



James Michael "Mikey" Carlile

July 26, 1960 - April 5, 2026

James Michael "Mikey" Carlile, 65, of Springfield, Illinois, formerly of Tallula, Illinois, passed away at his home on Sunday, April 5, 2026. He was born on July 26, 1960, to James and Alice (nèe Sanders) Carlile in Springfield.

Mikey was a member of the Truth Tabernacle UPC in Petersburg. He loved riding his bike and listening to all kinds of music, especially gospel and Johnny Cash. He also enjoyed tinkering and fixing things such as lawnmowers.

Mikey is survived by his sisters, Melinda (Charles) Lane and Lori (Jim Nimmo) Kemp; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation will be held on Friday, April 10, 2026, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois. A graveside service will immediately follow at Rock Creek Cemetery near Tallula, Illinois, with Pastor J.D. McWhorter officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mikey's family to help with final expenses.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois, is assisting Mikey's family with funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rock Creek Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Graveside Service

APR 10. 12:30 PM (CT)

Rock Creek Cemetery

Tribute Wall

DG

“ He was my buddy he will truly be missed

Dixie Goeringer - April 10 at 09:45 PM

KB

“ I will forever remember growing up in Tallula and always loving Mike. And having him over to the house when I took care of Jim. He will be greatly missed and I am blessed to have spent some time with him these last several months. Thanks chuck and Melinda. Prayers sent to the family. Love yall. He is up in heaven with my sister 💕

Krista boeker - April 08 at 02:03 AM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of James Carlile



Larry and Mary Hundt - April 07 at 01:41 PM

RB

“ Mikey was "always there". I was born in 1958 and lived in Tallula until I moved to Springfield in 1977. He hung out in my grandpa's blacksmith shop, you'd see him at the walk-up ice cream counter, tirelessly, he rode his bicycle, he'd keep up with me as I rode my horses. He never failed to greet me, actually everyone, with a big smile. He'd make his way from the grocery store to the restaurant, to the post office, up and down every street .. probably more than once a day :-). There was one period of time where I hadn't seen him for several years. I had come out for the veteran memorial dedication there on east main street. He came up and said "Hi, Ruth!" I said "Mikey, you still remember me?!" With that awesome smile he said "Yes!" I truly believe God had placed an angel on foot amongst us there in small town Tallula, IL. I'm sure he has heard: Matthew 25:23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Good bye .. for now, Mikey. You were loved by all who knew you!

Ruth Bast - April 07 at 07:19 AM

DW

This touched my soul...Mickey is my cousin ❤️ HE is an amazing soul, he has taught me so much about forgiveness & he is a blessing for many..he never knew a stranger..not ever..I'll always remember my childhood years growing up with him has been an honor...I love you, save me a spot, tell everyone I miss them...forever on my mind, forever in my heart ❤️...your cousin "Dean"...Darlene ❤️

DARLENE WISE - April 10 at 09:00 PM

GC

“ George and Mendy Cave purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Michael "Mikey" Carlile.



George and Mendy Cave - April 06 at 10:06 PM

ME

“ MEMORIES lit a candle in memory of James Carlile



MEMORIES - April 06 at 08:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael "Mikey" Carlile.



April 06 at 07:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Michael "Mikey" Carlile.

April 06 at 07:13 PM

KA

“ I have lots of memories of great conversations with Mikey across many years. He greeted everyone with a smile, usually on his bike, and was beloved by many. Rest in peace sweet friend.

Kelly Austin - April 06 at 06:09 PM

BP

“ *Mikey will be missed by all who knew him. Fly high buddy free from all your pain. He always had a smile for anyone and knew no strangers. But was very well informed on everything happening around town. He had more friends than anyone around and everyone always looked out for him.*



Brenda Payne - April 06 at 05:45 PM