



Michael R. Tuberdyck

December 19, 1951 - September 16, 2025

Michael Tuberdyck passed away peacefully at home, on September 16, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born December 19, 1951. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond Sr. and Alfreda (nee Durmaj) and by his brother Richard. He is survived by his wife Marilyn (nee Geyer) Tuberdyck, his sister Rosanne Bahl (Dave Myslinski) and his brother Raymond Jr. (Linda) and by many nieces and nephews.

Michael graduated from ECC and RIT. He learned sports photography at ECC. Michael was the proud owner of Zowie Photo and New Visions Photography. He was President of the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of the Professional Photographers Association. He personally photographed over 900 weddings. His studios covered thousands of weddings, countless Bar and Bat mitzvahs, and family portraits. He taught photographic skills constantly to his employees. He photographed the Buffalo Jills for their calendars twice. He photographed many local rock concert (Cheap Trick, the Who, Peter Gabriel, Alice Cooper, David Bowie and more) and provided promotional photos for many local bands. He displayed and sold concert photos at the Allentown Art Festival for many years, winning prizes. He provided photographic services for WNY BloodCare (previously the Hemophilia Center of WNY) for all events. He was born with severe hemophilia, and was mostly cured after his liver transplant in 2018. He enjoyed traveling to St. John in the US Virgin Island in order to photograph fish, sea turtles, octopuses and squid. A season ticket holder for the Buffalo Bills since 1968, he attended many home and away

games, and attended the 1992 Superbowl in Minneapolis, where the snow was four feet deep. His favorite Chinese food was Sizzling Shrimp and Chicken War Bar from Happy Jack's Restaurant in Fort Erie, Ontario. The dish makes noise coming out of the kitchen. He enjoyed riding the Comet at Crystal Beach Park in Ontario when he was young.

He enjoyed fishing in Ontario on Big Rideau Lake, and he designed and installed the pirate-themed wrap on his boat, "The Scurvy Dog." He played golf and traveled extensively. He enjoyed the haunted houses at Halloween Horror Nights, Universal Studios, Orlando. He threw a legendary Halloween party called Zoloween for over a decade. People who met at that party got married. He loved his wife with his whole heart. He was kind to all and he became friends with everyone. Once a friend, always a friend.

No prior visitation. A funeral service will be held on Saturday October 18th at 11AM in the Alden Presbyterian Church, 13298 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Michael will be gratefully accepted at WNY BloodCare, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center (<https://give.roswellpark.org/site/Donation>), or Hospice Buffalo (<https://www.hospicebuffalo.com/give-get-involved/donate-now>). Arrangements by the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **18**. 11:00 AM (est)

Alden Presbyterian Church
13298 Broadway
Alden, NY 14004

Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Mikey was a great guy. He did our wedding in 1994. He also photographed my husband's Band The Bedrock Boys. I had wondered recently how Mickey was. I'm so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.
I'm sure he is with my husband who just passed Oct 14..
Sharon and the late Tom Goldyn*

Sharon Goldyn - October 22, 2025 at 09:22 PM

LC

“ *Love, judy Brown Cronin purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Michael R. Tuberdyck.*



Love, judy Brown Cronin - October 14, 2025 at 04:09 PM

WG

“ *Marilyn,
Mike will be missed by so many. He made so many memories for so many folks through his love for photography. He introduced me to some of the best music ever recorded back in the 60's and 70's. I thank him for that. Mike is a Rock Star in his own way now. I'm listening right now to Bowie on eight track tape.....thinking of all you guys. Thanks Mike.
Rest in Peace Cousin.
Bill Gordon*

W. Gordon - October 07, 2025 at 12:29 AM

CB

“ I have had the privilege to work with several great photographers in the past years judging the Charles E. Burchfield Nature and Art Center’s annual Photography Contest. For the last few years, Mike and Marilyn joined me in the effort. It has been wonderful judging with them. Mike was one of the finest photography judges I have ever known and has taught me a tremendous amount about photography contests and photography in general. He’s insight and thoughtful assistance made the experience one that I always looked forward to each year. I will miss you Mike!



Cliff Borchert - September 23, 2025 at 11:37 AM

RJ

“ Whether it was photography, the latest medical advances or golf, Mike was always so generous in sharing his knowledge with us. Rest in peace, dear friend.

rjs - September 21, 2025 at 12:31 PM

SK

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Marilyn and the entire family. Mike was one of the most kindest people I have ever met. He was patient, kind, and such a wonderful photographer! I enjoyed his pictures from trips and vacations that he and Marilyn took together. His smile was contagious, and I know he will be greatly missed.

Sandra Krok - September 21, 2025 at 11:49 AM

ES

“ *My condolences to Marilyn and the Tuberdyck family. Mike was one of the strongest persons I ever met. The way he lived and carried himself was an inspiration that I can only aspire to. He always greeted me with a smile, kind word and dozens of photos of his travels and exploits. He was grace in the face of adversity at times and I find myself trying to adopt his attitude in dealing with life's obstacles. Mike was the best-Go Mike RIP.*



Edward Sobala - September 21, 2025 at 11:35 AM

BH

“ *Dear Marilyn,
We were so deeply saddened to learn of the loss of this wonderful man. He was so kind, gentle and generous...always warm and patient, with a positive spirit that shone through his ever-present smile. His talent as a photographer captured the beauty around him, but it was his own light that touched so many lives. He will be remembered with love and gratitude by all who were fortunate enough to know him. Sending our love,
Barbara Hamilton and Jeffrey Freedman*

Barbara Hamilton - September 21, 2025 at 11:22 AM

PK

“ *I was saddened to read about Michael's passing in the paper this morning. I have many fond childhood memories with you all. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

Paul Kranz - September 21, 2025 at 10:08 AM

LP

“ Mike was another brother to me and Marilyn has always been a sister figure to me. I met both of them when I was 10 years old (55 years ago) when my oldest brother Jim brought them to Ohio for a visit. I thought they were the coolest people then and they remained the coolest people in my eyes all of these years. Mike lived life with his full heart and soul. He made you feel special. He truly cared about those he met. I will be among the many, many, many people who will dearly miss him. Godspeed my friend and my brother.

Lori Palguta - September 19, 2025 at 03:01 PM

LP

“ Mike took me on as an intern in 2006 with hardly any experience and I continued to work with him for 7 years. I learned heaps about photography but also how to be patient, kind and positive no matter what. Mike was one of the vibrant people I had ever met. He and Marilyn were great role models, living life so joyfully and authentically. I will treasure those silly Christmas cards even more now. Glad I kept them!

Laura Popielski - September 19, 2025 at 02:39 PM

ED

“ What a rich and full life Michael led, sharing his talents and time with so many and for so many worthwhile pursuits. May your recollection of the many precious moments you shared help to ease your sorrow. We send our heartfelt condolences.

Elli DeFilippo - September 19, 2025 at 11:51 AM

PC

“ Blessings for you Marilyn and your family as well from our family. Reflecting on all the beautiful emails and lovely cards we have shared over the years. May all the wonderful memories give you peace and comfort.

Patty Cronin - September 19, 2025 at 09:18 AM

RH

“ I remember Mike from College, always smiling, always making you smile. I am smiling now thinking him.

Robert W Hilliard - September 18, 2025 at 07:40 PM

MU

“ It would be hard to find a nicer person than Mike. Marilyn and I have been friends since high school, and I was thrilled that she found such a good life partner. I always enjoyed the talks that Mike and I would have when I visited. I will miss him. Rest in peace my friend.

Mary Ullrich - September 18, 2025 at 10:32 AM

PT

“ I have been good friends with Mike's wife, Marilyn, for many years, and one of my fonder memories is of the three of us sharing many fun times together during our college years, before Mike and Marilyn were married. The three of us would pile into the front seat of his car and travel to college events. I also had an interest in photography as well, and Mike helped to inspire my passion for the hobby. He was the most gentle, kindest, unselfish person I had ever met. I have often told Marilyn how lucky a girl she was to have met and married Mike. I will miss him.

Peggy Thompson - September 17, 2025 at 10:54 PM

DG

“ I grew up with Michael for a few of our younger years on Swinburne St. along with Mike’s long time friend Michael Ginter.
Over the years after Mike’s family moved to Sloan, NY we kept in touch on occasion and would talk about our love of the Beatles and Rock & Roll music in the 60’s and 70’s.
When Mike established Zowie Photo over the years I loved to visit from Ohio on occasion to see his work and admire the Gift God gave him and Marilyn in the photography world.
Both Mike and Marilyn came to Ohio and photographed my wedding and marriage to my wife Toni in 1981.....
I will have his photographic work and his friendship which grew closer in recent years with me always.

David James Gras - September 17, 2025 at 09:26 PM

KA

No matter where he was, Mike was always in his "happy place". Positive, laughing, lighting up the world and great at everything he did. Mike went through life doing all the things he loved and was able to have his soul mate with him. He is not gone, his spirit will forever be with you Marilyn, watching over you, sending you little heads up, so be aware. It can be as simple as a flower choosing to bloom at a different time, the TV or computer coming on for no reason, something that has been hanging in one place falling to the floor. Trust me, I know this and have had all the above happen many times over the years and much more. Bless you both, I love you.
Hey Mike, It's 5 o'clock somewhere!
Hugs, Kel
Kelly Craft - Abram

Kelly Craft Abram - September 23, 2025 at 04:15 PM

JB

Mike was one of my favorite cousin-in-laws. I will miss Mike's positive spirit..... no matter what life threw at him. What a truly shining example of how one should live life. He always erred on the side of kindness. I will miss him immensely.

John Batchelor - October 01, 2025 at 06:49 PM

JP

Reading the tributes on this page, my wife and I were reminded just how special Mike was. His grace, kindness and thoughtfulness, we will always remember.

J. Pappaceno - October 17, 2025 at 07:52 AM