



## Michael C. Schiavone, Jr.

February 21, 2023

Michael Christopher Schiavone Jr., 65, of Lancaster, PA, passed away unexpectedly at his home on February 21, 2023. He was born on April 12, 1957, to the late Michael C. Schiavone Sr. and Isabelle Walther of Lancaster, PA.

Michael's family was the light of his life, and he treasured every moment spent with his beloved wife of 32 years, Yolanda (Peters) Schiavone, and their three sons, Adam, Christopher, and Michael Schiavone III. Michael is survived by his siblings, Patricia Hogentogler (wife of Stuard), Mary K. Roda (wife of David), Teresa Horn (wife of Phillip), Margaret Garguilo, and Kathryn Mullin; and his aunt Alice Aiken. He was a kind, caring, and compassionate uncle to his 11 nieces and nephews, who will always remember him fondly.

He attended Lancaster Catholic High School and pursued his passion for Mechanical Design at Thaddeus Stevens, earning an ATS degree. Michael spent 30 years of his life working for Graybill's Tool & Die Inc. in Manheim, PA, where he served as the Senior Automation Specialist. His commitment to his work and his company was evident to all who knew him, and his legacy will live on through all those with whom he shared his knowledge and mentored during his career.

Outside of work, Michael was an active member of LCBC and was grounded

by his faith. He found connection through his volunteer work at LCBC assisting in video production to tell stories of baptisms and other special services. Michael was a storyteller and enjoyed creating celebratory videos for friends and family that are cherished to this day.

Michael was a lover of cycling, and he raced competitively for 14 years, first on the Harwilco Cycling Team and then the Red Rose Rockets as a founding member. His skill and passion led him to compete four times in the US Pro Championships in Philadelphia. He often rode alongside his father, who was a member of the Manheim Auto Auction MS 150 Cycling Team. Michael's connection to cycling was a testament to his unwavering perseverance and drive.

Throughout his life, Michael was captivated by the mysteries of space, and the idea of voyaging among the stars always held a special place in his heart. To honor his wishes, Michael's ashes will be launched into space aboard a rocket, allowing his lifelong dream to finally come true.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held as a drop-in event on March 26th from 2 until 5 at the Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Michael's memory to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, a cause close to his heart.

<https://mssociety.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.personalCampaign&participantID=270788>

Michael will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his infectious laughter and warm smile, and his unrelenting spirit. His memory will live on through the many lives he touched, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace, and may his family and loved ones

find solace in the memories they shared with him.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **26**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Lancaster Tennis & Yacht Club  
2615 Columbia Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael C. Schiavone, Jr.*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My sincere apologies, I first met Michael in 1979 not 1999.  
Denny*

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**Denny Ammerman** - May 15, 2023 at 09:02 PM



“ *I knew Michael since 1999 when we worked at KD tools together. I would ride my bike and he used his sister's moped. The next year he used his income tax refund to purchase a racing bike. The following three years we did over 2500 miles together riding everywhere. The adventures we had! All we needed was a destination.  
He then realized he had become a world class biker and took up racing. He was very good!  
We kept in touch for awhile longer but had both moved on.  
But those memories of our miles together remain.  
Rest In Peace my old friend, I miss you.*

*Denny Ammerman*

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**Denny Ammerman** - May 03, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael C. Schiavone, Jr..



March 24, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ Robert G Sneath purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael C. Schiavone, Jr..



Robert G Sneath - March 10, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ Terry Horn lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Schiavone, Jr.



Terry Horn - March 08, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ So many happy , crazy memories. We cannot believe we will no longer hear the call “Ron!” When we enter a room. Our heartfelt and sincere sympathy to Mike’s family

Stephen and Sherri Roda - March 07, 2023 at 02:40 PM

LB

“ *Lew Baum lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Schiavone, Jr.*



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**Lew Baum** - March 06, 2023 at 04:28 PM

AA

“ *Angie Aldinger lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Schiavone, Jr.*



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**angie aldinger** - March 06, 2023 at 03:31 PM

EH

“ To Mike's family,

*I was saddened on Sunday morning to hear the news of Michael's death... word is spreading among his former football teammates at LCHS, where in his senior year, he was voted as an all star offensive guard in the Tri-County League. My LCHS memories of Mike are still so vivid, despite moving away from Lancaster and not being in touch with him during our adult lives.*

*I remember his great smile... and his effervescent and enthusiastic personality... as a teenager, he was "gung ho" and he knew how to help others get out of a funk.*

*He was always up for something and wanted to get the most out of a day. I was unaware of his passion for riding a bike... and was delighted to learn of his successes in his riding career and endeavors. I loved the story of Mike riding beside his dad... how special... what father wouldn't want such an experience and memory?*

*Please accept my condolences. I remember Mike so very fondly and hope you find some solace in knowing that he touched lives along his life journey in a very positive and memorable way...*

*Warm regards,  
Ed Heilbron*

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**Ed Heilbron** - March 06, 2023 at 02:57 PM

MD

“ *Mary Lynn DiPaolo lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Schiavone, Jr.*



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**Mary Lynn DiPaolo** - March 06, 2023 at 12:32 PM

GG

“ *Geoffrey S Graybill lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Schiavone, Jr.*



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**Geoffrey S Graybill** - March 06, 2023 at 12:19 PM

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*I am deeply saddened to see Michael go. He will be greatly missed by his work family where he dedicated 30 years of automation innovation and energetic service to our company and his colleagues across the manufacturing industry. Michael was a great resource and optimist who served all endeavors with a smile and an unwavering wish to help and improve all he touched. Rest in peace and go with God.*

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**Geoffrey S Graybill** - March 06, 2023 at 04:09 PM

LB

*I first met Mike in 1977, we were the same age, and met at Steven's. Mike was a year behind me, and neither one of us started Steven's right after High School. We would tend to see each other on and off, and were certainly close enough to be in each other's cell phones. There was always time to catch up when we would see each other. My heart goes out to Yoey, and his children. I can't imagine what they are going through with his passing. We are all sad and will miss a world without Mike in it.*

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**Lew Baum** - March 06, 2023 at 04:26 PM