



Michael Edward Melitski, III

June 7, 1960 - October 27, 2024

St. Augustine—Michael E. Melitski, III passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 27, 2024. Born on June 7, 1960, in Somerville, NJ, he was the son of the late Michael and Theresa Melitski.

Mike attended BRHS West and dedicated over 30 years to his craft as an auto body mechanic before retiring to Florida. He later worked as a driver for Flowers by Shirley, where his friendly demeanor and love for people shone through.

A passionate Philadelphia Eagles fan, while he wasn't watching football, Mike filled his days with relaxing on the beach, swimming, riding his scooter, and sharing jokes that brought smiles to those around him. He lived life to the fullest, embracing every moment with joy.

He is predeceased by his brothers, Tommy and John (Chuck) Turchi. Mike is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Ellen O'Keefe Melitski; three sisters, Barbara Emmerich and her husband Bill, Joan Hutzler and her husband Greg, and Michele Melitski; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his cherished cats, Phatty and Grey Grey, who brought him much joy.

Mike will be deeply missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, the family

requests donations be made to the St. Augustine Humane Society or a shelter of your choice. Services will be private.

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to his tribute page at: www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ We can all fully agree Mike was a great guy!! I met Mike and Ellen at a pivotal point in my life, I truly knew Mike was a friend, a good person who cared about people. He was kind and funny and loved to bust chops as us Jersey people say! When he worked as a parts delivery guy, his route went by my office building, everyday I'd get a funny text from Mike to that made me laugh. He will be missed by so many whose lives he touched with good nature, laughter and whatever nickname he bestowed upon you, Bradley.

Sue Stucy - November 23, 2024 at 01:08 PM



“ Samantha Chalk lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Melitski, III



Samantha Chalk - November 05, 2024 at 12:08 PM

SS

“ We didn’t know Mike very long but for the time we did know him he had a huge impact. Mike was hilarious and had many jokes right off the rip. He would always have a smile on his face. He was very caring and loved animals. He loved watching all of our 11 cats pounce and play, especially the orange one. He would even bring them all treats! He was always thinking of ways to help whether it was by offering us a place to go if we needed to evacuate for the hurricane, or giving me advice about body work on my car, or talking to Steven about various projects. Our conversations were always full of laughs and new knowledge. We learned a lot from our new friend and it’s sad that we won’t be seeing him on his lunch break... or at the most random times! lol he was always passing through our alley to say “just wanted to see what you kids were up to” in his thick Jersey accent. We will miss you and your jokes Mike! Ellen aka Mikes “Bride” as he would refer to you as, we are saddened for your loss and ask that you please don’t hesitate to reach out to us if you need ANYTHING at all! All of our love to Mikes family and friends,
Sam and Steven

Sam and Steven - November 05, 2024 at 08:34 AM

“ Things you may or may not have known about Mike.

1. Racing ... Mike loved all kinds of racing. Within the last 12 months he and I went twice both times had to wear goggles , had to sit on the turn where clay and dirt mixed balls would hit you on every turn.

2. Drive Fast. He was a good driver but if it were a Lamborghini or a Ford Pinto he will take it to the limit.

3. Perfectionist.... If he started repairing something he insisted on it being perfect.

4. Playing Cards... he could and would play cards anywhere and every where. He told me a friend of his would play high card draw while he drove. I drew the line there but Mike loved cards.

5. Gray Goose Vodka. Not much into Beer . So when you went out with him and said you would buy the first round. A Budweiser and a shot always cost over \$20.

6. Yes the Philadelphia Eagles . Not just love but part of him. As kids the Eagles sucked. My heart is happy with Mike being able to see them win a Championship.

7. Cool NFL uniforms or Helmets for example he liked the Bengals in their white and Blake helmets and in white pants. Don't you know that Sunday the Eagles played the Bengals. And the Eagles won. Just the way Mike would have liked it.

8. I can tell this know. Mike could remove any stripped screw or bolt . He used a valve compound. I always had him take care of stuff I screwed up. He never failed. Oh the valve compound was used when people rebuilt cylinder heads. I just didn't want Mikes trick to die with him as long as it lives he does.

9 I know nothing about body work but he told me when he learned with a yard stick he became a good body man. Now I think he ran it along the metal and made sure to use the least amount of bondo.

You body guys can rip what I typed apart but I know it was something to that effect.

10. He was a good speller.

11. He enjoyed old stories

12 he liked to break balls and laugh

13. He was good at ping pong. I must have played him 100 times

and never ever won . Never even when I was close I still felt like he would win. And he would.

These are things you may or may not have known

14. When we would go to the beach he could stay in the water for hours.

15. Oh he loves to use his 4 wheel drive on the beach

16. He liked to buy the \$20 Lottery scratcher . The gold card I forget the name but Mike told me that the big winners are still out there. I have been with him when he would buy one and win \$100 . He then would buy 5 more with the winning money. There have been times where we were stuck in front of a Circle K for hours. Mike loved to gamble.

17 Mike would come over my place in the morning and knock on my bedroom window. One night we got in at 2 am so knowing Mike I put a note on my window to leave me sleep until noon. Mike got mad at my note.

18. Mike got frustrated with me a lot . I won't say mad

19. Mike and I rode our Scooters all over St Augustine

20. Many places I went was with Mike only and vice a versa. People asked me where's your buddy when they saw me alone. Today I would rather not answer them.

21. Mike was smart.

22. In high school he and I started hanging out and I had another brother. I knew his family and he knew mine

23. God saw fit that we spent the last 3 years of his life together .

24. When I first went to St Augustine he and Ellen put me up at their home.

25 Mike loved his family. Very much. He also missed the loved ones in his family that passed before him. Mike still has his dads work shirt from the early 1970's

26. Mike lost so much weight that maybe 4 months ago he put on his Dads work shirt and it fit

27. Mike had no fear. He has a crawl space under his house and I said no way am I going down there. So he did!

28. He liked things neat and tidy

29 He depended on Ellen so much. And he knew he had the best wife anyone could ask for. He told me so

Ok I will stop I can go all night. I am going to miss so many things. Some just to stupid to mention. For example every new apartment and it was 3 in 3 years I always set it up so I had a place for Mike to sit when he came over. Stuff just I will miss. I miss him leaving me messages that I never answer my phone . So many things my eyes are wet just typing this. In closing my life was better with Mike Melitski being a part of it. I loved him as a brother for most of my life. I will miss him and nothing will change that. My heart tells me he is doing fine . Yes I mean that . Mike is doing ok, Mike always does ok. RIP my brother.

Kevin Begane - November 03, 2024 at 09:52 PM

DE

“ Our sympathy Ellen....even though we never met Mike I had talked with you several times at the pool. Much sympathy and care is sent your way. May God give you strength during this most difficult time. Fondly, Debbie & Terry Wahl

Debbie - November 01, 2024 at 09:51 PM

BE

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Mike. I have heard wonderful things about him. Carl and I are so sorry for your loss. The Marx family

Beth - November 01, 2024 at 05:47 PM

CB

“ Our community has certainly lost a very wonderful man. He was there to help me and my husband with some car repairs and did a fabulous job. He was kind, funny and just a great guy overall, my condolences to you, Ellen and your family for Mike will truly be missed.

Crystal Bellville - November 01, 2024 at 12:48 PM

RO

Michael was an awesome brother-in-law. He was in our family for a long time and will be sadly missed by all that knew him all of us O'Keefe's may he rest in peace!

Regina O'Keefe-Levash - November 02, 2024 at 02:18 PM

RS

Oh my god , I can't believe this! This is very very sad news! I've known Mike our whole lives and been friends through out! Was recently in St. Augustine in May to see my niece graduate from Flagler College and Mike and I were able to hookup and have a few beers together. We spent a few hrs reminiscing, it was a really good night and was really great to see him!!! So sad to hear of his passing!! My sincerest condolences Ellen and the rest of the family!! Im very sad 😞😞

Rick Sira - November 02, 2024 at 06:16 PM

GP

“ Mike will be missed by all who knew him. I was fortunate to hang out with this man and enjoyed every minute with him. The Lord will have a good man to hang out with now—prayers, especially to Ellen and his family. God Bless you all!

Glen Parizo - November 01, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CO

“ I worked with Mike at Flowers By Shirley. He was always in a good mood, happy & always willing to help out. We will miss him at the shop.

Connie- Giannotta-Mulligan

CONNIE-GIANNOTTA-MULLIGAN - November 01, 2024 at 11:16 AM

CB

“ Having attended high school with Mike....my memories of him are a happy-go-lucky and an all-around nice guy! My condolences to all his loved ones!

Coleen Brown - November 01, 2024 at 11:14 AM