Michael Anthony Fritz

June 6, 1980 - November 20, 2020

Michael Anthony Fritz, age 40, passed away peacefully November 20, 2020. He was born in Geneva to Virginia Marie (O'Connor) and Leonel Carl Fritz on June 6, 1980. The youngest of 4 boys, Mikey was adored by his brothers Carl (Heidi) Fritz, Tim (Gina) Fritz, and Matt (Traci) Fritz. Mike was preceded in death by his father Leonel Carl Fritz. Beloved nephew to Donald (Teresa) O'Connor, Tom, Maureen (Tom L). O'Connor , David (Martha) O'Connor, Pat (Rose) O'Connor, Gene O'Connor, Kathy O'Connor, A. Joseph (Carol) Fritz, John (Gloria) Fritz, Leon (Teresa) Fritz, Donna (Gerald) Bernicky, and Robert Fritz; and is a wonderful Uncle to Colin, Samuel, Molly, Eli, Amelia, Wyatt, Theo, and Henry. Mikey will fondly be remembered by friends, family, and all who encountered his joyful smile.

Mike loved watching Jimmy Stewart movies, Home Alone, The Little Mermaid, and Back to the Future. He enjoyed listening to Elvis and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. He often announced his presence at his brothers' sporting events or plays with an exuberant yell or laugh. His nieces and nephews fondly remember playing "dodge Uncle Mike's swinging arms" whenever he came over to visit.

Mike's favorite restaurant was Corfu which he enjoyed after mass at St. John Neuman's of St. Charles. He attended prolife rallies and living rosaries with his mom. Mike also spent many Saturdays working with his dad at JA Air Center

of DuPage Airport laughing at any “choice language” he overheard.

The last 8 years he resided and flourished at the Marklund Hyde Center of Geneva, IL surrounded by friends and his second family. He loved riding a bike, camping, swimming, or attending movies with his Marklund friends and almost always with his friend Bobby Hilsabeck by his side.

Mike’s light is impossible to extinguish and his loss will be felt by us all.
Services will be private
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In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael’s name to Marklund Children’s Home 1 S. 450 Wyatt Drive, Geneva, IL 60134 would be appreciated. (https://www.marklund.org/get-involved-2/make-a-donation/)

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery in Irwin

Irwin, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

KS

Dear Virginia and family,
I just learned of Mike's passing. I am so sorry for your loss, yet so thankful to have known him! I learned so much from him (e.g. navigating his Dynavox) and have really missed his great smile and laugh...it truly lit up the room! His devotion to God, and wonderful appreciation of life was a true testimony to me, as well. You are all in my prayers. Kathy Slimmer

Kathy Slimmer - January 09, 2021 at 11:53 PM

MB

Hi Virginia, Carl, Tim and Matt. This is from your old neighbors in St. Charles. We moved in in 1986 and had the pleasure to watch Mike grow up. Virginia, you and your husband made sure he had a life full of activity and devotion. We will always remember your selflessness and dedication. One of our fond memories was the day that Mike tried to take his new electric wheelchair out for a spin and lost control in our back yard. He was always happy when we saw him. Mike was a blessing to all.

Much love and sorrow for your loss,
Maria and David

Maria Boehm - December 03, 2020 at 05:22 PM

LM

I am deeply sorry for your loss. I knew Michael when I was a teachers aide in St. Charles during summer school one year. I truly loved him and have thought of him often over the years. One day during class I was teasing Michael, it was our job to do the laundry. I told him he had to watch the clock as I would never remember to check the laundry again. I told him what time the laundry would be done and we went on with our day. Pretty soon he was yelling at me and laughing, Clearly, I had forgotten all about the laundry but, Michael hadn't. He was on the dot about the time and the laundry being done. He was so special to me. He started my career as a Special Education teacher. I will never forget him.

Laura Milhousen - November 30, 2020 at 06:41 PM

JN

Michael was a Greeter at weekend Mass at St. John Neumann. His smiling presence was a gift to the parish. It was clear to all that he was blessed with a loving supportive family, Sister Judy Nickels

Judith Nickels - November 25, 2020 at 11:02 PM

SO

On behalf of the Dominican Sisters, we offer our condolences to Michael's family. Sr. Mary Karla often spoke of him with such love and noted the care given to him by his parents. I have no doubt Michael and Sr. M. Karla are dancing in eternal joy.
Sr. Rebecca Ann, OP

Sr. Rebecca Ann Gemma, OP - November 25, 2020 at 10:49 AM

JF

Several days ago we learned that Mickey wanted to see Uncle Joe. Unfortunately I was unable to do this. My best memory of Michael occurred several years ago when I gave him a photo of the Budweiser frogs commercial. He thought that was great and laughed till he cried. Ever since that time I always mentioned Budweiser. And he would laugh. We never had the opportunity to see much of Mike over the years but nevertheless will be missed. Our sympathy to all the family.

Joe Fritz - November 23, 2020 at 07:38 PM