



## Michael J. Walsh, Sr.

April 5, 1953 - July 24, 2023

Michael J. Walsh Sr., age 70, longtime companion of the late Dolores Kelly, of Schwenksville, PA, passed away on Monday, July 24, 2023 at his daughter's residence in Plattsburgh, New York while receiving hospice care. Born on April 5, 1953 in Norristown, PA, he was a son of the late Edmond J. and Mary Louise (Sekasch) Walsh.

Mr. Walsh attended Lansdale Catholic before graduating from North Penn School District High School. He went on to further his education at Kutztown University. He retired after a lengthy career as a formulator for Merck, Sharp & Dohme Pharmaceuticals at West Point.

Mr. Walsh loved landscape art, and he was a talented sculptor and painter. He considered himself an amateur chef and he had a lifelong appreciation for music. He was an avid reader, especially of science fiction, and he enjoyed a large collection of books, art, and albums in his home.

Mr. Walsh is survived by three children, Michael J. Jr., husband of Melissa Walsh, Meghan C., wife of Joseph Rini, and Daniel Kelly; seven grandchildren; six siblings, Kathleen Francis, Thomas Walsh, Mary Doughty, Margaret Fitzgerald, Matthew Walsh, and Dennis Walsh; many nieces and nephews, and by the mother of his children, Claudia Walsh-Loesch. He was preceded in death by one son, Jonathan Walsh; and two brothers, Edmond

Walsh and Martin Walsh.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service at the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford, PA on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Officiating will be Rev. Charles O'Hara. Burial will follow in the Limerick Garden of Memories. Friends will be received from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM Saturday morning in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Longwood Gardens by visiting [www.longwoodgardens.org/support](http://www.longwoodgardens.org/support) or to the Hospice of the North Country by visiting [www.hospicenc.org/donate](http://www.hospicenc.org/donate). Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Royersford, PA. Condolences may be offered online at [www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com](http://www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Limerick Garden of Memories

44 East Arcadia Drive  
Limerick, PA 19468

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home  
600 Washington Street  
Royersford, PA 19460

## Funeral Service

JUL 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael J. Walsh, Sr.*



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**Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home** - July 27, 2023 at 01:57 PM

GA

“ *Mike was always such a pleasant person and always had a good story to tell! He will be missed. Rest in Peace.*

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**George and Melanie Altemus** - July 31, 2023 at 04:55 PM

SP

“ *Mike’s infectious laugh and gigantic heart are two things that first come to mind when I think of him. I’ve had the great pleasure of knowing Mike for many years. Always wanting to make me feel welcomed and included, Mike would frequently have me try different foods and/or home-brews that he created. My deepest condolences go out to his family for this immeasurable loss. While his time was suddenly cut short on earth, Heaven has gained one entertaining, phenomenal person! May you rest in peace, my friend. You will be missed!!*  
-Steve Pokorny

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**Steve Pokorny** - July 27, 2023 at 03:26 PM

MR

*He was always concocting something interesting! Some were more successful than others. Thank you for sharing. I know he loved having you and Michelle in his life.*

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**Meghan Rini** - July 28, 2023 at 03:45 PM

DW

“ How do you sum up a lifetime of experience and memories? You can't.

*But I can try.*

*Mike was, to me, that glimpse of the future, doing in the present, what I might be doing in the near future. All through grade school I was made aware of the Walsh legacy, the teachers familiarity with our name; Martin and I would often hear the words: “Another Walsh! You're one of the twins, aren't you?” MIKE'S LITTLE BROTHERS “ He was both my snowplow and my sunbrella, he made my path easier and he cast his shadow over me. Of all my siblings, Mike and I alone shared the experience of a parochial grade school education that transitioned into public school. I was fortunate to have my Brother as both a role model and as a friend.*

*I always thought of Mike as one of the original HIPPIES, of course, he wasn't, but to me he was, he got away with having long hair, because it looked good on him. He was briefly a football star, but was sidelined early by a knee injury. He had good taste in fashion and in particular, music and was instrumental in developing my appreciation of rock and roll. His talent for art distinguished him and sent him off to college at MONTCO and then to Kutztown State College where our paths diverged. But music was the bond we shared throughout our lives. From the Beatles through Bowie, Tull, Zappa, Genesis, Lou Reed and the Dead, we partied with thousands, no, make that HUNDREDS of thousands of concert goers in the 70s, 80s, 90s on into the new millennium.*

*Mike was just starting his family when I moved to Texas, but we managed to keep in touch through the years and we thoroughly enjoyed my occasional visits back East and he even managed a few visits to Texas.*

*Mike had his share of trials and tribulations, his family was always his priority and the loss of his son, Jonathan, dealt him a crushing blow from which he never really recovered.*

*The pride Mike displayed in each and every one of his children and grandchildren was a great measure of the importance he placed upon his family.*

*I believe that we all are shocked and shaken by the speed that Mike*

*deteriorated in the last few months and I am deeply grateful that he was spared what could have been extensive suffering. We know that he is in a better place, reunited with Jonathan, Martin, Ed, Mom and Dad along with all of those who have gone before him. I know that I will miss him dearly and he leaves behind many, many family members and friends who loved him and mourn his passing.*



**Dennis Joseph Walsh** - July 26, 2023 at 06:07 PM

MR

*Love this. Thank you Uncle Dennis.*

**Meghan Rini** - July 28, 2023 at 03:40 PM

JO

“*My sincere condolences to Mike's family. We worked together for many years at Merck. He was a very "jolly fellow", always friendly and a great sculptor. I will always remember his sculpture "The Kiss".*

**Joe** - July 26, 2023 at 10:16 AM

MR

*Thanks Joe. I love that sculpture, too.*

**Meghan Rini** - July 28, 2023 at 03:42 PM