



## Michael N Keating

November 6, 1947 - January 12, 2021

Michael Nelson Keating, commonly referred to as “Big Mike” and “The Gentle Giant,” born in Chicago on November 6, 1947; passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. A graduate of Roosevelt University with a bachelor’s in psychology, retired from the Illinois Dept. of Human Services as a case worker and also worked part-time in the pathology department of Mt. Sinai Hospital. He was a lecturer and Eucharistic Minister at St. Hilary Parish. Michael was very active and athletic, and often enjoyed going for walks, especially along the river walk and in Horner Park, cycling, playing basketball, weightlifting, swimming at the YMCA, and mixed martial arts (eventually receiving his black belt in Jiu Jitsu). He also enjoyed reading, camping and nature, as well as traveling and road trips. Michael had a love for life and strived at making the world a better place and would often do anything to help others as everyone who knew him would attest. Michael spent time supporting his sister and brother in-law in Texas in times of illness and recovery. Despite proximity, inconvenience, conflict, or heartache you could always count on him. Michael made a positive impact on everyone he met with his warm, kind, considerate, and gentle ways. He is survived by his wife, Fermina Keating, daughter, Aileen Westover (Daniel), and son, Michael Keating Jr. (Chris Manvel), who all reside in Chicago. Visitation time 9:30 am at St. Padre Pio (formerly St. Hilary), Saturday, January 16, 2021 with funeral mass to follow.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering in Church

JAN 16. 9:30 AM (CT)

St Hilary Catholic Church  
5601 N California  
Chicago, IL 60659

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael N Keating*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM

RB

“ January 23, 2021

*Dearest Most Loved Faye, Aileen, Danny and Michael,*

*Sending you our heartfelt sympathy, much love and prayers of comfort as you deeply grieve the great loss of your exceptional husband and father. The close bond you joyfully shared with him does not end with death. The valuable lessons you've learned, the beautiful memories you've shared and the immeasurable love you have for each other lives on as HE IS FOREVER LOVED AND ALWAYS FONDLY REMEMBERED! The world is a much sadder place without his presence in it as he never failed to extend a helping hand to those in need. We will cherish his memories and he lives in our hearts always. We painfully miss him as much as you do and we continually pray for his eternal peaceful rest in God's kingdom. Also, we pray for God's Love to comfort you, to give you strength and peace at this most difficult time and may your sorrow and heartache be less with each passing day, God willing. May you take comfort in knowing that we share your deepest pain as We Truly Love You All !!!*

*PLEASE know that we enjoyed the Funeral Mass last Sat. Jan. 16, 2021 through Zoom and a beautiful way to honour and celebrate your beloved, devoted husband and father. We requested for Requiem Masses at The Society of Little Flower St. Therese. May our most loved Michael N. Keating's NEW LIFE be of great peace and joy forever.*

*Here's an anonymous quote worth sharing with you.....*

*" DEATH leaves a heartache no one can heal, LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal."*

*Much Love, Prayers And Heartfelt Sympathy,  
Ronnie Uy Becker And Family  
Shaun, Michelle, Kate 13 and Quinn 9  
Brent, Leanne, Ella 11, Eve 9 and Alyssa 7*

Ronnie Uy Becker - January 23, 2021 at 09:35 PM

ER

“ I'm so sorry I missed the service on Saturday - I had a doctor appointment, myself. Michael, I appreciated your call and letting me know about the service and would have been there if I could.

Your Dad and I knew each other through St. Hilary - we sat together every Sunday morning at the noon Mass for many, many years and shared stories and thoughts in the sacristy waiting for Mass to begin.

Your description of him, is so accurate. He was a kind and gentle giant with an enormous, caring heart. He was kind and thoughtful and always wanted to find a way to help. He was self-less in his caring for others. Intelligent and always wanting to learn new things. He had a wonderful smile and laugh....I loved seeing that big grin on his face.

My friend, Dennis and I enjoyed the time we spent with him and admired his courage and faith meeting any challenge that came his way.

I spoke to him just a few weeks ago. He call me when he heard of my cancer. His call was encouraging and comforting and I'm so glad that I had that opportunity to talk to him.

When I finally get back to normal Church, and the pew next to me is empty, I will fully understand the impact of losing him.

God bless and keep you, Michael - love you and miss you - may you rest in peace and may your family know what a blessing you were to all of us.

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Erika - January 19, 2021 at 12:03 PM

CJ

“ christopher J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Michael N Keating.



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**christopher J.** - January 18, 2021 at 12:26 PM

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“ Marie Letsos lit a candle in memory of Michael N Keating



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**Marie letsos** - January 18, 2021 at 11:56 AM