



Mike Mikich

November 25, 1932 - September 21, 2025

Mike Mikich passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025 in Libertyville, IL. He was 92. Born Nov. 25, 1932, in Waukegan, IL, Mike was one of three children and the only son of Jovan and Lubica Mikich.

A first-generation American, he graduated from Waukegan High School. He joined the Army and served in England during the Korean War. Mike married Joan McCann in 1956 and they had four children. The couple lived in Green Oaks and Libertyville all of their married life.

Mike was Superintendent at Skokie Valley Asphalt for 30 years. Respected as a hard worker and sharp businessman, he then founded Meridian Construction Company in Lake Bluff in 1981 before retiring in 1997.

He was a long-time member of the Southside Athletic Club, attending luncheon meetings with his friends well into retirement. Always an athlete, Mike was an original member of the Centre Club in Libertyville and worked out there regularly. Over the years he played volleyball, basketball and enjoyed golfing. He enjoyed working all types of puzzles, and spent time building model airplanes, cars and ships.

Mike and his wife, Joan, often enjoyed going to Panera together. He visited the Libertyville Farmers Market every week to buy peaches for family and

friends. He also liked to go to Menards and roam the aisles.

He had life-long friendships, both personal and professional, nurtured by regular breakfast get-togethers and other outings. Mike and Joan often traveled to Florida and established a group of close friends there.

He was a benefactor to many organizations, generously giving his time and talents.

Mike was first and foremost a family man. He and Joan built a close-knit, caring family. He was close to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, offering his special brand of loving humor and advice to all. Mike was a caring brother, always watching out for his sisters. And he was always ready with a hug for his nieces and nephews.

Mike was a loving husband, a devoted father and caring son and brother. He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Joan McCann Mikich; four children, Sharon (James) Kretschmar, Nancy (John) Braun, Michael (Sharon) Mikich and Patricia (Mark) Valkenaar; five grandchildren, Brittany, Matthew, Katharine, Nicholas and Dylan; three great-grandchildren, Declan, Isabelle and Leon; his sister, Laura Kulmala; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jovan and Lubica Mikich Gurdevich; a sister, Dorothy Mikich; and brother-in-law, Ray Kulmala.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. A private interment will be at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be appreciated to The National Brain Tumor Society, www.braintumor.org or Accord Hospice, www.accordhospice.com. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a

memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation Celebration

OCT 4. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mike Mikich.



October 03, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ We were Mike & Joan’s neighbors in Riva Ridge from 1987-2002. Mike was so friendly and had a good sense of humor, on some occasions calling my mom at work bc my dad forgot to let the dog in. Mike truly exemplified an old school “neighbor”. He was always kind, caring, helpful, or offered advice.



Our thoughts and prayers go to Joan and her family.

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Jennifer*

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“ My sincere condolences to the family. I had the pleasure of getting to know Mike in the 20 years that I worked at the Centre Club. What a kind and sweet man! He was one that I missed the most 😊. A life well lived. 🙏

Mary Boyes Kovatch - September 28, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ We're so very sorry for your loss. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Our deepest sympathy Chuck and Carole Otis

Charles and Carole Otis - September 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mike Mikich.



September 26, 2025 at 11:19 AM