



Mr. Michael Anthony Drakulich of Schaumburg

October 31, 1967 - August 19, 2025

Michael Anthony Drakulich was born October 31, 1967, to Vietta Drakulich and William Jackson in Chicago, Illinois. Mike grew up in the far south suburbs, graduating from Crete-Monee High School in 1985. He started college at Purdue University before transferring and earning a B.A. in English from the University of Illinois. Michael went on to become a writer and an award-winning journalist for the Southtown Star. Most recently Mike transitioned to social media marketing while continuing to work as a freelance writer.

The theater was important to Michael, and he was involved in productions with The Drama Group, Oak Lawn Community Theater, and other local theater troupes. He also was a patron of many Chicago Theater productions.

Besides writing, Mike was an avid reader. He was a fan of all genres, but Shakespeare and Salman Rushdie were two of his favorites. He also loved his music. Whether it was the theater, show choir, playing his guitars, or just singing to his iPod, he always had music. He would say with some embarrassment that his mom dragged him to Neil Diamond as his first concert, but he liked all varieties.

Mike also enjoyed sports. He was a fan of all Chicago teams, and yes, including the Cubs. He was really into the NFL draft and had the incredible

talent of being able to remember every stat and draft status of any NFL player. It was the same with his movies -- he could watch a movie or TV show and name several other parts the actor had portrayed.

Mike's biggest love was his cycling. If he was not riding, he was reading about it or watching it on TV or online. He was a crit racer with the South Chicago Wheelman, enjoying taking century (100-mile) rides, or burning off steam with long rides around the various preserves. His favorite was Old Plank Trail.

Michael is survived by his wife, Angela Pozdol, brothers Brett (Susanne) and Chad (Neil), sisters Kelly Blake and Didi Gleeson (Gene), and his many great friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 3:00 P.M till 8:00 P.M. at Towne Place Condominium Clubhouse located at 114 Stirling Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60194.

In lieu of flowers donations to Blood Cancer United (<https://bloodcancerunited.org/?campaign=390400>) , American Heart Association (<http://heart.org/?form=FUNELYZXFBW>) or your local animal rescue would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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.

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Cemetery Details

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services and Cemetery Memorials

2550 Hassell Road

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Towne Place Condominium Clubhouse

114 Stirling Lane

Schaumburg, IL 60194

Tribute Wall

YF

“ *Your Chicago Steph Head Friends purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mr. Michael Anthony Drakulich of Schaumburg.*



Your Chicago Steph Head Friends - September 28, 2025 at 10:39 PM

AC

“ *I am deeply saddened to find that my cousin Mike has passed away. When we were younger, we were very close—he felt more like an older brother than a cousin—and I will always cherish those memories.*

One that stands out is from a time when Mike and his brother, Chad, came to stay with me for a short while. My parents took us on vacation to our family’s home in Wisconsin on Buffalo Lake, where my dad taught us all how to fish. One quiet, misty morning on the lake, Mike hooked a perch with the bamboo rods we were using. As he lifted the rod high into the air, the flopping fish swung into the boat and smacked each of us in the face.

The three of us shrieked in surprise as the perch kept swinging between us, bouncing off our faces, while my dad stood at the bow of the boat, watching with what I now recognize as a glint of amusement in his eyes. I won’t repeat what he called us that morning, but for the rest of the vacation, we made sure to wake him up each day by bouncing on his bed and calling him the same.

—Mike’s cousin, Aaron (Andy) Czupryn

Aaron Czupryn - September 13, 2025 at 01:02 PM

DF

“ Ah, Michael it's hard to let you go. You were a vibrant soul with verve and grit, humor and compassion. Growing up with you in Crete brings fond memories and following your life since was hopeful and enlivening. Peace to you my friend, you now sail into the blessed next, finding out what joys await.

Dan Frachey - September 03, 2025 at 10:08 AM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Doug and Tina Case - September 02, 2025 at 09:25 PM

DC

“ I met Michael and Angela at a Half Ironman in Saratoga in September 2019. He was very supportive of Angela and the rest of us pre and post race. Mike BBQ'd chicken while we recovered in the hot tub. He was really into biking and we exchanged a lot of stories about that. I will miss his great support at our next race. Prayers up for Mike and Angela. Doug and Tina Case

Doug and Tina Case - September 02, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Mike was a genuine, kind, fun and loving person. He was a good friend to us all. Mike was 1 of 3 people I met the summer of us going into 7th grade. I moved to the Burnham Oaks apartments in Park Forest South. We were friends from that day forth. Graduated from CMHS together, hung out at several Crete gatherings. Mike your infectious smile, laughter and love for others will be missed.

P.S. the pic was at our 10th school reunion.

Shawna Banks (Goosby)



Shawna Banks - September 01, 2025 at 10:17 AM