



## Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates

June 20, 1959 - June 2, 2024

Mark Joseph Milford, 64, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Loving husband of Minerva Milford, née Sotelo; devoted father of Brittney (Lukasz Cholewa) Milford and Mark Anthony Milford; cherished brother of Michael Milford, Ronald Milford and the late Richard Milford; son of late Silas and Pasquina Milford, née Paoli; loving uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Mark was a dedicated and loving husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend. He enjoyed finding projects in his yard, taking care of his many fish tanks, and talking about Michigan sports teams. He was a proud alumnus of the University of Michigan where he received a Bachelor of Science and Michigan State University where he received a Master's in Forensic Science. He was known to have the best memory, remembering every detail from every event and conversation he had. Mark always anticipated the needs of others and often surprised his loved ones with well-thought-out gifts. He had a strong passion for his job as the Assistant Laboratory Director at Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory and enjoyed sharing stories from the lab. He touched many lives, shared many memories, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2024 from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road,

(Northwest corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Family and friends will meet on Monday, June 10, 2024 at Holy Family Church, 2515 W Palatine Road, Inverness, IL 60067 for a visitation from 12:00 P.M. till time of Mass of Christian Burial at 1:00 P.M.. Interment to follow at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences please click on the "Share A Memory" link above and you can leave a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o the Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery in Palatine

1185 West Algonquin Road  
Palatine, IL 60067  
(847) 397-3284  
<http://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations.php?cem=38>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 9.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials  
2550 Hassell Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
(847) 752-6444  
[ross@morizzofuneralhome.com](mailto:ross@morizzofuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com>

## Final Viewing and Prayers

**JUN 10.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church in Inverness  
2515 West Palatine Road  
Inverness, IL 60067  
(847) 359-0042  
<http://holyfamilyparish.org>

## Mass of Christian Burial

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JUN **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church in Inverness  
2515 West Palatine Road  
Inverness, IL 60067  
(847) 359-0042  
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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I’m sorry for Mark’s passing. I had the pleasure of knowing him professionally, and always enjoyed his pleasant and professional demeanor. His great qualities always came through to everyone.

Jim Simonian - June 27, 2024 at 01:33 PM

CS

“ I am sorry to hear of Mark’s passing. I knew him only in his professional life as a forensic scientist. In that experience I found him to be a true professional only interested in the truth and while he was employed by a governmental agency that did not mean that he only served the interests of the government. He was always willing to take the time to assist lawyers in understanding science and why his results were correct, He could take complicated issues and make them understandable. He earned and had the respect of the legal community of Lake County.  
Judge Chuck Smith

Chuck Smith - June 27, 2024 at 11:26 AM

LK

“ Love, Jack & Sherry Kappel purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



Love, Jack & Sherry Kappel - June 08, 2024 at 10:47 AM

LK

“ Love, Jack & Sherry Kappel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Joseph Milford.

Love, Jack & Sherry Kappel - June 08, 2024 at 10:47 AM

TF

“ The Cholewa Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



The Cholewa Family - June 07, 2024 at 11:18 PM

TF

“ The Cholewa Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Joseph Milford.

The Cholewa Family - June 07, 2024 at 11:18 PM

LR

“ *The loss of Mark has been hard for all of us at NIRCL, but we can't even begin to imagine the loss his family is feeling. Mark was a true mentor and I will miss all of our meetings about quality, but what I will miss most of all is our Michigan/Michigan State rivalry. This picture was when Michigan recently won the National Championship and I bet against them and had to wear a Michigan hat, as Mark dragged me around from section to section to make sure everyone saw it! I will miss these times but will always remember them fondly. Sending love and prayers to the Milford family in this time of tremendous loss.*



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**Lisa Ramos** - June 07, 2024 at 11:10 PM

TF

“ *It was not even a year ago since Brittney and Lukasz got married and we became a family. We really enjoyed our gatherings and all the moments spent together and we were looking forward to spend and celebrate many more times with you and our children all together. It won't be the same without you. Our plans and dreams are not the same as God's plans. It's very hard to understand and process these kind of situations but we hope that it all makes sense in the afterlife. This helps us to reflect on how fragile our lives are and how much we should cherish the time we spend with the ones we love. We believe that we all will be reunited someday when our time comes so we won't say goodbye but see you later. Rest In Peace Mark.*

*Minerva, Anthony, Brittney and Lukasz you are in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.*

*Cholewa Family.*

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**The Cholewa Family** - June 07, 2024 at 11:07 PM

FT

“ My deepest condolences to Mark’s family during this difficult time. Mark was always uplifting and encouraging. Working with Mark at the lab was a blessing. He will be missed dearly. -Franni Tempesta

Franni Tempesta - June 07, 2024 at 07:17 PM

BR

“ Beth and Todd Rast purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



Beth and Todd Rast - June 07, 2024 at 05:33 PM

BR

“ Beth and Todd Rast planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Joseph Milford.

Beth and Todd Rast - June 07, 2024 at 05:33 PM



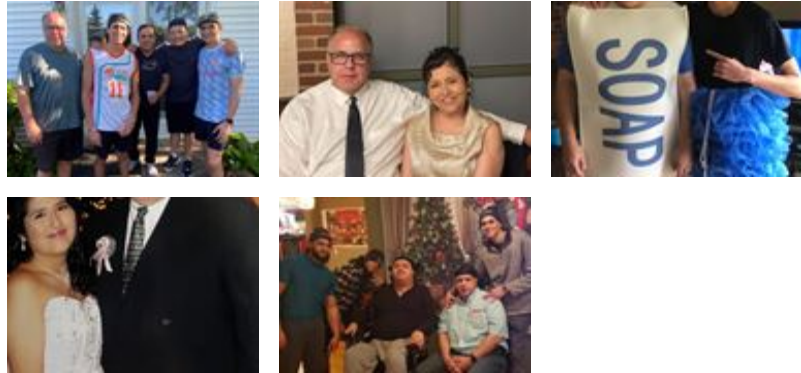
“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



June 07, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 07, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



June 07, 2024 at 09:31 AM



“ My condolences to Mark's Family. He was always very pleasant, very helpful, professional and knowledgeable in his role at NIRCL.

Patrick Finlon - June 07, 2024 at 12:09 AM



“ NIRCL purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



NIRCL - June 06, 2024 at 03:08 PM

TF

“ The Smith family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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**The Smith family** - June 06, 2024 at 10:53 AM

TF

“ The Smith family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Joseph Milford.

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**The Smith family** - June 06, 2024 at 10:53 AM

PC

“ Porter Lee Corporation purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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**Porter Lee Corporation** - June 06, 2024 at 10:49 AM

PC

“ Porter Lee Corporation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Joseph Milford.

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**Porter Lee Corporation** - June 06, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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June 05, 2024 at 09:10 PM



“ *2 files added to the album familia*



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**norma colon** - June 05, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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June 05, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ *The Shapera Family purchased the Arrive in Style* for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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**The Shapera Family** - June 05, 2024 at 02:38 PM

SH

“ I was very fortunate to get to know Mark when I was a member of the NIRCL executive board. He was very approachable and was a knowledgeable leader at the lab. He became a great friend and will be missed. Condolences to the Milford family.

*Steve Husak*

Steve Husak - June 05, 2024 at 01:42 PM

TF

“ Titi jo and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Joseph Milford.

Titi jo and family - June 05, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



June 05, 2024 at 12:45 PM

LS

“ Luis Sotelo and Aydan Sotelo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



Luis Sotelo and Aydan Sotelo - June 05, 2024 at 11:28 AM

TF

“ The Bennes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Joseph Milford.

The Bennes Family - June 05, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



June 05, 2024 at 11:12 AM

JS

“ Mark was a great man. Always had the the time to talk, laugh and share a story or two or three. I often lost track of time on the phone with him or in his office. I'll miss giving him a hard time. He always took it in jest. He always had my respect as a professional and as a human being.

Commander Joe Scofield  
Cook County Sheriff's Police

Joseph Scofield - June 05, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



June 05, 2024 at 09:47 AM

HK

“ Haily, Hannah, Jamie, and Kristen purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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**Haily, Hannah, Jamie, and Kristen** - June 05, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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June 05, 2024 at 09:24 AM

BW

“ I was first acquainted with Mark when I went through the process of becoming a member of the lab. Further while attending the Chiefs meetings. Enjoyed talking about Manitowish Waters Wisconsin and all the great places to eat at up there. Mark was always personal able, willing to listen, and supportive.

*My condolences to the Milford family.*

*God Speed Mark.*

*Brian White,  
First Deputy Chief of Police  
CCSPD - Retired*

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**Brian White** - June 04, 2024 at 10:23 PM

KP

“ Kyle Shan Anne Joe Ryan Court Jess Parke purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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**Kyle Shan Anne Joe Ryan Court Jess Parke** - June 04, 2024  
at 08:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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June 04, 2024 at 07:24 PM

DC

“ DeKind Computer Consultants purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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**DeKind Computer Consultants** - June 04, 2024 at 04:02 PM

EG

“ I really enjoyed talking with Mark at the Chief luncheons, we would talk about the race cars next door to the lab, or he would ask about my son's activities. What a loss for everyone, he was such a nice guy.

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**Erik Gehrke** - June 04, 2024 at 03:56 PM

SB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mark for over 25 years. He was kind, smart and very approachable. He will be truly missed. Rest in peace my friend. You made a positive impact on many lives. Chief Steve - Kildeer Police Department.

Steve Balinski - June 04, 2024 at 03:53 PM

PK

“ Mark was a kind and gentle man. I will miss him as a colleague, a confidant, advisor, sounding board but mostly as a friend. Phil Kinsey

Phil Kinsey - June 04, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



June 04, 2024 at 02:49 PM

KK

“ I am keeping you and your family close in my thoughts and prayers.  
- Kari Keith

Kari Keith - June 04, 2024 at 02:24 PM

RF

“ Robert Half Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Milford of Hoffman Estates.



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**Robert Half Family** - June 04, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JG

“ From the very first hour of my career, Mark was an exceptional mentor, colleague, and friend. His humor and consideration of others are what I will fondly remember him by. He will be sorely missed. I am so sorry for your loss, Minnie (and family), he was truly a great man. Rest easy, Mark-like.

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**Jeff Gurvis** - June 04, 2024 at 02:10 PM

DS

“ My deepest and sincerest condolences to Mark's family, friends, and co-workers. Mark was a pleasant guy and was always affable. Rest in peace Mark.

*D. Smith, Round Lake Park Police Dept.*

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**d smith** - June 04, 2024 at 11:21 AM