



## Michael Keith Schmitz

April 18, 1988 - June 11, 2012

Michael Schmitz, 24, passed away suddenly Monday, June 11, 2012, in Lake Forest. Mike was born April 18, 1988, in Highland Park, living in Lake Bluff for the first 21 years of his life. He graduated from Lake Forest High School and received his associates degree in nursing from the College of Lake County. He loved working for Resurrection Health Care where he was a Registered Nurse for many years. Mike loved sports and growing up he played hockey and football. He was also a very bright young man who enjoyed building his own computers. Surviving are his parents, Brian and Sally Schmitz of Vernon Hills; two brothers, Larry of Chicago and Troy of Vernon Hills; his grandmother, Frances McBride of New Jersey; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who loved him dearly. A visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. with a funeral service at 7 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176), Libertyville, IL 60048. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association , 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604. For information, please call 847-362-3009. You may visit and sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com)

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Mike you went from being my co-worker to being a very close friend to me. I am blessed to call you my friend. You are now at rest with the angels. I will miss you dearly! We will meet again. Samantha Jacques

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**Samantha Jacques** - June 29, 2018 at 02:56 PM

CL

“ I am so very sorry!! Please know that prayers and condolences are going to you and your family!!!

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**Cindy Law** - June 29, 2018 at 02:56 PM

AM

“ Michael was one of my students in the CLC Nursing Program. I enjoyed having him in my class very much and remember his gentle, caring ways with patients. I am so, so sorry for your loss and am also so sad that the nursing profession has lost such a bright and caring individual. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

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**Amy Morton-Miller** - June 29, 2018 at 02:56 PM

RU

“ 6/13/12 My memories of Michael are very precious,he was a caring individual.He would help you any time you asked.He was a car buff,which we had in common.He was very special(and will be remembered).My condolences to the family.

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**robert urbon** - June 29, 2018 at 02:56 PM

AG

“ Family, friends, and I will be lighting candles at churches across the country, for Mike and your family. David & Ada

Ada M. Napolitano Garcia - June 29, 2018 at 02:56 PM

LM

“ Words cannot express my sadness to learn of Michael's passing! As a fellow coworker 3SR will never be the same! I will pray for all of you and will never forget his kindness and gentle ways that made people luv him so! It is with such a heavy heavy heart that I put down these words! Please know that he was also loved at work as at home and I will never forget him!

Lisa D Mayer-Wille - April 27, 2018 at 07:00 AM

DE

“ Wishing and praying for you all as we mourn this loss. Love and tears, Deb

Deb - April 27, 2018 at 07:00 AM

SJ

“ I am so so sorry to hear about Michael's passing. Please know that you are in my heart and I will continue to pray for you all.

Sandy Janowski - April 27, 2018 at 07:00 AM

LB

“ My deepest sympathies to Michael's family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all of his coworkers. It was an honor and a privilege to have known him - he ws avery special person.

Linda Berg - April 27, 2018 at 07:00 AM

JM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**John and Meryl Streeter, Susie, Melissa, Megan** - April 27, 2018 at 07:00 AM

SH

“ *Dear Sally and Brian -Our hearts break for you...Memories of the fun volleyball and football games and car-pooling for the practices. Mike was a special guy and we always enjoyed being around him. This is just so very sad.Bob, Susan and Will Hodgkinson*

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**Susan Hodgkinson** - April 27, 2018 at 07:00 AM

JS

“ *Brian, Sally and Family,*

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of Michael, he was such a special young man, we are all so sorry, words cannot even begin to express our sorrow. You are in our daily prayers and may the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.*

*Joe Schaefer, Stacy Saffle, Michael, Stephen, Katie & Christopher Schaefer*

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**Joe Scahefer** - April 27, 2018 at 07:00 AM

KC

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of Mike's passing. He was a friendly, humble, and high character person. I thoroughly enjoyed playing volleyball with him and being a classmate of his throughout middle school and high school. My absolute best wishes are with him and the entire Schmitz family.*

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**Keith Chapman** - April 27, 2018 at 07:00 AM

“ Hello to those interested. I knew Mike fairly well. I wish not to repeat the standard signatures (bright young man, in our prayers, great student, etc...) I would prefer, in all due respect and sadness for the universe's loss of Michael Schmitz, to try to remember him briefly as he truly presented himself (at least to my perception). Mike's personality made its most formidable strides at Lake Forest High School, most of which were retained his whole life. This is unlike some whose personalities are more defined in the important years after high school. I am referring to a person (a person like all of us created out of our external anxieties) that felt pleasure from minimal ambition regarding social life, work life, and his conception of self. He did not take himself extremely seriously because he saw the world as casting him a niche not bad nor removed, but lower and reinforced positively out of an assumed sympathy. Unfortunately, I am not sure that any other human being ever came truly close to the inner-Mike. Mike never complained, and he had a unique way of taking pleasure from inside and partially from outside, essentially through the mild treatment he received in high school (which finalized his adult status among his peers). Mike of course could have realized his potential more in life, his potential ambition to see more, feel more, love more, fight more, and live more. However, great men are often not thirsty in such a way. The human experience is one that is so complex it presents each of us with such unique positions, that it is impossible to be objective about success, ambition, nor lack thereof. The power of each person's will, as it is entirely specific to him or her, pervades to the degree he or she is strong, patient, forgiving, optimistic, and non-defeatist. I pick these 5 adjectives not randomly, but instead as the best brief description I could afford Michael Schmitz's strength in himself as it is utterly unique. Much to say, can't typ



“ *I was in nursing school with Mike. He had such a way with patients, especially the little old ladies. He was such a gentle, caring man.* ”

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June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM