



## Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights

May 23, 1971 - November 17, 2022

Michael Scott Hoekstra, age 51 of Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Beloved fiancé of Anni Chapman; loving father of Ethan and Tyler Hoekstra; dear son of Donald and Carol (nee Kavalunas) Hoekstra; cherished brother of Robert (Gina) Hoekstra and Shaun (Kelly) Hoekstra; beloved step father of Alicia (Brandon) Wood and Alexis (Joe) Reeder; proud "Pop" and favorite person of Evie, Noah and Violet; fond uncle of Lily, Allison, Nathan, Dylan and Jackson Hoekstra.

Some of Mike's true loves included spending quality time with his family and friends, grilling/smoking, golfing, bourbon tasting, the Green Bay Packers and exploring new wineries and breweries.

Everyone who knew Mike is a better person having known him. He was truly the most genuine and kind man.

"To know him was to love him"

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 from 3:00 P.M. until time of funeral service at 8:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. Interment will be private.

Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. at The Social Loft, 2011 Tower Drive, Glenview, IL 60026 (313)283-3006. Parking is available directly across from the venue in the parking garage.

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

For further information 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

**The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.**

2550 Hassell Road  
(Northeast corner at Barrington Road)  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
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## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV 22. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Dear Mike, May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you. May the Lord grant you everlasting peace, grace and love. Amen. Love always, Mom & Dad*

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**Don Hoekstra** - December 26, 2022 at 05:05 PM

AW

“ To Pop-

*“We didn’t know we were making memories- we just knew we were having fun.”*

*Making memories with you was our absolute favorite thing to do. It didn’t matter what we were doing- drinking your famous margs on the patio, having secret text chats, playing with the girls in your backyard, eating your delicious steak and shrimps, cruising on the lake on our boat trips, or celebrating the holidays together- we always had the best of times.*

*I promise to hold onto every single memory we made with you forever. From the very first time I met you bowling, to the very last time I ever got to see you, which was holding your first grandson Noah in the hospital. It is forever engraved in my heart.*

*I promise your grandchildren will always know you. You were the proudest Pop and they couldn’t have loved you more if they tried. You always talked about taking them to the Nutcracker when they were older and all the other fun things you looked forward to doing with them one day. Don’t worry for a second that you never got to take them. You will forever live on through all the memories that will last them a lifetime.*

*You better believe you will always have a front row seat to every birthday party, every school concert, every fishing derby, and every little moment in between.*

*Thank you for loving our mom, us, and your grandkids with every single ounce of love you had to give. Fly high, Pop! We will never stop loving you, missing you, or making memories with you.*

*Love you,  
Alicia*





**Alicia Wood** - December 09, 2022 at 02:54 AM

HL

“ I was first introduced to Mr. Mike and Anni about 7 years ago and after that initial meeting, I couldn't wait to hang out with them again. To say the best hosts and with no detail left untouched is an understatement. Mike knew I drank Tito's and soda and after that first meeting without fail, he always had club soda on hand. Mike and Anni shared a love that many dream of. He adored her and they were the perfect match and compliment of one another. Together they shared so many common interests such as shopping for home decor/design, beer tastings, the perfect cup of coffee and ultimately were food and beverage guru's. Mike always seemed happiest knowing his guests were pleased from beginning to end. I would joke and say that I found the perfect recipe or meat rub, only to catch his attention because I knew the follow up questions would be endless. It's hard to pin point a favorite memory because every time we all got together we laughed, ate the most amazing Mr. Mike meals, coupled by a perfectly decorated table courtesy of Anni and yes, even the drinks were paired to perfection. I think what I remember most is Mike and Anni opening up their home to me a stranger at the time and making me feel as if I had known them forever. Mike was the best man in our wedding and captivated the room with his perfectly written speech, sharing several personal stories about the Mr. Mike and Mr. Phil adventures. He was the most generous human I know and I will miss him tremendously. I will forever cherish all the memories the four of us also known as, The Wino's" created. Love you Mr. Mike

**Heidi Loesch** - November 28, 2022 at 10:59 PM

MD

“ I remember how kind Mike was to my sister, Anni, and how great they got along. He was just such a good guy - nice, genuine and fun. I can picture our mom and dad welcoming Mike to Heaven and thanking him for making their little Anni so happy! Not everyone is sd lucky to have the loving and close relationship they shared, and Anni will always have those memories to hold Mike close to her heart!

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**Mariette Donovan** - November 27, 2022 at 12:06 PM

AR

“ Too many memories to share just one so instead I’ll speak to who Mike was as a person because he truly deserves all the love and respect in the world.

*I can honestly say that he was one of the easiest people to talk to in my life. I’m talking zero judgment no matter the conversation. I talked to him about a lot of stuff over the years. Big decisions, little decisions...I just felt so heard and understood talking to him. His advice was just always exactly what I needed. I even find myself wanting to talk to him about this grief, about how we move on without him here. And I can literally just see him smirking ear to ear at the question. If I were to ask him that today, he would say look at your daughter, your mom, your husband, everything and everyone still here. He would tell me life is going to knock you down again and again but it doesn’t mean you stop living.*

*I remember after my family was hit by a tornado feeling doom and gloom. I remember telling him how things were never going to be the same and I was going to live in constant fear. And he would tell me he had said those same words before and felt that way at multiple times throughout his life. And that each time it felt like things wouldn’t get better, they always did. And he was exactly right. The doom and gloom did go away and life got better. So his own words are what bring me strength and peace in all of this. Things will be different now, but that doesn’t mean things won’t get better.*

*His relationship with my daughter Violet was unmatched. From the minute he met her, he took on the role of “Pop” and he loved my little girl so much. At family gatherings whenever Violet would leave my sight for even a minute, I would almost always find her with Pop. I would find her feeding the birds with him, helping him cook, or the two of them just playing in the yard. He was genuinely happy to be around her and the love was mutual. He was one of my daughter’s favorite people and always will be.*

*Mike loved my mom with a love that people only dream to have. It*

*was evident in the way he looked at her, the way he talked about her, the way he cared for her, just in every way. I miss him so much but I especially miss the light he brought to my mom's life. I want to thank him for loving her enough in their short time together to last a lifetime. They shared more love and laughter and life in their relationship than some people do in their whole lives. And for that, I am just grateful. I'm grateful she had this amazing love story and can carry those memories in her heart forever.*

*He was taken from us way too soon and it isn't fair. But I know he is still here, just in a different way than any of us had hoped. He lives on in his kids, his grandkids, my mom, his brothers, his friends. He gets to watch his kids and grandkids grow up from the best seat in the house, and I do feel we all have a guardian angel.*

*He was one in a million and I'm thankful to have had him in my life.*

*Daddio/Pop, I'm a better person having known you and I'm so thankful for you. You can rest in peace knowing all of us are okay. If you were still here, you would tell us just that. You would say we can't see it yet, but we will all be okay. I love you and I'll never forget you.*



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**Alexis Reeder** - November 27, 2022 at 09:58 AM

AN

“ Dear Mike,

*There is no greater love than the love we shared. I love you so much and will love you forever. I felt like I won the lottery when Maze introduced us and continued to feel that way through the years. You were hard working, respectful, a great dad and role model to the boys, the perfect daddio to my girls and loving pop to our grandchildren. Thank you for lifting me up when I needed you. Thank you for holding my hand, opening my door, surprising me with Starbucks when you knew I needed it, playing Ms. Pacman after work - you were so much better than me but always gave me pointers to help me. Just so you know since I always kept score for us, we ended our run even Steven. Thank you for watching shows I wanted to watch that I know you didn't love. Thank you for making our trips to Door County and Galena and Napa special. Thank you for loving my daughters and our grandchildren and last but not least...saving me a cherry after your last sip of your bourbon drinks. You lived and loved life, cared for your family and friends and filled me with more love than I could hold. I will cherish every moment we shared for the rest of my life. I will make sure your granddaughters never forget you and let them know how much you loved them. You were the love of my life and I am so blessed to have had you in my life even though our time together was cut short. My heart aches but it is also filled with all the love you gave me. Thank you for loving me so deeply. Please never forget...I love you more.*

Love,

Anni



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Anni - November 26, 2022 at 12:08 PM

SC

“ Mike was the best man in our daughter's wedding. When we met him and Anni we knew right away he was an amazing and good-hearted person. His smile was infectious. He was talking to us about his favorite football team the Packers. Jeff and Mike went on to discuss grilling and cooking at length. Anni was his perfect love and you could tell that by the way he adored her. We hope that all the wonderful moments and memories will help Anni during this difficult time. Mr. Mike, you sure will be missed by so many people.

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**Sabine and Jeff Coske** - November 25, 2022 at 10:08 PM

TF

“ I remember when we met Mike for the first time, we were so excited he was such a Packer fan, along with the rest of us! 🏈 He fit right in with our family, and was already considered our brother-in-law. He and Anni were so happy together. I hope all of the happy memories will help her, along with the rest of the Hoekstra family, through this very sad time. You'll be missed by all Mike. ❤️

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**Toni Furlano** - November 25, 2022 at 03:53 PM

JO

“ I had the great pleasure of working on the same team as Mike while at Donnelley and we even traveled together a few times. He was terrific at his job, well respected by leadership and his peers. I had some of the hardest laughs and greatest of times outside of the office with Hoek. My deepest condolences and prayers are with you.

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**Jon Occhipinti** - November 22, 2022 at 10:12 PM

AJ

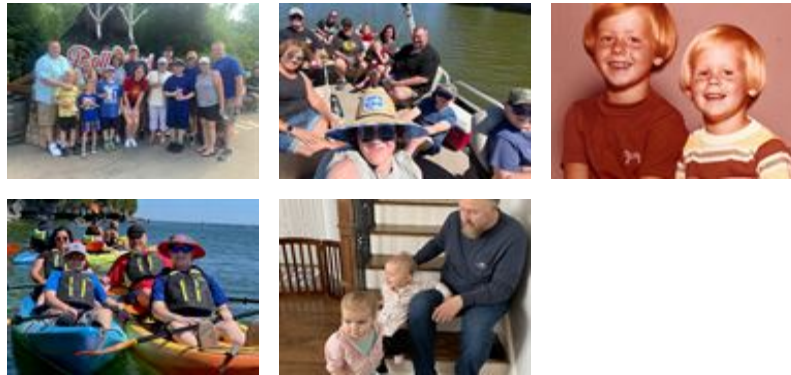
“ Alicia, Alexis, Brandon, Joe purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.



Alicia, Alexis, Brandon, Joe - November 22, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ 114 files added to the album Life Tributes



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 22, 2022 at 11:35 AM

JT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Mike's family and friends. I had the pleasure of working with Mike professionally. He was very intelligent and so easy to work with. He will be missed.

Jennifer Tselentis - November 22, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.



November 22, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *The great times we shared at our big time family gatherings in Illinois and Indiana. Those picnics will never be the same without Michael.*

**Jimmy Kusyk** - November 22, 2022 at 01:32 AM



“ *Pat, Danielle, and Nicole purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.*



**Pat, Danielle, and Nicole** - November 22, 2022 at 12:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.



November 21, 2022 at 08:41 PM

NR

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Hoekstra, Robby, Shaun, Anni, kids and extended family, I am so deeply sorry to have heard of the passing of Mike. Mike was one of the kindest souls; down to earth, loyal, hilarious, and despite obstacles that life threw at him, he was always living his fullest life, happy and smiling. A smile, that I and all that knew him, will sincerely miss seeing. So many memories of this fine man and great friend for so many years. Hoek, despite your passing, know that your memory will always remain in all of us! Rest in Peace, Friend and Brother. My Deepest Sympathy, Nick Roseto*

Nick Roseto - November 21, 2022 at 01:43 PM

MW

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.*

michael wachel - November 21, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.*



November 21, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.*



November 21, 2022 at 09:25 AM

MF

“ Mike's Donnelley Financial Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.



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**Mike's Donnelley Financial Family** - November 21, 2022 at 09:21 AM

JR

“ My deepest condolences to the Hoekstra family. My prayers are with you.

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**Jeff Rezek** - November 21, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.



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November 20, 2022 at 05:48 PM

WT

“ Don, Condolences to you and your family.

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**William Tooley** - November 20, 2022 at 12:29 PM

DR

“ I still can't believe it! Hokey, Jurassic, names the guys in the south suburbs have you when you were in your 20's! Always a smile on your face. Always so kind, to my Mom. She called all of you her boys. I'm so glad you were a friend to Jason and a member of our extended family. Love you, Mr.& Mrs. Bird!!!

Denise Koch Rzonca - November 20, 2022 at 11:25 AM

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“ Gosh! I was heartbroken when i saw this. Mike was an amazing man. One of a kind and if you were lucky enough to meet him, you would never forget him. Big personality yet still grounded and humble. Mike and I worked together on the same team at Donnelley. He sat right next to me, we traveled together and I can honestly say, I've never laughed so hard in my whole life. We played harmless yet brilliant pranks on unsuspecting others. Especially each other. He was the master. Mike was by far one of the kindest, talented and funniest person on the planet. He will be missed by so many. Rest In peace my friend.



Leslie Kulling (Torpy) - November 20, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.



November 20, 2022 at 09:39 AM

IC

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and love. Irene Cook

irene Cook - November 19, 2022 at 07:59 PM

BC

“ Mike was a great guy and good family man. We have watched him grow up. Our deepest sympathy to Anni and the family.

Barb Chlipala - November 19, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.



November 19, 2022 at 04:06 PM

JW

“ Janette Warner purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.



Janette Warner - November 19, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.



November 19, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Scott Hoekstra of Arlington Heights.*



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November 18, 2022 at 07:23 PM