



Michael Francis Cahill

June 22, 1946 - May 2, 2024

Michael Francis Cahill, while surrounded by his family, passed away at the young age of 77 on May 2, 2024, after a battle with cancer.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Julia, and his siblings, Joseph and Ellen. Mike is survived by his wife, Janet, his children Michael, Melissa (Jeffrey), Patrick, and Mark (Ryann) and his grandchildren, Milo, Michael, and Baby J on the way.

Michael was born to Joseph Martin Cahill and Julia Anita Grennell on June 22, 1946, in Jersey City, New Jersey. He had two older siblings, his brother, Joseph William Cahill, and his sister, Ellen Marie Swier. He was baptized and a member of Saint Joseph's Parish in Jersey City. Mike's life was full of service, education, and unwavering love for his family.

Mike attended the local #6 Elementary School and played "stick ball/box ball" as a young boy. He was enrolled and was on the baseball team at Dickinson High School. He attended college at Teachers' State in New Jersey after which he served honorably in the Navy until he was discharged in 1968.

He continued his college education at Saint Peter's College working on a Business Degree. After moving to Florida in 1970, he graduated from Florida Technological University (aka University of Central Florida) with a Bachelor's Degree in Science, with a Major in Business. He then went on to obtain a Master's Degree in Education at Rollins College. His career as a Business Education teacher at Wymore and Lyman High Schools was a testament to his passion for knowledge and helping young students. He also served as an

assistant basketball coach at Wymore and was an Advisor of Lyman's DECA ((Distributive Education Clubs of America) and coached their tennis team. He brought an innovative spirit to the classroom, even introducing "Santa's Little World" as a student business model – a testament to his creative business mind.

Mike's faith was strong. He was a member of Saint Mary Magdalen Church and President of their Men's Club. His commitment to community extended to coaching Little League baseball, leading the Longwood League's Babe Ruth Baseball program, and being a member of the Knights of Columbus who serves those in need. In 2006 thru 2012 Mike was honored to be the President of the Orange County Classroom Teachers Association.

Mike met his wife in 1973, Janet Helen, who he loved and could not live without. They married in 1978 and their union was blessed with four children – Michael James Cahill, Melissa Ellen (Ashkin) Cahill, Patrick Joseph Cahill, and Mark Thomas Cahill – each a source of immense pride for Mike. His love story continued to grow with the arrival of his grandchildren – Milo Cahill, Michael Ashkin, and another little one on the way – and the addition of Ryann and Jeffrey to the family as daughter-in-law and son-in-law.

Mike and his wife retired in 2012. They retraced family roots by visiting Ireland where they stopped in the town where his Grandfather was born and surprisingly met distant cousins. They also traveled to England, Italy and many places throughout the United States with many frequent trips to New Jersey.

His favorite past-time was playing golf with his sons and friends, which fueled his competitive spirit. And oh, how he liked his monthly poker games with his buddies. He enjoyed watching professional sports, televised poker games, the history channel, and game shows.

Mike Cahill lived a life that echoed with faith, love, family, friends, education and sports. He was always caring of his family and friends, giving of his time and talents. Though his time has come to an end, the life he created will continue to resonate in the hearts of all who knew him.

Funeral Arrangements:

Viewing:

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm (Family and Friends)

Address: DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory

905 Laurel Avenue

Sanford, FL 32771

Funeral Mass:

Friday May 10, 2024

Time: 11:00am

Address: All Souls Historic Chapel

800 South Oak Avenue

Sanford, FL 32771

Memorial Donations may be made in Michael Cahill's name to:

Orlando Health Cancer Institute give.orlandohealth.org

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Sanford Chapel
905 Laurel Ave
Sanford, FL 32771
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

MAY **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

All Souls Catholic Church-Historic Location
800 S. Oak Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771

Tribute Wall

GA

“ *Mr. Cahill was my teacher in high school. I'd have to save a favorite, as we shared the same origin, i.e., the northeast. He was real and he truly cared about his students. A good man that had positive influence on my young life. Thanks for all you've done to help young minds develop. You will be missed.*

Gary - November 01, 2025 at 09:54 PM

AD

“ *Avon & Dev purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael Francis Cahill.*



Avon & Dev - May 09, 2024 at 09:18 AM

PP

“ *PJ, Shannon, and Preston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Francis Cahill.*

PJ, Shannon, and Preston - May 08, 2024 at 01:52 PM

PP

“ *PJ, Shannon, and Preston purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Michael Francis Cahill.*



PJ, Shannon, and Preston - May 08, 2024 at 01:52 PM

MN

“ Margaret Nolan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Francis Cahill.



Margaret Nolan - May 08, 2024 at 09:27 AM

KB

“ Kasey (Williams) Bobek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Francis Cahill.

Kasey (Williams) Bobek - May 08, 2024 at 06:54 AM

KB

“ Kasey (Williams) Bobek purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Michael Francis Cahill.



Kasey (Williams) Bobek - May 08, 2024 at 06:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Francis Cahill.



May 07, 2024 at 10:08 AM

LF

“ Love, The Garces and Swier families. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Francis Cahill.



Love, The Garces and Swier families. - May 06, 2024 at 09:12 PM

KL

“ Mike and Jan were great neighbors. We enjoyed many good times together, many of the times at their home because they were so welcoming and enjoyed sharing with others. We will miss Mike and wish the family strength during this difficult time.
Ken & Carolyn Lyon

Ken Lyon - May 06, 2024 at 06:13 PM

SF

“ Stephanie Fuoco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Francis Cahill.

Stephanie Fuoco - May 06, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Francis Cahill.



May 06, 2024 at 03:41 PM

JB

“ *Jim, Donna and Bob purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Francis Cahill.*



Jim, Donna and Bob - May 06, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CV

“ *Mike was a good friend. . . He was there for me on a day I needed it*

Carla Voisard - May 06, 2024 at 12:51 PM

CV

“ *Carla V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Francis Cahill.*

Carla V. - May 06, 2024 at 12:48 PM