



Michael Bruce Despins

February 8, 1951 - May 18, 2015

Michael B. Despins

RACINE-Michael Bruce Despins, 64, passed away after a brief illness, with his family by his side, on May 18, 2015 at Wheaton Franciscan Health Care-All Saints. He was born in Racine on February 8, 1951 the son of Arthur and Elsie (Kaplan) Despins. Mike was a graduate of St. Catherine's High School "Class of 1969". He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Donna Mentch at Holy Name Catholic Church on June 9, 1994. Mike was employed as a tool and die maker for many years. He found great enjoyment in coin collecting and golf and was involved in the Big Brother Program, mentoring, Keith. Mike was a hometown sports enthusiast; especially the Wisconsin Badgers, as well as an avid Green Bay Packer and Milwaukee Brewer fan. Mike is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Donna, mother, Elsie Despins, at the ripe old age of 98, sisters, Sandra (Ryan) Smith of Naples, FL, and Green Bay, WI, Patricia (Bruce) Schmidt of Oak Creek and Gail (Richard) Spang of Franksville. He is further survived by a brother, Arthur T. Despins of Kewaunee, aunt, Rosie Kaplan of Racine, sisters-in-law, Denise (Russ) Zielinski of Racine, David (George) Mentch of Wabasha, Minn., Daniel R. Mentch of Racine, Dennis (Kim) Mentch of Hartford, WI, Diane Penzkowski of Racine and Debbie (Scott) Casperson of Racine. Mike is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur and brother-in-law, Leon Penzkowski.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at Infusino's

Banquet Hall, 3225 Rapids Drive, from 11:30 am until 3:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Mike in a special way may direct memorials to his wife, Donna.

Donna would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all her family and friends for giving her endless strength and support at this time of need.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Mike Despins. We are Carrie & Dan Renteria . Mike was our landlord on Carlisle Ave . He rented to us in very good faith at that time. We had not built up our credit , nor did we have the best credit . Despite all that we had our first child on the way, we told Mike that I was starting a new waitress job . My husband was finally getting hired on thru the company he was working for , versus a temp. Agency. .Long story short, he gave us the break we needed. He was also renting to a nun behind us named Sister Susan. We also met another man who lived in the back who had fallen on hard times. Mike also cut him a break. Sister Susan knew we were new parents & she would invite us to dinner from time to time. We were all struggling to make ends meet , but thru Mike's generosity we all made it thru, & rose above. Eventually we ended up purchasing our first home across the street. 1224 Carlisle Ave.! Thank u Mike for having good faith in people. We will never forget u ! R.I.P
DAN ,CARRIE, Justin,& eventually Daniel jr. God Bless !

Carrie & Dan Renteria - May 31, 2015 at 11:36 PM

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“ Carol Cheaney lit a candle in memory of Michael Bruce Despins



carol cheaney - May 31, 2015 at 02:13 PM

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“ *Donna LEPIANKA lit a candle in memory of Michael Bruce Despins*



Donna LEPIANKA - May 26, 2015 at 11:00 AM