



## Michael D. Paquette

July 6, 1965 - November 14, 2025

November 14, 2025 of Lancaster, NY.

Beloved husband of Kelly (nee Norris) Paquette; loving father of Zachary and Sarah Paquette; dearest son of Mary (nee Dubuque) and the late Roger Paquette; devoted brother of Joseph (Dianne) Paquette, Mary (Kevin) Bujnowski, Theresa (Karl) Eichhorn, Elizabeth (Timothy) Smart, Thomas Paquette, Patricia (Paul) LaFrance, and Susan (Mark) Strugnell; also survived by nieces and nephews. Mike grew up in Salem, New Hampshire and was a proud US Marine Corps Veteran. During the last years of his life, he battled with frontotemporal dementia. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Monday November 17th from 4-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday at 10AM in St Philip the Apostle RC Church, Cheektowaga. Please assemble at Church. Flowers gratefully declined. Please leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
(716) 668-3122  
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (est)

St. Philip the Apostle Church  
950 Losson Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

*Please Assemble at Church*

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mikes passing. Went to High School with Mike. He was a great kid, sorry we lost touch after school. My condolences to his wife, children and his entire family as you go thru the grieving process. Remember all the good times. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time  
Peter Routhier

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**Peter Routhier** - November 21, 2025 at 11:22 AM

SF

“ Love and healing to the beautiful Paquette family from all of the Strugnells xo

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**Strugnell family** - November 21, 2025 at 05:24 AM

MB

“ Mike, I remember when you were young. Always the athlete, the comedian, sometimes getting into trouble!! You played baseball, you always played all the neighborhood games. You & your partner in crime Jimmy against everyone!! I loved watching play little ball with dad as your coach. I also watched you in high school on the track team. You were such an amazing athlete.  
Being a part of our big family. I loved being your big sister. You could always bring a smile to my face, with your crazy 3 Stoogers phrases.  
Just a few things I remember. I love you and I will always love and miss you.  
Your big sister Mary. 💔

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**Mary Bujnowski** - November 18, 2025 at 09:11 AM

SS

“ Mikey, my big brother, I am so heartbroken that you're gone. I have so many wonderful, fun memories of growing up with you. I especially remember when we were younger any game we played with the neighborhood kids, you and Jimmy always insisted that it be you two versus everyone else. You are the reason I love Rush. I always think of you when I hear them, especially Red Barchetta! Rest in the sweetest peace!! I miss you and love you always!!

Sue Paquette Strugnell - November 16, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Michael D. Paquette.



November 16, 2025 at 12:24 PM

PL

“ Patricia L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael D. Paquette.

Patricia L. - November 16, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael D. Paquette.



November 16, 2025 at 12:21 PM

MJ

“ *Mary J. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael D. Paquette.*



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**Mary J.** - November 16, 2025 at 12:01 PM

DB

“ *I am so sad to learn of your brother's passing. Your family always exhibits a true sense of love and mutual respect. Wishing all solace at a time of peace and healing. May the lifetime of memories fill your hearts with the joy of a life well lived.*

*Your loving cousin  
Donald Buston*

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**Donald Buston** - November 16, 2025 at 01:42 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael D. Paquette.*



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November 15, 2025 at 09:44 PM

DS

“ *Denny, Mickey, Josh, Emily & Steve planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael D. Paquette.*

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**Denny, Mickey, Josh, Emily & Steve** - November 15, 2025 at 09:44 PM

TO

“ Kelly, Sarah, and Zachary,  
We're so sorry we aren't home to help comfort you at this time. Our hearts are broken. We are thinking of you and wish we were there.   
💖 Thinking of better days years ago when the men (and brave Mickey) all went White Water Rafting while in Colorado. What an experience Mike had when he flipped out of the boat and the guys had to rescue him. His eyes they said were like saucers! These are the fun memories (well, maybe not fun for Mike while it was happening!) we can all laugh about while reminiscing ... that time can't take away! Love you all! 💖 Uncle Tom and Aunt Marilyn💖

Tom and Marilyn O'Connell - November 15, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TO

Oops, I thought Mickey and Dennis were with all of us. Tom says no. My bad.

Tom and Marilyn O'Connell - November 15, 2025 at 08:03 PM

JP

“ Mike, we love you and miss you. Dianne and Joe, love and peace to Kelley and the kids.



Joseph Paquette - November 15, 2025 at 06:57 PM

PL

“ Mike, my big brother. I can't believe you are gone. My heart is broken. I know you are at peace now and probably up there blasting Rush. Hugs to Kelly, Zachary and Sarah. I love you guys.

Patricia Paquette LaFrance - November 15, 2025 at 06:28 PM