



Michael George Betar III

May 3, 1971 - January 3, 2019

Michael George Betar III, 47, of Bloomington passed away Thursday, January 3, 2019 at his residence in Bloomington after a year-long battle with esophageal cancer.

He was born on May 3, 1971, in Syosset, New York, the son of Michael George Betar Jr. and Sarah (Owens) Betar.

Michael was a 1989 graduate of Huntington High School in New York and graduated from Indiana University with his Bachelor of Science degree.

Michael married Jeri Chandler on March 15, 1997 in Bloomington. He was employed by the US Postal Service working as a letter carrier for 20 years in Bloomington.

Michael was a member of NALC Branch #828, where he held various leadership roles over the years. An Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop #148 in Bloomington, he enjoyed camping and going on high adventure trips to Pamlico Sea Base. He was a member of the IU Marching Hundred Drum line in college and went back every year to participate in the Alumni band at Homecoming. He was active in the union, enjoyed scouting, bowling, watching the New York Yankees and all IU sports. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Michael is survived by his wife: Jeri Betar of Bloomington, two children Caitlyn A. Betar and Michael G Betar IV. His parents; Michael and Sarah Betar of Huntington, New York, one sister; Janeen (Craig) Wasoski of Huntington, New

York, one brother; Patrick Betar of Miami, Florida, and two nieces Lily and Alexa Wasoski.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, one uncle, George Betar and a cousin, Frank Betar.

Michael's family would like to thank Dr. Danielle Doyle and the nurses at IU Health Morgan Regional Cancer Center for the care given over this past year. They would also like to thank the doctors and nurses on 4East at IU Health Bloomington Hospital and the nurses from IU Health Hospice for their kindness and care.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the St Jude's Children Hospital, Boy Scout Troop #148 in Bloomington or the charity of your choice.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00pm Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Southside Christian Church at 500 E. Empire Mill Rd. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm to 8:00pm Monday, January 7, 2019 and Tuesday, from 12:00pm to service time at the Southside Christian Church. Arrangements by Allen Funeral Home & Crematory.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Michael's family at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Southside Christian Church
500 E. Empire Mill Rd
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-9202

Service

JAN 8. 1:00 PM (ET)


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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Truly a genuinely kind and generous man. He will be deeply missed among many. I will never forgot his friendship in high school. Sincere condolences to family and friends.

Joy Russell - January 12, 2019 at 11:31 PM

 Karen Kepley-McGrane

“ To Jeri and family,
I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Michael. He was a good man and made the P.O. a much better place with that infectious smile and humor he brought everyday. He will be missed. You are in my prayers for comfort during this difficult time.
Karen McGrane

Karen Kepley-McGrane - January 09, 2019 at 12:27 AM

DW

“ Jeri: My thoughts and prayers are for you and your family and they go to God in heaven for some comfort for you all. Dave Williams

david williams - January 08, 2019 at 02:27 PM

JR

“ Jeri, Michael and Caitlyn - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids. We all loved Mike and his unwavering positive outlook and smile. He holds a special place in our hearts.

Jenny, Rob and Jackson Riley

Jennifer Riley - January 07, 2019 at 09:19 PM

Toni Pittman

“ *Jeri, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family. God Bless!* ”



Toni Pittman - January 07, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Michael George Betar III.* ”



January 07, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ *Linda Shoemaker purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Michael George Betar III.* ”



Linda Shoemaker - January 06, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ *Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Michael George Betar III.* ”



January 06, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Michael George Betar III.



January 06, 2019 at 02:51 PM



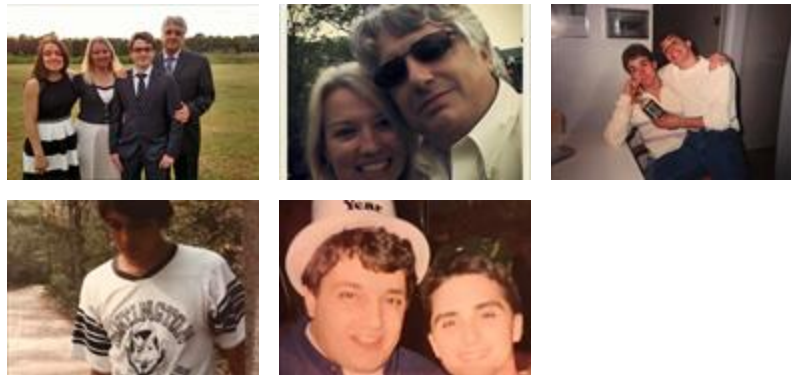
“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Michael George Betar III.



January 06, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Memories Album*



Sarah Betar - January 06, 2019 at 09:56 AM

MR

“ Love and prayers to the family. I met Michael when he was at IU with my daughter and son-in-law (Jen & Mike Ferber). Heaven has gained a sweet loving soul.



Madonna Rothwell - January 06, 2019 at 09:16 AM

LS

“ Dear Michael, Caitlyn, and Family, I was sorry to hear of your father's passing. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Linda Scott - January 06, 2019 at 08:15 AM

NO

“ Hi Jeri: You may not remember me, its been a long time, but I worked with Mike as a carrier for usps for several years until I retired in 2008. I worked as a stone cutter before that and I cut a limestone birdbath or bench, I cant remember which for your family and Mike and I set it in your back yard a long time ago. Darlene Meyer keeps me updated on people I use to work with and I was so sorry to here about Mike's illness and death. He left us way to young in my opinion. Mike was a good solid man, we had a lot of fun working together at the p.o. He was always smiling and in a good humor and treated everyone well. He has made that trip that awaits us all at some point, we don't get to pick when. I hope you take comfort in knowing he's alright and in a much much better place. Mine and Phyllis's heart go out to you and your young family.
Sincerely
Norman G. Wampler Sr.

Norman - January 06, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ *Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Michael George Betar III.*



January 05, 2019 at 11:58 PM



“ *I enjoyed marching with Mike for one year and then in alumni band. Such a nice guy. Rest In Peace Mike. You will be missed but not forgotten.*

Kevin Cole - January 05, 2019 at 11:25 PM



“ *Betar family,
So sorry to read about your loss. Amy and I are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Sending Caitlyn a big hug. We miss her!
Mary Sue and Amy*

Mary Sue Hosey - January 05, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ *Red & White Standing Cross With Red Rose Break was purchased for the family of Michael George Betar III.*



January 05, 2019 at 06:23 PM

NA

“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Michael
George Betar III



Nancy - January 05, 2019 at 06:22 PM

CB

“ Mike was a terrific guy; always with a smile. I have never met a
sweeter family. You could tell the kids were loved because they are
always happy and always looking for the best in everyone. I will
miss Mike on the pool deck and I will pray for strength for Jeri and
the kids. We love you!
Mickey, Christine, Michael, and Christian

Christine Battista - January 05, 2019 at 04:52 PM