



Michael "Mike" W. Dixon

November 12, 1962 - October 23, 2024

Michael "Mike" Wayne Dixon, 61, of Springfield, Illinois, passed away October 23, 2024, peacefully with his family at his side.

Mike was born November 12, 1962, to Donald and Viola (nee Lascelles) Dixon in Havana, Illinois. He married the love of his life, Julie Marie Haubensak on August 9, 1986, in Bluff City, Illinois. Together they built their home where they lived together for 29 years, raised two beautiful children and held many family functions. Mike started his career building houses and continued to be the neighborhood handyman throughout his life. He then spent time working at Transdyne and finished his career as a Public Service Administrator for the Department of Revenue. Mike is a Havana High School Class of 1980 graduate, and a 1984 graduate of Western Illinois University. He remained great friends with many of his classmates and cherished all of his memories from high school and college. He was a long-time member of The Blue Ridge Club where he played softball for many years and made many lifelong friends. He enjoyed supporting both of his children in sports and became a Southeast High School Boosters member. Despite their constant losing streaks, he was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan, and a Fighting Illini supporter. You could find him on the golf course any day of the week, and you could likely find his ball by the tree on hole 3 at The Oaks. Some other hobbies included piloting and photography, but his all-time favorite hobby and title was being 'Grampy' to his two grandsons.

Mike is survived by his wife, Julie Dixon; his children Alex Michael Dixon and Abbie Marie (Michael) Cagle; his grandchildren Karson Jon Cagle and Camden Michael Cagle; his siblings Ron "Bubber" (Kathy) Lascelles and Lisa "Sis" Dixon; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents Donald and Viola Dixon, and an infant brother, Mark Dixon.

A Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home, 122 W. Douglas, Petersburg, Illinois 62675. A Celebration of Life will be held the following Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Club, 411 E. Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mike's name to the Animal Protective League, www.apl-shelter.org/memorials or to the Donor's choice.

Cremation Rites have been accorded by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Blue Ridge Club
411 E. Lake Shore Drive
Springfield, IL 62712

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon



Hurley Funeral Home - November 01, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ Terry and Valarie purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



Terry and Valarie - November 02, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ Terry and Valarie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.

Terry and Valarie - November 02, 2024 at 09:06 AM

CB

“ Julie, we're so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My first memory of Mike was watching him run down his home's outside staircase every single day to get to school at Rockwell. He was always excited and happy when he showed up; recess there was the most fun for all of us. But the kings and queens of that school were those who made home runs in kickball by hitting the K/1st grade building. Lol. Mark and Carol Buchanan

Carol Graham Buchanan - November 02, 2024 at 07:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



November 01, 2024 at 05:16 PM

TS

“ The Unitary Section purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



The Unitary Section - October 30, 2024 at 09:01 PM

BS

“ There was such a gap between living in Havana, Illinois, across the street from Uncle Don and Aunt Viola--and Lisa, Mike and Bubber--in the 60s and early 70s and reconnecting in late November 2023. Thankfully, though, Lisa arranged a Zoom call with her and Mike so we could catch up. There was the gentle soul I remember, with Uncle Don's quiet demeanor and our Grandpa Dixon/s smirk. Mike definitely had a bit of spice, though, at least in his younger years when he and my sister Anne would play. At some point he'd tease her to distraction; she'd come slamming into the house vowing never to play with him again, then two minutes later they would be back together getting up to mischief. Gone too soon, my dear Mike. Prayers for you and your lovely family.

Barbara Lindburg Schor - October 30, 2024 at 01:27 PM

SV

“ Steve De Vore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.

Steve De Vore - October 29, 2024 at 11:11 PM

SV

“ Steve De Vore purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



Steve De Vore - October 29, 2024 at 11:11 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



October 29, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ Julie and family, I'm so sorry to learn of Mike's passing. I met Mike at SRC and then continued our education at WIU where he lived above me at Westbrook Village Apartments. I remember all of the good times we had playing cards and indulging in a few adult beverages. Oh, what fun we had! Fly high my friend, you will be missed. Jerry Dare, Canton, IL

Jerry Dare - October 29, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ From Elinor Shin & family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



From Elinor Shin & family - October 29, 2024 at 12:25 AM



“ Jason and Madalyn Edwards purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



Jason and Madalyn Edwards - October 28, 2024 at 09:35 PM

CS

“Dylan & I met Mike when we both started working for IDOR back in 2014. Mike was such a kind person who always made everyone feel welcome in his presence. Even years after Dylan & I transferred out of the division, we could always count seeing Mike enjoying a walk with fellow coworker Dave LeConte around the building, where he'd always take the time to smile and wave “hello” in passing. It hurts my heart knowing we won't be able to see that smiling face around the building anymore, I can't imagine the pain your family is experiencing at this time. I'm so sorry for your loss. Every comment I've seen from those who were fortunate to have met Mike, no matter how long or short of a time, makes it abundantly clear just how amazing of a husband, dad, brother, son, uncle, grandpa, neighbor, coworker, acquaintance, and overall human being that he was & forever will be. Thinking of you all. ❤️



Sincerely,

Cassie & Dylan Blauvelt

Cassie Schrader - October 28, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ I did not know Mike well, but I worked in Data Entry at IDOR for a while and that is right next to the division he worked in. Any interaction I ever had with him was pleasant. I know he was very respected here. Very recently I had been attending physical therapy, where I found out that my therapist was his daughter. She was a very strong individual and I never would have known she (or he) was going through this battle with lymphoma. My thoughts and well wishes go out to Mike's entire family. Abbie shared many fond moments and I could tell right away that they were all a very close knit family. Again... deepest condolences. Keep your heads high and remember that he would 100% want you to all live your lives and be happy. Stay strong, Abbie and family! - Jess



Jessica Ohare - October 28, 2024 at 04:11 PM

AS

“ I have so many fond memories. Mike was the closest thing I had to a brother. We lived across the street from each other... celebrated birthdays and playing hot wheels, and air hockey and pinball and just hanging out and watching racing and baseball and boxing with Uncle Don too. I miss those days. They were good. I had a wonderful childhood and he was a huge part of it.

Anne M Stehr - October 28, 2024 at 08:36 AM

AF

“ Anne Stehr & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.

Anne Stehr & Family - October 28, 2024 at 08:29 AM

AF

“ Anne Stehr & Family purchased the Healing Thoughts Gift Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



Anne Stehr & Family - October 28, 2024 at 08:29 AM

AS

“ Anne Stehr lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon



Anne Stehr - October 28, 2024 at 08:18 AM

JC

“ Jan caldwell purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



Jan caldwell - October 27, 2024 at 05:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



October 27, 2024 at 01:57 PM



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

October 27, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



October 27, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



October 27, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ So gonna miss our daily Cardinals, Illini, Bears, and golf talks. Every morning we would chat for too long probably and air our frustrations more than cheers. So glad I got to play in the Revenue scramble with Mike last year. We got 2nd place!! Now he can play golf every day in heaven and shoot as low as he wants. Till we meet again my friend.

David Beard - October 26, 2024 at 08:35 PM

JC

“ John C. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.



John C. - October 26, 2024 at 06:38 PM

JC

“ John C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon.

John C. - October 26, 2024 at 06:38 PM

PS

“ Patti Specketer lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon



Patti Specketer - October 26, 2024 at 12:39 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - October 26, 2024 at 10:40 AM

NE

“ Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon



Nancy Elliott - October 26, 2024 at 09:02 AM

RQ

“ RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon



RON AND BARB QUINONES - October 25, 2024 at 10:00 PM

LT

“ My dear friend, Julie I am so very sorry for your family's loss! We all were so close growing up! Love you my dear friend! I hope for peace and comfort during the days ahead. Know that he is always with you. Love and prayers, Lisa Ulrich Thompson



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - October 25, 2024 at 04:20 PM

VL

“ My favorite picture of Mike. “The stand-off “. ❤️



Valarie LeSeure - October 25, 2024 at 04:10 PM

VL

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Valarie LeSeure - October 25, 2024 at 04:03 PM

KN

“ *Kimberly Noble-Branscum lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon*



Kimberly Noble-Branscum - October 25, 2024 at 03:53 PM

SP

“ *Julie and family*
All of us at Famous Salon wish to extend our deepest sympathy to all of you. Our thoughts prayers and hugs are being sent.

Famous Salon Staff

Sheila Presbrey - October 25, 2024 at 03:39 PM

LW

“ *Lori Wright lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" W. Dixon*



Lori Wright - October 25, 2024 at 03:26 PM

LW

“ Lisa, Julie and family, Danny and I are so sorry for your loss. Danny really enjoyed golfing with Mike at Shambolees with the rest of the boys. Thinking of you all. Lori and Dan

Lori Wright - October 25, 2024 at 03:26 PM

ML

“ Melody A Lynn lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Dixon



Melody A Lynn - October 25, 2024 at 02:29 PM