



Michael J. Florio Jr.

November 14, 1945 - March 31, 2026

Michael J. Florio Jr., 80, of Northampton, peacefully passed away on Tuesday March 31, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Northampton on November 14, 1945, to the late Michael and Janina “Jean” (Rejniak) Florio Sr.

Mike attended schools in Northampton, beginning his high school journey at Smith Vocational. He later graduated from Northampton High School as part of the class of 1965. After retiring from IUOE Local 98 as Training Director, Michael went on to work with Western MassCosh as the Executive Director, until he later retired, again. He was also a life member of the Northampton Elks Lodge #997.

Mike lived a hands-on life. Whether at car shows, flying his plane, or taking in the valley from a hot air balloon, he was rarely still. He was always working on something or helping someone, giving his time and skill freely and without fanfare. That quiet generosity was the truest measure of who he was. Above all, he valued time with his family, where his steady and kind presence meant everything.

Mike is survived by his long-time partner and love of his life, Nancy Samson of Northampton, his brother Charles “Chuck” Florio and his partner Crystal Childs of Hatfield, his sisters, Arlene Ormond Castelli and her husband Joe Castelli of South Carolina, Starr Florio of South Hadley, his daughters, Erin Samson of Northampton, Brenda Samson of Belchertown, son, Ernie Samson of Hatfield, grandchildren, Noah, Hailey, Chloe, Gavin, and Ellery, his nephew,

Willy Childs Florio, and niece, Kellie Ormond, many cousins and dear friends. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his grandson, Josh Mizula-Samson.

There will be calling hours on Sunday April 12, 2026, from 11AM – 1PM at DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 DAMON RD., NORTHAMPTON, MA. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to T.J. O'Connor Animal Control Center, 627 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

For additional details or to offer a personal condolence to the family, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR **12**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060
drozdalfh@aol.com
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Mike always had a friendly greeting for Blake, Janeia, and I as we passed him on his walks, usually with his dogs, in Laurel Park. His open nature was a gift to me over the past 25 years, and I always enjoyed stopping to talk with him about matters big and small, especially at the house on the corner. That corner was his! He will be sorely missed in the neighborhood. Peace to all of you - Nancy, Erin, Brenda, and Ernie - at this sad time. Love, Marianne, Janeia, and Blake (and our parade of dogs who also always loved seeing Mike)



Marianne Milton - April 14 at 06:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael J. Florio Jr..



April 11 at 08:27 PM

BF

“ Breanna & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael J. Florio Jr..



Breanna & family - April 06 at 11:41 AM

BB

“ *Beth Brown lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Florio Jr.*



Beth Brown - April 05 at 09:10 PM

KC

“ *Kate Collins lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Florio Jr.*



Kate Collins - April 04 at 03:05 PM

DK

“ *David and I have been neighbors of Mike in Laurel Park for almost forty years. It was always good to stop and talk when he was out walking with his beloved dogs; he always had a story to tell or knew the details of some local history. We will miss you, Paisano!*

Deb Kozlowski - April 03 at 06:18 PM

NS

“ *Nathaniel Senser lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Florio Jr.*



Nathaniel Senser - April 03 at 11:00 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Michael J. Florio Jr..*



April 03 at 10:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael J. Florio Jr..

April 03 at 10:42 AM



“ *My Most Sincere Condolences to the Family & Friends of Brother Mike Florio. Mike was of True Character for all the people that knew him. To be in Mikes presence. You were definitely going to be laughing. You definitely were going to hear some funny stories. Mike was also a True Union Member to IUOE Local 98. He devoted his heart and soul into developing a Local 98 Training program in Sunderland MA. His dedication did not go unnoticed. The Brothers & Sisters of L98 have lost a True Brother. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you All. Your Friend and your Brother. David Kazimierczak*



David Kazimierczak - April 03 at 10:12 AM

SC

“ I remember a caring fun person who checked on his loved ones daily. And helped others in need without hesitation. I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to say goodbye! Rest in peace!



Shaliema cutts (Mr. Alvin's caregiver) - April 03 at 08:10 AM

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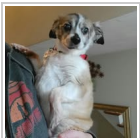
Nancy Samson - April 03 at 06:51 AM

ES

“ Erin Samson lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Florio Jr.



Erin Samson - April 02 at 07:33 PM



“ Brenda Samson lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Florio Jr.



Brenda Samson - April 02 at 06:25 PM

WK

“ *Mike brought the crane to the Hatfield Chevy/GMC truck show to fly the American Flag. My brother John and I, Walter helped with the stablizers and the raising of the flag that day.*

Walter Kielbowicz - April 02 at 03:15 PM