



Michael Joseph Koval

November 22, 1929 - December 9, 2019

Michael Joseph Koval, age 90, of Phoenixville, PA passed away peacefully on Monday, December 9, at his home surrounded by friends and family. Born on November 22, 1929, in Pittston, PA, Michael was the son of the late Charles & Anna (Stefanick) Koval.

Sadly, at age 11, Michael was placed in Pennhurst. In his 40s, Michael was released and relocated to Phoenixville. Michael held many jobs, but his most memorable was working for Seacrist Store for many years until their closing. He was very well known in the Phoenixville area and would often be found riding his bike or sitting on his bench at Reeve's park. Michael loved going to movies at the Colonial Theatre and was a big fan of the Three Stooges.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother and father, brothers Charles and John Koval and sister Catherine Zottoli. He was also preceded by his cousin Michael Pesta and wife Nancy, who cared for Michael for many years until their passing.

Michael is survived by his cousin, who he fondly referred to as his "sister", Kimberly DeAngelo, Exeter, PA, her husband Mark, and their children, Morgan and Mitchell, who Michael adored. Michael is also survived by many loving friends in the Phoenixville Community, who the family is so thankful always looked out for Michael.

We would like to thank the entire staff of Kelsch Associates, Willow Tree Hospice, Chester County and the staff of St Peter's Place for the care and compassion that was given to Michael throughout the years.

Funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Condolences may be made by visiting <http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com>. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell Ennis Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Comments



“ I was fortunate enough to see Mike frequently when I walked home from the “Junior High.” He always had an energy of absolute joy. We chatted a few times and after 30 years I still remember those chats. So many of us will have lived and died - making a difference to those we hold close and, if we are lucky, a few ancillary people along the way. Mike, however, became part of Phoenixville history and a part of our collective soul and simply because he said “Hi” and smiled to everyone he met. He invited you in with his kind eyes and infectious smile.

That’s a powerful lesson. Thanks for the smiles, Mike.

Karl Gontkof - February 04, 2020 at 06:55 AM



“ Thank you so much for the kind words. So happy to hear how much the people of Phoenixville cared about Michael

Kim DeAngelo - February 17, 2020 at 11:23 PM



“ I remember Mike from the childhood years I spent in Phoenixville, he was a staple of the community for me and my family. We spent a good deal of time downtown after living on both Church and Hall streets and Mike was always around to offer a smile. He was a genuinely kind and interesting person. I hope that you can find solace in how much he was loved by the community. God bless your family.

Michael Fitzcharles - February 02, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words. It is so good to know he was so loved by everyone.

Kim DeAngelo - February 17, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Irena lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Koval



Irena - February 01, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Thank you

Kim DeAngelo - February 17, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ I remember Mike "bike" fondly from a couple different chapters in my life. First, was growing up in Phoenixville and seeing him while I was in the PAHS marching band, enjoying events both at the high school and during the dogwood parade.

Then when I moved back to Phoenixville after being away for 16 years, my first job was at the Wachovia Bank on the corner of Church and Main. It was so nice coming back to Phoenixville and seeing a lot of familiar faces come into the bank. I was especially happy to see that Mike was still around and always enjoyed chatting with him when he came into the bank. He was a great guy, so happy with just being alive and loved by his community.

My condolences to the family and all those who loved him. May Mike rest in peace.

Jen Rodgers - February 01, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ Thank you so much for sharing your stories of Michael

Kim DeAngelo - February 17, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ Omg Mike!!! He was the sweetest man in town. When I worked at Steel City Coffeehouse he was my favorite morning customer. I used to wear a sweatshirt in the morning that said Kutztown Football and there was a picture of a football, and he would always call me “football” and give me a hug even when I wasn’t wearing the sweatshirt.... I’ve been wondering about him. This is so upsetting. Rest easy Mike

Lindsey - February 01, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words

Kim DeAngelo - February 17, 2020 at 11:13 PM



“ Syl and I share our finest condolences with the family on the passing of this dear and gentle man. We have fond memories of our interactions with Mike when we would have a coffee at Seacrist’s fountain so many years ago.



Sal and Sylvia Katz of Phoenixville, PA - February 01, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ Thank you so much. He sure loved working at Seacrists.

Kim DeAngelo - February 17, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ Mike & my mother Elizabeth (Betty) Banjack lived at St. Peter's Place at the same time. One of my fondest memories of Mike - in summer he would set up a beach chair on the grass in front of the building. So, I dubbed him the "peach on the beach". He was an extraordinary person in so many different ways. He was be missed by the community. Fondly Bette Banjack

BETTE BANJACK - February 01, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Thank you. Michael loved to sit in his chair and soak up the sun

Kim DeAngelo - February 17, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ Mike was a sweet, gentle soul with a never ending smile and a cheerful greeting for everyone he saw. I remember walking by St. Peter's Place and was greeted with a "hi" from Mike. I said "Hi Mike" and he smiled and said " You know my name!" I replied "Everyone knows you, Mike". He was well embraced by the Phoenixville Community.

Denise Wisneski

Denise Wisneski - January 29, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words. Mike sure was well known.

Kim DeAngelo - January 31, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Rest in peace sweet man



ROSE mari - January 28, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ Thank you

Kim DeAngelo - January 31, 2020 at 01:36 PM