



## Michael John Duncan

June 30, 1952 - January 19, 2023

Michael “Mike” John Duncan, age 70, husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully at his home in Peoria on January 19, 2023.

Mike was born in Peoria on June 30, 1952 to Mildred (Slonneger) and Ronald Duncan. Mike graduated from Peoria Central High School where he played football and met his wife of 47 years, Robbie (Geddes). Together they had two wonderful children, Andy and Jolie. Mike worked at Caterpillar for 37 years and retired in 2012 as an engineering team leader. He loved his work. In his retirement, he enjoyed spending a month each winter with Robbie in South Carolina and adored his three grandchildren, Vivi (6), Luca (3) and Nash (2).

Outside of spending time with family, Mike was an avid lover of politics and was always up for a friendly debate. He was a loyal fan of the Chicago Cubs since childhood and was always ready to root for the underdog. On the weekends, you would often find him watching the Fighting Illini, Chicago Bears or his beloved Cubbies. Mike was also a devoted community member and a mentor to others, active as an usher and trustee at the First English Lutheran Church as well as a board member of the Cress Creek Homeowners Association.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Duncan Anderson; and nephew, Chris Anderson.

He is survived by his wife Robbie; his son, Andy (Lacey Korth) of Elmwood; daughter, Jolie (Jose Macias) of Schaumburg; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Sadie.

Mike's family has arranged a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 28, 2023 at First English Lutheran Church in Peoria. Pastor Ryan H. Anderson will officiate. His memorial visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. also on Saturday at his church.

Cremation has been entrusted to Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Services in Peoria.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mike's memory to First English Lutheran Church at <https://www.felcpeoria.org/>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First English Lutheran Church  
725 E Forrest Hill Ave,  
Peoria, IL 61603

## Memorial Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

First English Lutheran  
Peoria, IL

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Hey brother, I know it's very late but wanted to let your family know how you were the very best friend I've ever had. Can't believe the tears I've shed just thinking about you and our past. At SIU, our weddings, talking politics and Cubs, poker parties, corkball, softball, vacations together, carousing, always having fun. Never been closer to one of my buddies. His passing left a big hole in my heart and I wish so much that I had done a better job of keeping in touch. See you on the other side, MJD.

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**Jerome Rosenberg** - April 13, 2024 at 12:38 PM

KC

“ So very sorry for you and your family, Robbie. I just today learned about Mike's passing. His chuckle always made me smile. Please know you are in my thoughts.

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**Kris Coker-Achlink** - February 06, 2023 at 12:45 PM

JM

“ Robbie-I am so very sorry to hear about Mike passing. I just heard today or I would of certainly been at the service. My heart is broken for you. I know Dan was waiting there for him and ready to talk politics! I can just hear them now... Hugs to you.

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**Jacqueline Monckton** - February 03, 2023 at 02:17 PM

WS

“ Mike and I were good friends growing up 4 houses from each other on California Avenue and in the same class at Von Steuben. We had a great childhood, with many other kids in the neighborhood. I'm very sorry he died at such a young age.

*Bill Shay*

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**William M Shay** - January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael John Duncan.



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January 25, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Michael John Duncan.



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January 24, 2023 at 02:11 PM

RO

“ I first met Mike when we both went out for freshman football at PHS. I did not enjoy scrimmaging against Mike, I could not catch him, he was just too fast. I did enjoy, however, visiting Mike at his house on Arcadia street where I met his mom. She was a wonderful lady and I could tell Mike loved her very much. We all kept in touch over the years and would meet often at Whiteys to have a drink and talk about the good old days. Mike would always lead the conversation with some great memories. This would remind all of us how lucky we were to have such good friends for over 50 years. RIP, good buddy, we are all gonna miss you but I promise we will all get together down the road at the Better Place and talk about the good times.

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**Ron** - January 24, 2023 at 10:21 AM

MB

“ I attribute much of my life success to the quality of the friends I was fortunate to have while growing up in Peoria at Von Steuben grade school and Peoria High School. Mike Duncan was one a good friend. When God made Mike, he broke the mold. Mike was one of a kind.

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**Mike Becker** - January 24, 2023 at 09:40 AM

SC

“ Mike and I grew together going to grade school and high school with so many wonderful memories! One of my favorites was working out at Mike's gym which was in his basement. Any of us luck enough to be allowed to work out with Mike became better for it! Will miss you old friend.

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**Scott** - January 22, 2023 at 11:34 AM

SS

“ I really enjoyed working with Mike for several years at TTT. He was always pleasant and helpful. So knowledgeable about all the Cat engineering systems, drawing standards, etc.! All of the many young design engineers benefitted from his expertise. Rest in Peace Mike.

Steve Swanson

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**Steve C Swanson** - January 22, 2023 at 07:40 AM

CO

“ Mr. Duncan. I don't know where I would be without you. You spurred my passion for debate and served as a central pillar of my life. Thank you for contributing and pouring love into me. Thank you for opening your home for me. There is no doubt you are where the good people go. I love you and will miss seeing you on the next trip home. Cordie

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**Cordie** - January 21, 2023 at 04:33 PM