Mike began at Notre Dame. For four years, we shared the benefits of youth, playing fields. good times and learning experiences. With graduation we pursued separate paths.Ten or twelve years ago, a group of old friends began to re-connect and meet on a regular basis.I re-met a Man of Quiet Dignity, with a deep and abiding love of family and a concern for all.I am, like all who encountered Mike, better for the experienceRest well my friend, you earned it. You will be missedChuck Gorman

December 8 at 9:16 AM



Jeanne Tharp posted:

I attended Notre Dame High school with Mike. It was wonderful to reconnect with him on the 50th reunion committee. His thoughtfulness was so obvious when he brought small candy gifts to all us to the February lunch before the reunion. And after the reunion, I was touched when he tenderly gave comfort to a classmate who had lost her love. Rest in Peace, Mike

December 8 at 4:22 AM



Jack Mcelroy November 28 at 3:17 PM

I grew up across the street and we played little league baseball together . I just learned of his passing wonderful young man.



Emy lit a candle in honor of Michael Joseph.

We are still in shock and very saddened to learn of Mike's passing. He was a good and gentle friend to our family and a wonderful father in law to our daughter Emily.The memories we have with him are few but lasting and cherished.

December 8 at 3:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Drulis, Sr. family.

December 8 at 2:33 AM





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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Drulis, Sr. family.

December 7 at 3:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Drulis, Sr. family.

December 7 at 3:09 PM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Drulis, Sr. family.

December 7 at 1:30 PM



Marta A Konopka shared 3 photos to the **Mike with Notre Dame 50th Reunion** album.

December 7 at 12:01 PM



Marta A Konopka posted:

My condolences to Mike's family! I was shocked and saddened to hear of Mike's passing. Mike was so kind, a wonderful person and friend from Notre Dame High School. I am blessed to have known him. So many nice memories especially eating lunch with him at ND with the football guys and working with him on our 50th Reunion. Mike is in God's Hands now, may he Rest in Peace. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I am praying for everyone. In Sympathy and Friendship Marta (Worth) Konopka

December 7 at 11:26 AM



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Anonymous sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Drulis, Sr. family.

December 7 at 10:34 AM



Ed Pankowski lit a candle in honor of Michael Joseph.

Mike a good friend ever since our days together at Theta Chi fraternity at UofD. Saw him alot at Delaware shore, Mike in Lewes me in Fenwick. In past went with Mike to dance shows for his ex-wife and daughter. Mike always great to be with... a great father who raised a great family. RIP my friend... May Peace be with you and your family! eddie p

December 7 at 9:22 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Drulis, Sr. family.

December 7 at 9:06 AM



Curt & Joanna Buergin sent an Arrive in Style to the Drulis, Sr. family.

December 7 at 8:35 AM



Frank Zabawa posted:

My deepest condolences to the Drulis Family, Mike and I became friends playing football in eight grade and then playing for ND. Mike was always a gentleman and had a friendly demeanor to all he was in contact with through our time playing sports. I last spoke with Mike at our 50th Reunion in 2018. Rest In Peace Mike, you are one of the good guys.

December 7 at 6:40 AM



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Susan Thoma Kane lit a candle in honor of Michael Joseph.

Mike was a classmate of mine in Notre Dame High School. He was a kind, compassionate and sincere human being. He will always be one of my happy memories. My sincere condolences to the family and friends. May happy and beautiful memories help ease the pain at this difficult time.



December 7 at 6:03 AM



Bob Picozzi posted:

Mike was a high school classmate and a dear friend for 58 years. He was kind, thoughtful, respectful and beloved by all of his teammates and classmates. Mike was one of the finest men I've ever met. It was my great honor to have known him. Whenever I think of him, I will recall one of my countless happy memories of him and smile. RIP, my friend. ❤️ Bob Picozzi

December 7 at 3:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Drulis, Sr. family.



December 7 at 3:15 AM



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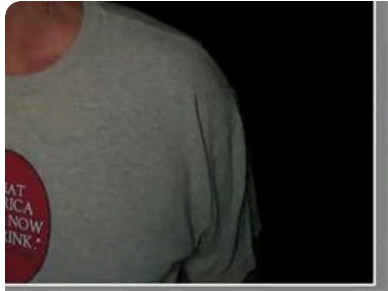
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Notre Dame 50th Reunion



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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