



Michael K. Ouwenga MD

August 6, 1975 - January 19, 2019

Michael K. Ouwenga, MD age 43, of Fowler, IL formerly of Manteno, IL died on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 6:40 p.m. at his home.

He was born in Kankakee, IL on August 6, 1975, to Warren L. and Sharon (Hamann) Ouwenga. He married April Emerick on September 23, 2000, and she survives.

Dr. Ouwenga was a Doctor of Urology at Quincy Medical Group. He was a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. He was a member of The Crossing Church in Quincy, Illinois.

He was awarded the title of Best Surgeon in 2018 by the Quincy Herald Whigs Reader's Choice.

Michael was an amazing husband and father, a wonderful son, grandson, brother and uncle as well as a talented, caring surgeon.

Michael was genuine, generous and fun-loving.

In addition to his parents, Warren and Sharon Ouwenga of Bourbonnais, IL and his wife April Ouwenga, survivors also include his four daughters, Gabriella, Lily, Violet and Lucy Ouwenga all of Fowler, IL; a brother, Ron Ouwenga and his wife Julie of Bourbonnais, IL; and two sisters, Shelly Sparrow and her husband Ryan of Haddonfield, N.J. and Kim Vilendrer and her husband Mike of Tinley Park, IL; Grandfather, Clarence Ouwenga of Bourbonnais, IL; Mother in law Debra Hunter of Tinley Park, IL; Brother in laws, Brandon Hunter and his wife, Jenny of Thornton, CO; Kyle Hunter of Lockport, IL, Sister in law, Caitlin Hunter of Tinley Park, IL; Many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

Visitation will be Thursday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, IL, from 4:00 to 8:00. Visitation also be held on Friday at the Cornerstone Church in Bourbonnais, IL

from 10:00 until the the time of service at 11:00.

Memorials are suggested to The American Heart Association and The Cornerstone Church in Bourbonnais, IL in Memory of Dr. Michael Ouwenga.

Interment will be in All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais, IL following the Friday service.

Cemetery

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL, 60914

Events

JAN 24 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW, Bourbonnais, IL, US, 60914

JAN 25 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Cornerstone Church
855 W. 5000 N. Road, Bourbonnais, IL, US

JAN 25 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

Cornerstone Church
855 W. 5000 N. Road, Bourbonnais, IL, US

Comments



“ Mike and I were suitemates at Dodds Hall at Illinois Wesleyan University. Although I was a transfer who got placed in the suite at random, I was immediately welcomed in by Mike and his friends. Mike was a guy you just had to admire. Not only was he bright, funny, tall, athletic, and despite his many gifts, completely unassuming, he was also the first kid I knew who had a cell phone! I have so many memories of those college years with Mike. Late night battles on the Sega Genesis. Adam Sandler records. Mike putting Alanis Morissette's Ironic on repeat. Trips to the condo in Indiana where here Mike patiently started and re-started the boat over and over while I learned how to "get up" on waterskiis. Getting badly sunburned on a Spring Break trip to South Padre Island in Mike's family camper, which decided not to shift out of first gear on the way home. And lastly there was an epic trip to Israel where we shared a square on an architectural dig in Sepphoris (Mike swung the axe, to the delight of our female square boss). And after that, backpacking in Europe for a week. Although I had lost touch with Mike since those college years, Mike was not a guy who you would ever forget. Such a privilege to hear from all of the folks whose lives Mike touched. My sincere condolences to Mike's family, friends, coworkers, patients, and everyone who knew him. Rest in peace, Michael.

Peter Berk - January 26, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ Dr. Ouwenga crossed my path in 2007. I had just opened a physical therapy office in Marquette, MI to treat women with pelvic pain and incontinence. I was scared beyond belief as I left the certainty of employment for private practice. I will forever be in his debt for support in this venture. He is one of the best physicians that I have had the privilege of working with. He had it all - integrity, kindness, patience, clinical expertise and humor. Everyone who met him as colleague or patient appreciated him. He was a quality man through and through. After he left Marquette he called me to ask how he could find a PT in his area to pursue training for pelvic floor rehab and we laughed as I joked with him about my prediction that he would miss me! I hope that some PT in his area was smart enough to take the opportunity to work with him. Every now and again I would hear a rumor from a patient or nurse that that Dr. O was considering returning to Marquette and we would share an excited, "That would be awwwwesome!!!!" This world was a better place with Dr. O in it and there is a huge empty hole without him. My condolences to his family and friends. In time may you find peace.

Laurie Smith - January 25, 2019 at 10:53 PM



“ Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Michael K. Ouwenga MD



Tim and Connie Eaker - January 25, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ Thinking of your family at this time , I know you are all sad but your family does have a lot of faith and I know you will pray together. Michel is smiling down at you he has done many good works and he will continue to do good works just in a different way. I will be praying for all of you at this time.

Leah(Leach) Askew

leah askew - January 25, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ Warren Sharon and family my deepest condolences to you all and I'm very sorry due to illness could not attend any of Mike's services. May our Lord bless you all and guide you in the coming days Terry meyers and family

terry meyers - January 25, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Hugs and prayers are with you at this very sad time. Remember Mike as a cute little guy running around, a handsome teen and then a wonderful man. May God's loving arms hold all close and bring you the peace and comfort that only He can bring.



Mary Quiroz Thomson - January 24, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ So very sorry, dear friends. We are in Florida but our prayers of comfort transcend distance. Thankful for the promise and hope of Eternity!

Vicky J. McBurnie - January 25, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ Warren & Sharon - Sending our deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss. May God be with you in this difficult time, and give you comfort and strength.

Glenn & Judy Mann - January 24, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ Warren, Sharon and family, Mike and I send our deepest sympathies to all of you during this great loss. May God be with you during this very sad time and bring you peace and comfort. Mike and Joan Nelson

Joan and Mike Nelson - January 24, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ Warren Sharon & Family, although we are in Florida and could personally express our sorrow, our hearts and thoughts have been with you constantly. Please know that you are in our prayers

Kevin & Janis Nugent

Kevin & Janis Nugent - January 25, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ Warren and Sharon we are so soory to hear the sad news of the loss of your son, Michael. We both know about losing a son--we are not suppose to bury our children but only God knows why... I remember having Mike in high school at Manteno. He was a great student, well-liked and a good basketball player. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Alice and Ken Allers

Ken and Alice Allers - January 24, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ Memories are wonderful and lasting forever. The Ouwenga family attended Faith Reformed Church in Kankakee. Mike as a lad attended the Boys Club who congregated at our home every other Wednesday night to learn woodworking skills. Mike was an easy learner, very quiet and always finished his projects—WOW that was some 35 years ago. Thanks Mike for being such a great young lad. Mr. B

George Bingkey - January 24, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ Chester Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Michael K. Ouwenga MD



chester cleveland - January 23, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ Barb Groth lit a candle in memory of Michael K. Ouwenga MD



Barb Groth - January 23, 2019 at 04:19 AM



“ Warren and Sharon I was so sorry to hear this shocking loss of your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. May God be with you and your family in this most difficult time. We are not suppose to bury our children, only God knows the why. May He be with you and give you the strength to get through the next several days and weeks to come. Sincerely, Pam Johnson

Pam Johnson - January 22, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all the family. Such heartbreaking news. I so enjoyed Sharon Christmas letter and pictures of the family on Clarence 100 Birthday. Beautiful family.

MarianneDyon - January 22, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ Lots of great memories, but at the risk of being inappropriate...the one that stands out....Mike came into my salon with his brother Ron, for Ron to get a haircut. Mike looked like he didn't feel well...I found out why. He found something rolling around under the seat of Ron's truck while on their way. It was an EXPIRED bottle of barbecue sauce. Ron offered Mike \$10. TO DRINK IT!!! Mike, of course, took the bet!! Halfway through the bottle Ron turned the heat on HI! IT WAS JULY!!! Mikey earned his \$10!



Deborah Johnston-Oberlander - January 22, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ Terri Cronin lit a candle in memory of Michael K. Ouwenga MD



Terri Cronin - January 22, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ Saddening to hear this. Fond memories of the kindness and smiles of the Ouwenga family growing up in the Faith family. My dad used to brag about Michael's knowledge in Urology and willingness to talk to him. Condolences to all.

Michael Dyon - January 22, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Jim Dyon and family



Jim Michelle Dyon - January 22, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Michael K. Ouwenga MD.



January 22, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ Ana C Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Michael K. Ouwenga MD



Ana C Rodriguez - January 22, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ Jackie McTaggart lit a candle in memory of Michael K. Ouwenga MD



Jackie McTaggart - January 22, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ This was such a shock to hear. Lo much loss to so many loved ones and lost skill as well. Home with God so reward will be great there. I remember him most as such a cute young guy when we were there at Faith several decades ago. Our sympathy to his family.

Linda and Vern Smith - January 21, 2019 at 10:04 PM



“ Sheri Goodrich lit a candle in memory of Michael K. Ouwenga MD



Sheri Goodrich - January 21, 2019 at 09:12 PM