



## Joseph A. Michels

February 7, 1954 - April 3, 2024

Joseph A. Michels, 70, of Aurora passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. He was born on February 7, 1954 in Aurora, IL.

Joe grew up on Lehnertz Ave. in Aurora. He had fond memories of his childhood on the Hill, his paper route, and his many friends. He graduated from Aurora Central Catholic High School in 1972.

In 1982, Joe married his wife Sue at St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church in Aurora where they were both longtime members.

Joe is survived by his wife Susan Kramer Michels of Aurora; two sons Matthew (Anna) Michels of Aurora and Andrew (Katie) Michels of Plano, IL; his daughter Katherine Michels of Aurora; two grandchildren Alice and William Michels of Aurora; two brothers Kenneth (Carol) Michels of Aurora and John (Terre) Michels of Sandwich, IL and his sister Cele (Frank) Reinert of Aurora; his brother-in-law Daniel (Carol) Kramer of Fort Myers, FL; sister-in-law Carolyn Michels of Aurora; his former sister-in-law Karen Michels; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mary (Petit) and Edward Michels; his brother Thomas Michels; two sisters Carol (Rich) Morse and Mary Michels (Brad) Abel; his mother-in-law Helen (Walter) Kramer; and his dear nephew Peter Michels.

In 1974 Joe began working for Done Rite Plumbing in La Grange, IL. He worked there for six years, finishing his apprenticeship and receiving his Illinois plumber's license. In 1980, Joe left Done Rite to start his own business, Michels Plumbing, in Aurora. He started small, working out of a rented basement. In 1984 Joe bought the old gas station on the corner of Gale and Woodlawn and converted it into the Michels Plumbing shop. Joe's passion was his work and he put all he had into serving others through Michels Plumbing.

Joe was always the person to offer a helping hand where he was needed. He enjoyed

playing with his grandchildren, Alice and Will, talking shop with his sons, and going to Paramount shows with his wife and daughter. Joe was a thoughtful man, soft spoken with a dry sense of humor, who didn't complain or speak ill of anyone.

A memorial mass will be held Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 10:30am at St. Rita of Cascia Church in Aurora; Fr. William Etheredge will officiate. Inurnment will be at a later date at St. Joseph Cemetery.

A memorial visitation will be held Friday, April 19, 2024 from 3:00pm until 8:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave condolences for Joe's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church, 750 Old Indian Trail, Aurora, IL 60506.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

APR **19**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

### Memorial Mass

APR **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Rita of Cascia Church  
750 Old Indian Trail  
Aurora, IL 60506  
1-630-892-5918

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph A. Michels



Daleiden Mortuary - April 17, 2024 at 11:38 AM

JG

“ Our sincere condolences to Sue and Family. I was truly saddened to hear of Joe's passing. I graduated with Joe from ACC and over the years he has helped us out on many plumbing issues. May he rest in peace! Jeff Gengler

Jeff Gengler - April 19, 2024 at 10:00 PM

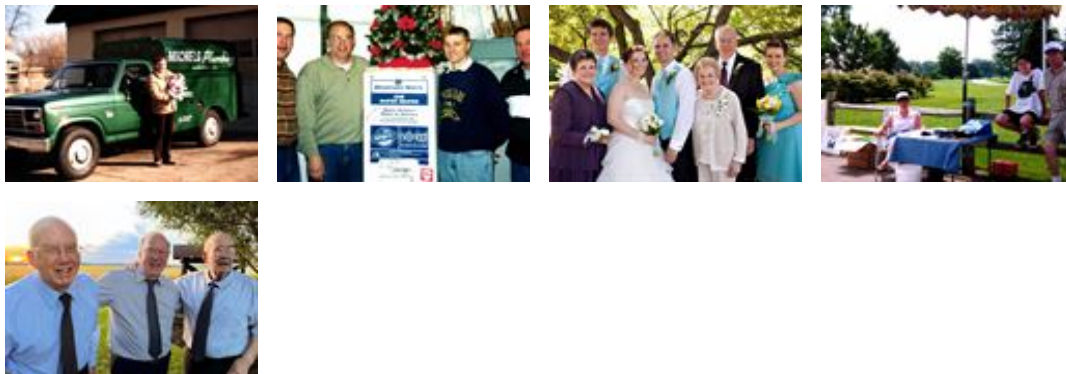
TD

“ What a kind hearted, soft spoken, gentleman! Our world needs more like Joe. My sympathy to Sue, Matt, Andy and Katie. May Joe rest in God's loving arms.

Teresa Droske - April 19, 2024 at 08:51 AM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Daleiden Mortuary - April 17, 2024 at 11:36 AM

DM

“ My deepest condolences to all of Joe's family. I didn't really know Joe outside of the work he performed for me over the years, but I always trusted him to do the right thing and he always did. He was a kind and thoughtful man who will be greatly missed.

*Don Mangers*

Don Mangers - April 14, 2024 at 11:17 AM

JG

*Every time I called Joe, and it was many, he either sent someone over or came over. Many times he would accompany one of the guys just to check things out. He lived on Lehnertz Ave and I lived on Edwards Ct the next street over growing up. We were several years apart but everyone knew the Michels name. I will miss not hearing your voice or seeing you Joe. Thanks for being a part of my life.*

*John Gilla*

John Gilla - April 16, 2024 at 11:10 PM

SU

“ My sincerest condolences to Joe's family. Best plumber in the area and appreciate the work he did for our family over the years. God bless him and keep him, and same to the family. xoxox Sue

Sue - April 13, 2024 at 12:06 AM

TF

“ Thomas Michels Family purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of Joseph A. Michels.



Thomas Michels Family - April 11, 2024 at 05:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Michels.



April 10, 2024 at 03:36 PM

YS

“ Your friends at Sourcebooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Michels.

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**Your friends at Sourcebooks** - April 10, 2024 at 03:36 PM

JM

“ Dear Sue, Katie, Matt, and Andy,  
I'm sorry to read of your loss. Joe was a fine man and good citizen; and a VERY good craftsman. He was most helpful to me over the years. Most importantly, Joe loved you all and will be missed.

You are in my family's prayers. I know he is celebrating and sharing in God's glory.

John McEnroe

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**John McEnroe** - April 09, 2024 at 11:51 AM

FD

“ My sincere condolences to all the Michels family. May God comfort you and May Joe Rest In Peace.

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**Fred DuSell** - April 05, 2024 at 10:22 AM