



Paul Michels

April 21, 1960 - May 16, 2020

Paul Joseph Michels of Aurora, Illinois, passed away suddenly on May 16, 2020. He was born in Aurora on April 21, 1960, to Bernard J Michels, Jr., and Lois (Goodendorf) Michels. He attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from Aurora Central Catholic HS. He started working at thirteen cleaning the corner laundromat to save for scuba diving lessons. As a young man, he worked at a meat packing company, on a barge on the Illinois River and in a Door County dive shop. He dived in the Great Lakes and in Cancun; he skied in Colorado and Wyoming; he loved all dogs and owned four. His life's work was in construction, engineering and water treatment working in local municipalities and, later, in Houston and Tampa. Paul could find an adventure, a good story and a laugh in just about any situation and he will be remembered as one of the most likable guys around.

Paul is survived by his sisters and brothers: Therese Michels, Bernard Michels, Martha Smith, Maureen (Earl) Hardekopf, Janice (Mark) Rudolph, Terry (Julia) Michels, and Ann (Joe) Pressel; his nieces and nephews: Lisa, Adam, Jeff and Doug Hardekopf; Matt, Gail (Rodgers) and Kevin Smith; Eric and Bryan Rudolph; Andrew and Isaac Michels; his aunt, Anna Marie Avram, and his uncle, James K. Michels; his best friend, Jeff Michels, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, his dear friend, Barbara Marhoefer, and all four of his beloved dogs: Cinnamon, Brandy, Winston and Muffin.

Due to current restrictions, a private family funeral Mass will be held Saturday,

May 23, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at St. Joseph Cemetery.

A celebration of life event will take place at a later date. Memorials in Paul's name may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. (630) 631-5500

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Paul's family.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Tribute Wall

JS

“ To all of Michels' family, we send our love and sympathy to you on the loss of Paul. I grew up with all of you and have many great memories of your family over the years. Having lost a sibling myself, I can sympathize in some small way how difficult it is to do so. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jan and Rick Saillard - May 27, 2020 at 10:00 PM

KF

“ I was so sad to see Paul's obituary. Even as a young student, he seemed a gentle soul. I am glad I had an opportunity to see him again last year. We know he is at peace, but it is still so sad for all of you, his family. I am thinking of you, and praying for your peace of mind.

Sincerely,
Kris Fox-Kellogg

Kristine Marie Fox-Kellogg - May 25, 2020 at 01:53 PM

LJ

“ My heart goes out to you . . . Paul was a great guy!

lisa jungels - May 25, 2020 at 10:12 AM

DN

“ To all of Paul's Family,
I was so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He was a great guy who truly will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Warmly,
Debi Michels Nolte

Deborah Nolte - May 22, 2020 at 10:20 PM

MA

Thanks so much , Debi!

Maureen - June 03, 2020 at 08:04 AM

SF

“ *Sherry Fredericksen lit a candle in memory of Paul Michels*



Sherry Fredericksen - May 22, 2020 at 08:22 PM

SF

I went through all 12 years of school with Paul. He was always a good friend & someone who was easy to talk to. He always stuck up for the little guy. He lived a very full life, according to his obituary, but was taken much too soon. I send my deepest sympathies to all of his family & close friends. Godspeed Paul!!

Sherry Fredericksen - May 22, 2020 at 08:25 PM

MA

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies on the untimely passing of your beloved brother, Paul. I smiled as I read his obituary because it caught his essence well and brought back many fond memories. He was quite a character and will be missed. May he rest in peace.*
Sincerely,
Mike Avram

Mike Avram - May 22, 2020 at 06:57 PM

MA

Thanks Mike!

Maureen - May 22, 2020 at 08:58 PM

AA

“ Paul I loved. You and cared so much for you. Hello love your flowers visits and stories
Rest In Peace God bless you

Anna Marie Avram - May 22, 2020 at 05:02 PM

MA

Thanks Aunt Sis, we know he loved visiting with you and Uncle Nello, too!

Maureen - May 22, 2020 at 09:00 PM

LT

“ Dear cousins, I had a wonderful opportunity last month to spend a couple mornings with Paul having coffee at the cabin. I never knew him as a youngster or adult until just this year. We had some lively conversation for which I am very grateful! He lived a full life in a short time! I am very sorry for your loss.
Linda

Linda (Michels) Taylor - May 22, 2020 at 09:48 AM

MA

Thanks Linda, that's so nice to hear about your recent visits with Paul!
Maureen

Maureen - May 22, 2020 at 11:53 AM

C(

I am so shocked and saddened to hear of Paul's passing. We kept in touch and shared Colorado skiing stories that I will cherish. Gone way too soon...I am so sorry for your loss and send my sincere condolences to each of his brothers and sisters. May his memory be eternal...

Carol Zaha (Michels) - May 26, 2020 at 12:21 PM

JM

“ *Therese, BJ, Martha, Maureen, Janice, Terry & Ann,*

My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you during this difficult time. I have so many great memories of Paul and our time growing up together, going to school together (kindergarten through high school) and all the years that followed. There isn't enough space available to list all the fun times our families had and the memories we created growing up across the street from each other on Pine Avenue.

Paul and I could talk for hours on end, or just sit there in silence, drinking a beer, enjoying each other's company. He was quite the "story teller" and I so enjoyed listening. I will cherish the times we spent hanging out together over the years and miss the times we've now been denied because he was taken from us way to soon.

To my "great friend" and cousin, Paul Joseph, you will truly be missed. I "love you" man. Rest in peace.

Cousin Jeff

Jeff Michels - May 21, 2020 at 10:53 PM

MA

Thanks for being such a good friend, Jeff!
Maureen

Maureen - May 22, 2020 at 11:54 AM

JH

“ *So many great memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Janet Hollon - May 21, 2020 at 06:24 PM



Thanks, Janet!

Maureen - May 22, 2020 at 09:00 PM