



Michael P. Skalac

May 30, 1953 - October 4, 2015

Michael P. Skalac, 62, of Bourbonnais, passed away Sunday (Oct. 4, 2015) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

He was born on May 30, 1952, in Joliet, the son of Ralph and Barbara Peterson Skalac. Michael married Priscilla Field on Nov. 26, 1978, in Joliet.

Mr. Skalac was a retired deputy chief of probation for Will County. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Springfield with a bachelor's degree. He received his master's degree at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais. Along with his wife, the couple had been house parents at Cunningham Childrens' Home in Urbana.

He was a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and a former member of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Joliet. He was a musician, kayaker and had built kayaks. He enjoyed cooking, gardening and woodworking and was a drinker of fine beers.

Surviving are his wife, of Bourbonnais; one son, Eric Skalac and his fiancée, Anna Majerczyk, of New Lenox; one daughter, Kimberly and Joel Adam, of Wilmington; two sisters, Elva "Bunny" Keehn, of Pell City, Ala., and Robyn Skalac, of Pell City, Ala.; two brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Susan and Bruce Comer, of Griffin, Ga., and John and Kay Field, of Sikeston, Mo.; and

several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Kankakee, with the Rev. William Conjelko officiating. Burial will be in Mound Grove Garden of Memory, Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church or Free Speech T.V.

Michael was a bright beacon of goodness in the world.

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Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Wake Service

OCT 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
296 N. Washington
Kankakee, IL 60901
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Chur

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Mike Skalac was my brother-in-law. He was my very good friend. And he also was my Rock of Gibraltar and an astute natural born "counselor". He was intelligent and he was never fake. He could be very very passionate about his politics and I loved that. And intelligent? My God was he an intelligent man. I loved the mischievous glint in his eye and the smile on his face. And he taught me not to be afraid of paddling that little blue Kayak out onto the U.P. lakes when I was so scared. My sister, Priscilla, married Mike and he came into my life and I'll thank God everyday for that. Heaven, you've gotten a really really good one in Mike Skalac.



Susan Comer - October 18, 2015 at 06:52 PM

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Alicia - October 07, 2015 at 11:30 AM

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Alicia McPartlin - October 07, 2015 at 11:20 AM

JF

“ Please know you are all in our prayers, during this time of loss. Mike brought so much joy, laughter, and goodness, to this world. We were blessed to know him. Uncle Dave, and Families

Jennifer and Families - October 07, 2015 at 08:03 AM

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Philip - October 06, 2015 at 09:19 PM

CF

“ I was privileged to be attendance when he & Priscilla married. I had never been to a Greek Orthodox wedding. It was a beautiful 1st time experience. Michael was so so excited to see his bride enter the church that very cold fall day. Later the reception that his Aunt Elva "Evie" cooked and prepared food for days for and brought from Texas was enjoyed at a seemed to me like a fraternity/bar/reception hall. There was much laughing, eating, and remembering. It was a memory from 1978 I will cherish in my heart forever. RIP Michael.

Coleta Frazier - October 06, 2015 at 07:54 PM

WS

“ When Mike was at school he played his many musical instruments for relaxation and pleasure. as a roommate I was entertained. The only negative was when Mike was given a piano. The deal required him to move it. Mike enjoined his roommates to assist. Glad we could do it, but wouldn't want to do it again. The positive was that Mike played it often at our house.
Great person, and a great friend.

william shaw - October 06, 2015 at 05:34 PM

CU

“ I am grateful that Mike gave me the opportunity to have a challenging and fulfilling career at Will County Probation. Mike was always available and open to provide guidance and assistance through the years. Mike was an integral part of building a very professional and positive work environment. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for working so hard to develop and maintain a workplace that places people first.

Mike was more than a boss to me. He provided counsel and compassion on a personal and professional level. I have many great memories of our conversations and time together. Discussing Robert Pirsig and *Quality is boring and confusing to most people*, I'm glad that Mike was not most people. Very few people get the experience of having a director who is so accessible and understanding on a personal level. I always enjoyed and appreciated his time and guidance.

Ten months ago, I wished Mike a future filled with all of the joys that a well earned retirement should bring. This time should have been measured in years not months. I do know that Mike was always mindful of the impermanence of life and made sure he appreciated every day. I hope the rest of us can honor him by remembering to appreciate life and the people who share our lives. Thankfully, Mike and I had the opportunity recently to renew our discourse and share some hoppy malted beverages . I'm glad that Mike was such a big part of my life. Thank you for being a mentor and a friend to me and so many others, Mike. I miss you already.

Clint Underhile - October 06, 2015 at 02:23 PM

OD

“ I worked with Mike only periodically, but with each meeting with him I found a man to be admired for his senses; his sense of community, his sense of honor, his sense of fairness, and his sense of humor. We have lost a good man/friend/colleague/relative. My condolences to all, especially to his family.

owen dratler - October 06, 2015 at 01:48 PM

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Lisa - October 06, 2015 at 01:30 PM

KS

“ *Mike was a co-worker of mine as well. He was always full of wisdom and truly cared about individuals. I enjoyed the times that we spent working together and appreciate the contributions that he made to the cause of criminal justice. On a personal note, I will miss our discussions about fine liquors and beers. My deepest condolences to Mike's family and friends. He will truly be missed.*

Kurt Sangmeister - October 06, 2015 at 01:06 PM

RS

“ Mike was rare - a vastly deep individual with a incredible variety of loves, interests, humor and passions. He was a very caring and compassionate person who was at times even hindered by his desire to improve peoples' lives (a flaw from which we should all be blessed to suffer). Mike was my boss for 14 years and gave me countless opportunities to grow and develop. He was the kind of guy you could ardently disagree with one minute and share an inappropriate joke with the next. Mike was a thinking man who wanted to know why things are instead of just accepting them as is. I was fortunate to know him as a professional, as a friend, and as a paddler as we shared an interest in watercraft. I admired him for his perseverance in conquering things unknown to him as well as for his dedication to his family and to living life. He has been taken from this life far too early and we are devastated by it. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family as well as to all of his friends who loved and cherished him. The world is a darker place without Mike today.

Ray Simpson - October 06, 2015 at 07:41 AM

EL

“ Mike made coming to work enjoyable. He was respected not only for his intelligence, but for his compassion for everyone. Mike was one of the very few managers in the world that truly cared about each and every employee. I learned lessons about life, not just work by watching him. He is and will be missed. .

Eric Larson - October 06, 2015 at 07:33 AM