



Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates

April 13, 1937 - May 21, 2023

Michael J. Gaeta, of Hoffman Estates, serving as a village trustee of Hoffman Estates.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Michael joined the U.S. Army after high school and was stationed in West Germany for two and a half years. He later obtained an associate degree from Fenn Community College in Cleveland.

He and wife Johanna married in 1960, and they have four children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Michael was elected to the Hoffman Estates village board in 2013 and won reelection in 2017 and 2021. As trustee, he served as chairman of the Public Health and Safety Committee, was co-chair of the Village Green Ad-Hoc Committee, served as the Hoffman Estates' representative on the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, and was a member of the village's Commission for Senior Citizens. Before serving in an elected role, Michael had served as the President and founder of the home owners association for Haverford Place.

Michael was a longtime member of the Civil Air Patrol, reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel and was put in charge of search and rescue missions. He owned an airplane and was an instrument-rated pilot.

Having retired from a career in food service, Michael and his wife own and operate three distributorships for Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating.

Loving husband of Johanna Gaeta, nee Caito; devoted father of Michael (Kathie) Gaeta, Michelle (Tom) Tomsovic and Matthew (Kathy) Gaeta; cherished grandfather of Michael (Rachael) Gaeta, Samantha Jo (Phillip) Ondrovic, Tommy Tomsovic and Nikki Tomsovic; beloved great grandfather of Kayleigh, Payton Ann, Michael, Owen and Evan.

Visitation will take place on Michael and Johanna's 63rd wedding anniversary, Sunday June 4, 2023 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Family and friends are asked to meet on Monday, June 5, 2023 at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 729 Grand Canyon St, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 for a Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 A.M..

The Gaeta family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the Gaeta family, please click on the link above and you can leave the family a message with the share a memory link. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Gaeta Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Gaeta Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Hubert Catholic Church in Hoffman Estates
729 Grand Canyon Street
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Tribute Wall

PV

“ Paul, Nan, Ben, & Jes Volpe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



Paul, Nan, Ben, & Jes Volpe - June 03, 2023 at 10:39 AM

PV

“ Paul, Nan, Ben, & Jes Volpe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.

Paul, Nan, Ben, & Jes Volpe - June 03, 2023 at 10:39 AM



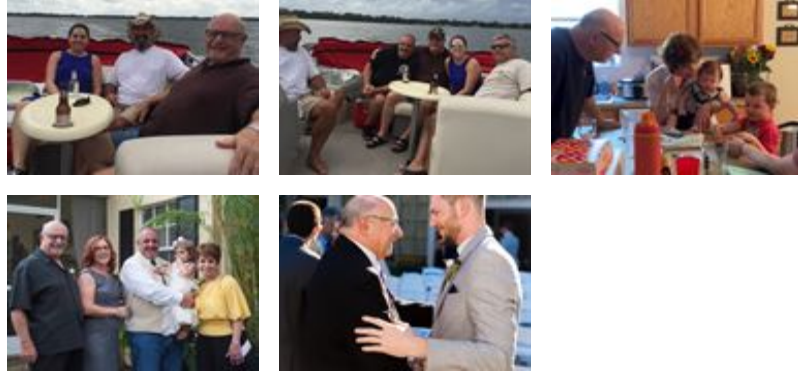
“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



June 02, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ 57 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 01, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.

June 01, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



June 01, 2023 at 09:55 AM



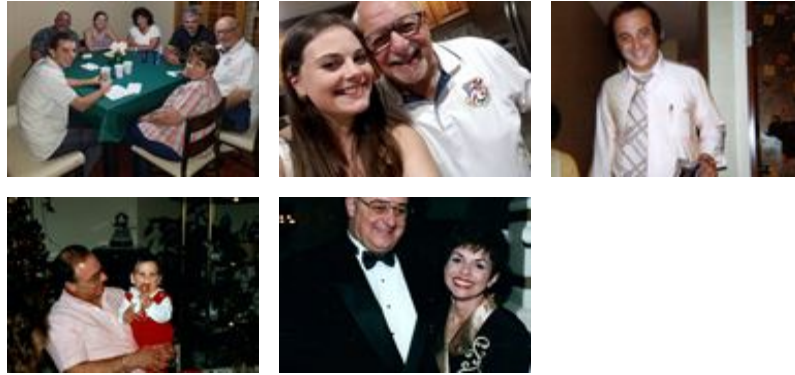
“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



May 31, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ 274 files added to the album Life Tributes



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 31, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ WE will miss you at the Annual Block Party....Love Your Neighbors on Swindon Place....



Kathryn McCord - May 28, 2023 at 06:25 PM

MM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mona Morrison - May 28, 2023 at 04:56 PM

MM

Posted with loving memories of a very special man. My deepest condolences to the entire family.

Mona Morrison - May 28, 2023 at 04:57 PM

LP

“ *I'm heartbroken by this Loss. From the bottom of my heart I offer my deepest sympathy and condolences. I wish the entire family comfort and strength during this difficult time. I am praying for you all to find Healing through the Lord's Love.*

Not even death can touch some things...the Special people in our lives who we Love Never truly leave us, even after they are gone. I believe Papa Michael is looking down on you from Paradise and his Soul is in Eternal Peace. He will live in your hearts forever and his Memory is your Treasure.

With warm embraces, Louise Palladino-Campo

louise palladino-campo - May 26, 2023 at 02:39 PM

RS

“ *Deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss.*

Robin Shambaugh - May 25, 2023 at 05:14 AM

RG

“ Renee, Laura, Lou & Gina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.

Renee, Laura, Lou & Gina - May 25, 2023 at 01:05 AM

RG

“ Renee, Laura, Lou & Gina purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



Renee, Laura, Lou & Gina - May 25, 2023 at 01:05 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



May 24, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ Deepest Faith was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



May 24, 2023 at 03:47 PM

JD

“ Mike Gaeta, was a very dear friend thru our 14 years living at Haverford Place. He successfully helped Haverford Place to setup a Board of Directors, and committees. Oh, we did many fun things together. My husband Joe had the good fortune of Flying with Mike in his plane. Mike was an outstanding Pilot. Mike and Johanna helped Joe & I with many things. One specific event is when they came over to help Joe and I to make 12 coffee cakes for our daughter-in-law's Wedding Shower. It was amazing to see how quickly Mike rolled out that yeast dough. He was a marvel. He especially loved my cookies. It was a pleasure to see someone enjoy food as Mike did. When we sold our home, Mike very quickly came to our aid to set up a patio inspection with the Hoffman Estates inspector to obtain a permit. The greatest lasting remember is when Mike came to visit, he would press and press the doorbell again, and again shouting out Hello, Hello. A fun memory. We will never forget our dear friend Mike Gaeta, and his wonderful wife, Johanna. We send Our Love ❤️ and Prayers 🙏 To Mike Gaeta. Joe and Joy Droll

Joe and Joy Droll - May 24, 2023 at 02:41 PM

TF

“ The Ciavarella Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



The Ciavarella Family - May 24, 2023 at 01:54 PM

LW

“ Love Mike,Dee &,Faith Walters purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



Love Mike,Dee &,Faith Walters - May 24, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



May 24, 2023 at 08:45 AM

MB

“ My deepest condolences to the Gaeta family. I'll miss Mike dearly and always enjoyed his kind and endearing nature. He was as genuine as it gets and wanted to know more about you than you might about him! May God bless him. We are better for knowing and having him in our lives. Mike Bickham

Mike Bickham - May 23, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.



May 23, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.*



May 23, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *I will always miss Mike's wonderful smile & big hugs!...Love & Prayers go out to Johanna & Family...My Deepest Sympathies, Kathryn McCord*

Kathryn McCord - May 23, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Mike will be missed he was not only a great person, but also a tireless worker whether it be business or devotion to his adopted town of Hoffman Estates. I for one will all be greatful for his assistance in many different areas.*

Cary J. Collins - May 23, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *Trustee Gaeta was amazing and so kind to me. He always had a smile on his face and his legendary "Hello, Hello, Hello" will always stick in my mind. He loved his food and always appreciated when things were served hot! He was the real deal - so genuine and just a loving soul. He will be missed! Hugs to Johanna, Matthew, Michelle and the family!*

Jennifer Djordjevic - May 23, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.*



May 23, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.*



May 23, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Michael was a gem, always smiling. Cant miss the hello, hello, hello. Always loved going to every event possible for the Village and couldnt get enough of his favorite hotdogs and popcorn. He had the utmost respect for everyone no matter who you were or are. My thoughts and prayers go out to Johanna and the Gaeta family. Love and Hugs Trustee Karen Arnet*

Karen Arnet - May 23, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Gaeta of Hoffman Estates.*



May 22, 2023 at 08:40 PM