



Michael David Dower

August 15, 1966 - January 12, 2025

Michael D. Dower, 58, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at his home in Vernon Hills. He was born August 15, 1966 in Kenosha, WI where he was a graduate of Tremper High School. Michael went to trade school where he received a degree in Tool & Die making and was employed by Precision Resource in Vernon Hills for the past 20 years.

Mike enjoyed the outdoors, cars, watching the Green Bay Packers, and most of all, spending time with his family. He especially loved to spend time with his 10-year-old son, Dominick, whom he shared his birthday with and cherished their nickname together, “the birthday buddies”. Some of his favorite things to do were take his son to his baseball, basketball, football, and bowling games. He was an amazing father, “the Best Dad ever” as Dominick would lovingly call him. Mike will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Kelly Kostuch-Dower; four children, Jace (Christine) Dower, Jenna Dower, Lilliana Dower, Dominick Dower; son in spirit, Andrew Ruleford, grandchildren, Carson, Peyton, Charlotte; Mother, Lynda Dower; Brother, Scott (Jeanette) Dower; Nieces, Brittany (Matthew) Doan, Shelbi Dower, Ashley Mayr, and Maddie Kostuch, nephew, Kyle Mayr, and by his extended family.

Visitation will be 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 16, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rte. 176 One block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Funeral Service will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Lakeside Cemetery.

For Info: (847) 362-3009 or please sign the guestbook or share a memory at
www.burnettdane.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

500 W. Lake Street
Libertyville, IL 60048

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TD

“ *Tammy Dean lit a candle in memory of Michael David Dower*



Tammy Dean - January 16, 2025 at 03:12 PM

TD

Kelly, my condolences to you and the family. You are in my thoughts. Love you!

Tammy Dean - January 16, 2025 at 03:13 PM

YF

“ *Your Wound Care Family!! purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael David Dower.*



Your Wound Care Family!! - January 16, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ *Mike was an amazing man. Always smiling, loved his family and enjoyed life. He loved making people laugh and had a great soul. He will be missed but not forgotten. RIP my friend.*

Bonnie Woodward - January 15, 2025 at 09:58 PM

FA

“ I met Mike Dower in 2010 at Precision. He help me a lot with work process and made me feel welcomed. We alwayed joked around. He always had a smile and that never went away. He made the job not feel like work. R.I.P. my friend. You will be missed.

Fabian Arias - January 15, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael David Dower.



January 15, 2025 at 03:45 PM

FA

“ Fabian Arias purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael David Dower.



Fabian Arias - January 15, 2025 at 01:59 PM

FA

“ Fabian Arias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael David Dower.

Fabian Arias - January 15, 2025 at 01:59 PM

TG

“ Tad Geiger purchased the Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate for the family of Michael David Dower.



Tad Geiger - January 15, 2025 at 10:39 AM

TG

“ Tad Geiger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael David Dower.

Tad Geiger - January 15, 2025 at 10:39 AM

MT

“ I had the privilege to meet Mike last year 2024, when I was coaching his son Dominick for the Stars travel 9U baseball team. Throughout the season Mike was supportive, and always there for Dom. After the season ended, we were lucky enough to go to a Chicago Dogs game as a team, and we were able to get the boys to run on the field and meet the players and get autographs during the National Anthem. It was fun and a great experience I know Mike enjoyed because of how much Dom enjoyed it. Mike will be missed dearly.



Michael Trester - January 15, 2025 at 10:34 AM

TG

“ Tad Geiger lit a candle in memory of Michael David Dower



Tad Geiger - January 15, 2025 at 10:32 AM

RE

“ Rhonda E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael David Dower.

Rhonda E. - January 15, 2025 at 09:45 AM

NF

“ Nestor, Miller, Fletchall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael David Dower.



Nestor, Miller, Fletchall - January 14, 2025 at 07:49 PM

GM

“ I met Mike in 2003 when he joined Precision Resource. He was one of the nicest individuals that I have been fortunate enough to have ever crossed paths with in life. Throughout our lives, people come and go. We definitely lost a “GREAT” one. Over the past 20+ years, we have spent so many hours together. Unfortunately, most of us actually spend more time with coworkers than we do with our families. We have always considered him as being part of our second family. No words can describe how we are feeling about the loss of one of our own. Deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to all of his loved ones and friends. May he rest in peace. He will never be forgotten..

Guy Miller

Guy Miller - January 14, 2025 at 07:40 PM

TF

“ The DeRosa Family purchased the Strength & So lace Spray for the family of Michael David Dower.



The DeRosa Family - January 14, 2025 at 04:02 PM

TF

“ The DeRosa Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael David Dower.

The DeRosa Family - January 14, 2025 at 04:02 PM

SE

“ Mike was a lovely man and a wonderful part of our neighborhood. He was always friendly and smiling. Mike took so much enjoyment from spending time with Dominick. Whether it was shooting hoops or tossing a ball, it was obvious they enjoyed being together. His smile was almost as bright as the amusing decorations he put out each holiday to brighten up the neighborhood. May these happy memories and so many more help his family during this stressful time. I will miss him. Sandi

Sandi Epstein - January 14, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael David Dower.



January 14, 2025 at 01:28 PM

AB

“ Mike and I worked together for 20 plus years, he was a great co-worker but also a good friend. I pray that God brings his wife and all his children comfort at this very difficult time. Mike always had a smile on his face no matter what. RIP my friend. Sincerely Anthony Banks.

Anthony Banks - January 14, 2025 at 11:53 AM

DN

Sorry to hear about Mike he was a good kid growing up with mine wish we could have gotten together more RIP

Diane Nikolschuetz - January 14, 2025 at 03:15 PM