



## Dr. Michael Peter Bochenek

September 23, 1943 - November 30, 2018

Dr. Michael Peter Bochenek, 75, of Hoffman Estates died on November 30, 2018 after a short and brave battle with cancer.

Michael was born on September 23, 1943 in Chicago to Stephen and Laura (nee Poprawski) Bochenek. He met Donna Giles on a blind date and they were married on September 2, 1967. They shared 51 years of love and laughs together.

Michael attended high school at DePaul Academy in Chicago. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and his master's and Ph.D. from Loyola University.

He worked as a Labor Relations Specialist at AT&T for 25 years before following his dream and becoming a professor in business and economics at Elmhurst College. He retired in 2008 as a Professor Emeritus.

Michael was a loving Daddy and Paw to his daughters Kristie Vargo and Tracy Moore (who will draw straws for his coveted bicentennial coffee mug), and adored Baba to his grandchildren Reese and Vann Vargo and Griffin Moore.

Michael was a civil war buff, lover of words, self-taught woodworker, and a devoted, yet anxious Cubs fan who loved his family above all else.

Visitation Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169. Family and friends will meet Friday, December 7, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2515 West Palatine Road, Inverness, IL 60067 for a visitation from 9:30 A.M. till time of Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 A.M. Interment to follow at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine, Illinois.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society ([https://donate3.cancer.org/?lang=en&\\_ga=2.136423797.458560537.1543775343-1601417402.1543775343](https://donate3.cancer.org/?lang=en&_ga=2.136423797.458560537.1543775343-1601417402.1543775343)) .

Michael was selfless and sensitive. Curious and witty. Fair and forgiving. He was a blessing in our lives and we will always miss him.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos.

For further information about this funeral; please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 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

DEC 6. 3:00 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>

## Visitation

DEC 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (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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DEC 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Michael Peter Bochenek*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Peter Bochenek.*



December 08, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the entire family. So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. Shawn, Amanda & family.*

**Shawn Moore** - December 06, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Peter Bochenek.*



December 06, 2018 at 03:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Peter Bochenek.*



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December 04, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Peter Bochenek.*



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December 03, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*



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**Those of us at Morizzo Funeral Home** - December 03, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Peter Bochenek.*



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December 03, 2018 at 03:44 PM

MG

“ I am so sorry to learn of Michael’s passing. I was a fellow professor and always felt better after any transaction with Michael. His smile and very pleasant, respectful demeanor made the world a better place. My deepest condolences to the family.

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**Marjorie Goodban** - December 03, 2018 at 01:44 PM

BF

“ We always enjoyed conversations with Mike. He was intelligent, witty, and kind. Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us to cope. We hope you find comfort and peace with those lasting memories.....

Love  
Barb and Chris

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**Barbara Favia** - December 02, 2018 at 09:55 PM

KC

I taught with Mike at Elmhurst College and loved his humor and kindness. We had many discussions about his Dad and caring for him in his later years. He loved his family and just had a dry sense of humor that brought smiles to all. I will miss him and was blessed to know him.

*Kelly Cunningham*

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**Kelly Cunningham** - December 03, 2018 at 12:02 PM