



Micheal L. "Mike" Cozzo

December 28, 1943 - March 23, 2024

Michael L. "Mike" Cozzo, age 80, of Manteno passed away Saturday, March 23, 2024. He was born December 28, 1943 in Chicago, the son of Leonard & Antoinette (Cotugno) Cozzo. Mike married his teenage sweetheart Shirley Kinder on August 27, 1966 in Chicago.

Mike was a Civil Engineer for over 25 years serving the communities of Burr Ridge, Homewood, and Oak Forest. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1967. Mike's best known for his love of family which not only included his relatives but also the many friends he welcomed into his world. One of his favorite hobbies was attending all the grandchildren's activities which kept him quite busy. Second only to his wife and family was his love of baseball and his unwavering allegiance to the Chicago White Sox. His generosity and appreciation for community was demonstrated as an active parishioner of St. Joseph Church in Manteno.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, a relationship that started when they were 16 years old, Shirley Cozzo of Manteno; one son, Daniel (Debra) Cozzo of Bloomingdale; two daughters, Paula (Ronald) Paymaster of Manhattan and Maria (Brian) Hovanes of Manteno; one brother, Daniel (Paula) Cozzo of Downers Grove; seven grandchildren, Zachary (Maddalynne) Paymaster, Jacob Paymaster, Emily Hovanes, Abby Hovanes, Christopher Cozzo, Benjamin Cozzo, and Vincent Cozzo; and many nieces and nephews. Mike is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Antoinette Caccese and

Mary Urban.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Manteno.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fortitude Community Outreach Capital Campaign at 1180 N. Convent St. Bourbonnais, IL 60914 in c/o Dawn Broers.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

APR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Much Love, John & Wendy Dewey purchased the Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin for the family of Micheal L. "Mike" Cozzo.



Much Love, John & Wendy Dewey - April 02, 2024 at 06:46 AM

MD

“ Much Love, John & Wendy Dewey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Micheal L. "Mike" Cozzo.

Much Love, John & Wendy Dewey - April 02, 2024 at 06:46 AM

PF

“ Time may pass and fade away but memories of Dad will always stay.

Perez Family - March 30, 2024 at 11:35 AM

LB

“ Thoughts and prayers to Shirley and family. I will always remember we shared the same anniversary date, only you have 11 years on me. Mike will be missed.

Liz Becvar - March 29, 2024 at 01:29 PM

CS

“ Many Prayers!!! Cheryl & Nick Sparacino

Cherryl Sparacino - March 27, 2024 at 10:45 AM

DS

“ We are deeply saddened by the news of Mikes passing. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to you and your family. Debbie and Frank Schmidt

Debbie Schmidt - March 27, 2024 at 10:03 AM

MB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, he will be greatly missed by many.

Mary Burczak - March 27, 2024 at 07:40 AM

AD

“ I went to high school with Mike and when we graduated from Lindblom, we both started at Navy Pier which was the University of Illinois Chicago campus. When we were registering for our second semester, Mike saw me standing in line to change major to Civil Engineering. Mike said "That sounds good." That is how we both became engineers. Miss you old friend.

Andy Davidson - March 26, 2024 at 11:57 AM

KM

Praying for you, Shirley and your whole family!! I know what a difficult time this will be for all of you. I will keep you in my prayers. ❤️🙏

Karen (Haworth) Muters - March 30, 2024 at 11:04 PM

GY

I am remembering Mike from our days at Lindblom. He was a really nice guy, kindof quiet and shy but well-liked.
Ginger Bialas Young

Ginger Bialas Young - March 31, 2024 at 05:18 PM

KE

Mike was a friend. Not just a say high guy but a buddy. Cigar walks , baseball , and deep talks. Loved his family. Was one of the best men I've ever known. Thank you Mike for being there so many times. Consider myself blessed to have had Mike and the Cozzo clan in my life. Mike you have VIP seats forever. Love ya man

Kevin Ellu - March 31, 2024 at 08:52 PM