



## Michael Louis Gentile

November 2, 1942 - February 12, 2025

Michael Louis Gentile passed away in Bloomington, IN on February 12, 2025. He was 82. Born in Chicago, IL to Louis and Rose Gentile, Mike enjoyed a childhood enriched by his Italian heritage and the Catholic Church. Mike was a proud student of Our Lady of Pompeii Elementary school, St. Ignatius High School and DePaul University where he met and later married Donna Shiffer, an enduring partnership of 57 years.

Mike went on to serve in the United States Army, fulfilling a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968-1969. He went on to earn a master's degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology in electrical engineering and moved to Bloomington, IN in 1970 to become an engineer and civilian employee of the US Navy at NSWC CRANE where he dedicated 38 years of distinguished service. In his spare time, he earned Master's in Public Administration from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Mike was very active in giving back to the Bloomington community, serving on numerous boards including the Bloomington Hospital and a founding force behind New Hope for Families. For three decades he was a devoted parishioner of St. Charles Catholic Church and for the past 20 years, St. Paul Catholic Center.

Mike is survived by his sons, Nicholas (Tina) and Matthew (Kellie); his grandchildren, Boden, Grady, and Emery; his sister, Janet Palumbo; and his nephew, Michael Palumbo. He is preceded in death by his parents and his

beloved wife, Donna Gentile.

The family would like to thank the outstanding care team: Sara Edwards, Chrissy Street, Jenny Godwin, and the Hospice House staff for helping Mike in his time of need.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Center (1413 E 17th St. Bloomington, IN 47408) on Saturday, March 1 at 11: 00 am. Visitation will take place at 10:00 am prior to Mass. A burial will follow Mass at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Allen Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Michael's memory to New Hope for Families, Bloomington's leader in ending family homelessness.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Catholic Center  
1413 East 17th Street  
Bloomington, IN 47408

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Janet F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Louis Gentile.

Janet F. - March 07, 2025 at 12:53 PM

AR

“ On behalf of myself and my yoga students, I send condolences to the Gentile family. Mike started attending my classes at Enlighten Wellness around 2018 and then was a faithful attendee when we moved to Zoom in 2020. We enjoyed Mike's presence, kindness and humor. I had been in touch with Mike in January and he was optimistic about returning to class soon. I had no idea of the seriousness of his health problem. He was a cherished member of the yoga community and will be missed. Allana Radecki

Allana Radecki - March 03, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Louis Gentile.



February 25, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Louis Gentile.



February 20, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Louis Gentile.

February 19, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Michael Louis Gentile.



February 19, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Jerry and Diana McKamey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Louis Gentile.

**Jerry and Diana McKamey** - February 18, 2025 at 09:42 AM

JM

“ Jerry and Diana McKamey purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Michael Louis Gentile.



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**Jerry and Diana McKamey** - February 18, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Louis Gentile.

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February 17, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Michael Louis Gentile.



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February 17, 2025 at 07:18 PM

JG

“ I met Mike around 1969 or 1970. we both attended the Indiana Institute of Technology. we next crossed paths when i transferred from working for the Navy in Washington DC and arrived in Crane Indiana in 1972. we now worked together at the NWSC Crane for the next 30-some years. i retired from Crane in 2007 after being there for 35 years. Mike retired a few years before me. i had many a dinner with Mike and Donna in Bloomington. about 8 months ago Mike informed me of Donna's passing,i was in shock although she was not in the best of health.i asked Mike if he would like to join me in Maui for 2 weeks hoping to ease his pain but he declined citing health issues i never knew it was that serious. .so now Mike and Donna are again joined in eternal bliss forever. Mike was a great guy, funny, smart, and a good friend. Mike's nickname for me was "CRAZY JOHN" Maybe if you know me you will understand. rest in peace MIKE john galvin

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john galvin - February 17, 2025 at 07:09 PM

SG

“ Steve and Jean Gootee purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Michael Louis Gentile.



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Steve and Jean Gootee - February 15, 2025 at 11:45 AM