



Michael Joseph Kiss

January 18, 1955 - May 19, 2020

Michael Joseph Kiss was born to Louis Andrew and Mary (Timok) Kiss on Tuesday, January 18, 1955 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He died on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 65. A Funeral Mass for Michael will be live streamed 10 am, Tuesday, May 26 at <https://vimeo.com/422452649>

Michael grew up the middle of five children to devout Catholic parents in western Pennsylvania. He grew up in the parish of St. Stephen King of Hungary Roman Catholic Church, where he was an altar server and attended the parish school. As a boy growing up in the Pittsburgh area, one of Michael's favorite pastimes was attending baseball games at Forbes Field to watch the Pirates play. Michael and his brothers usually sat above right field hoping to catch the attention of the legendary Roberto Clemente. Sports were always a passion of Michael's, and when he was in high school, he organized the first CYO chapter at his parish in order to form a basketball team to compete in the Catholic school league.

Michael attended McKeesport Area Senior High School, graduating in the Class of 1972. After high school Michael attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, first as a Theology Major and later as a Russian Language and Literature Major. It was at ORU where Michael met his future wife, Kimberly Wilkerson. Michael completed his studies at West Virginia University

in Morgantown, earning a degree in Russian Language and Literature and Slavic Studies. After graduation, Michael and Kimberly were married at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in McKeesport and settled in the Chicago area, where they resided for 10 years and where he began his dynamic career in the fledgling field of information technology, first in the publishing sector, but later including the waste management industry, the 24/7 field of car rental, and culminating in state government.

Michael was most recently employed as the Director for Information Technology for the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Michael's unique qualities as an intelligent and visionary leader are but two of the traits for which he was known that allowed him to work successfully with multiple disciplines and across agencies to provide information services to the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the People of Oklahoma. Michael's humble and patient servant's heart are qualities for which he was well-known and for which he will be greatly missed, both by his employees and by the Court.

Michael's interests included reading non-fiction literature, primarily in the genres of American and World History and theology of the Roman Catholic Church. He earned a Masters of Theological Studies from the University of Dallas through the Pastoral Studies Institute and served as an adjunct instructor teaching New Testament. Mike was pleased several of his students have since become permanent deacons in the Diocese of Tulsa. Another of Michael's great passions was cooking. His family's Hungarian heritage provided a rich background where meals were the foundation of family and community gatherings. At an early age Michael learned to cook and enjoyed time in the kitchen preparing meals for family and friends, especially for holiday gatherings.

Michael and his family have been long-time parishioners of the Church of St. Benedict in Broken Arrow, for which he was grateful. His life-long desire to please and be obedient to God's call on his life has been a guiding force in every aspect of his life. He was most thankful for God's blessings of marriage and family, whom he loved with his whole heart.

Michael is survived by

His wife, Kimberly of Broken Arrow

Son, Andrew Kiss of Broken Arrow

Daughter, Gloria Henderson and Son-in-law Brian of Broken Arrow

Grandchildren, Christopher and Victoria Henderson

Brother, Louis Kiss, Jr. and Joyce of Harrison City, Pennsylvania

Sister, Veronica Eddy of North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

Brother, John Kiss and Denise of Liberty Boro, Pennsylvania

Brother, Robert Kiss of Columbus, Ohio

And numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Mary (Timok) Kiss

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Rosary

MAY **25**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of Saint Benedict
2200 W. Ithica Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Joseph Kiss*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss Kim and family. We are blessed to have been neighbors, even more blessed to have been friends with Mike. We love him and will miss him. Peace be with you all.*

LeAnne Chrum Gole - May 26, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Kiss.*



May 25, 2020 at 11:20 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Kiss.*



May 25, 2020 at 06:20 PM

JG

“ I am sorry for your loss. I knew Mike through PSI and was in a class he instructed.

He had such a pleasant demeanor and was always willing to help.

My heart goes out to you, his family and friends.



JoAnn Gandy - May 25, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Kiss.



May 24, 2020 at 11:04 AM

GG

“ So sorry to learn of Mike's passing. I always enjoyed talking to him and Kim when I delivered their mail. I especially remember the conversations regarding his Hungarian roots. He was indeed special. May God bless and comfort this family in their hour of need.

George Goins - May 23, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Kiss.



May 23, 2020 at 11:13 AM

DL

“ Dear Kim and family members, I knew Mike back when we were teens and Joyce and Lou were dating. The boys were very much a part of Lou's life. Lou loves his family, and had wonderful parents. Michael was a warm and caring person and I remember him for being that person. May he rest in peace and I know he is looking down on his family and friends with that smile. You have my deepest condolences. Joyce and Lou's sister, Debbi Laposky

Debbi Laposky - May 23, 2020 at 10:33 AM

PR

“ We are so very sorry. We will always think of Mike as the newlywed and young father who lived around the corner from us in Wheaton. You are in our hearts and prayers. Tom and Pat

Pat Ruggaber - May 23, 2020 at 10:09 AM

LJ

“ There were so many wonderful memories made on our little street in Christy Park. Baseball, basketball, dodge ball, races around the house, riding bikes, romping through the woods, or just sitting on the corner under the street light....we had a fun filled childhood that I've never forgotten. I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. John, Bob, Veronica & Louie, my deepest sympathy is with you. You'll be in my prayers.

Lynne DiMucci Jesko - May 23, 2020 at 01:06 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Kiss.



May 22, 2020 at 11:25 PM

RT

“ 1 file added to the album Oklahoma Supreme Court



Randy Thompson - May 22, 2020 at 10:20 PM

CV

“ Christopher and Victoria purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Michael Joseph Kiss.



Christopher and Victoria - May 22, 2020 at 07:34 PM

AV

“ Andrew, Gloria & Brian, Christopher, and Victoria
purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the
family of Michael Joseph Kiss.



Andrew, Gloria & Brian, Christopher, and Victoria - May 22,
2020 at 07:06 PM

RM

“ 1 file added to the album AOC Portrait



Ryan McCarty - May 22, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Kiss.*



May 22, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ *John and Zela Henderson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael Joseph Kiss.*



John and Zela Henderson - May 22, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Kiss.*



May 21, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ *Mike, you will always be in my memories and heart. Thank you for all your guidance and all you taught me as my bigger brother while I was growing up. Rest in peace in the Glory of the Lord. Love, Bob*

Bob Kiss - May 20, 2020 at 09:20 PM



*Mike, I was so blessed to work with you so many years at the OKSC. You taught me so many life lessons. Your patience, leadership, kindness and love of the courts will always be in my heart. Kim and family, my sincerest condolences. Mike will surely be missed by many.
--lots of love, Pam Smith*

Pamela Smith - May 26, 2020 at 09:51 AM