



## Mr. Michael F Pelle

February 24, 1943 - April 13, 2025

Michael Francis Pelle, of Stockbridge, MA, passed away after a short illness, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on February 24, 1943.

Michael is survived by his devoted partner, Laura Flint; his sister, Patricia Watson, and brother-in-law, Clark, of Danbury, CT; and his daughters, Heather Rose and son-in-law Kevin of Miami, FL, and Hilary DiMascio and son-in-law Felice of Simsbury, CT. He was a proud grandfather to his five grandsons: Grey, Cael, Giovanni, Domenic, and Michael DiMascio, all of Simsbury, CT. He is also survived by Laura's daughter, Sydney, of Brooklyn, NY.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Martha, who passed away in 2006.

Michael grew up in Bridgeport and graduated from Warren Harding High School in 1960. He went on to earn his undergraduate degree from Western Connecticut State University and later completed his master's degree at Utah State University.

A lifelong learner and adventurer, Michael completed several marathons, including the Boston Marathon. He had a deep passion for world travel and cherished summer visits to Tanglewood. A devoted Syracuse football fan, he proudly held season tickets for many years. Among his most treasured roles was being "Grampy"—he was famous for organizing "Grampy Camp," special weekends filled with fun and adventure for each of his grandsons, always shared with Laura.

Those who knew Michael describe him as athletic, loving, and sentimental, generous to a fault, a self-described curmudgeon with a sharp wit, and someone who cared deeply for animals. He lived by a strong ethical code, stood firmly for the common good, and passionately defended his political beliefs. Above all, he was a truly good man, an incredible father and grandfather, who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Michael was formerly a principal at Searles Middle School and a math teacher at Monument Mountain High School. More recently, he taught computer science at Berkshire Community College and also helped develop math curriculum for the Department of Defense schools. He always went the extra mile for his students.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in Mike Pelle's memory. Contributions can be made online at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or by mail to the American

Cancer Society. Your generosity will help support cancer research and patient services. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on April 17, 2025, at the First Congregational Church, 4 Main Street, Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Burial will be private.

# Cemetery Details

## Stockbridge Town Cemetery

Church Street  
Stockbridge, MA 01262

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Stockbridge Congregational Church  
Stockbridge, MA 01262

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Pelle was an amazing teacher. I struggled with algebra. He was patient, caring and never gave up on me. He was always there to provide help and encouragement. I never mastered the subject but passed and was better equipped to tackle it in college because of him. Very blessed to have had him as a teacher. So sorry for your loss. Shayne Ayers Squires*

Shayne Squires - April 19, 2025 at 06:27 PM

LF

*Hello, Shayne, and thank you for remembering Mike in such a lovely way. I'm Laura, Mike's longtime partner, and will pass your message on to his daughters.*

laura flint - April 29, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Michael F Pelle.

April 16, 2025 at 08:49 PM

ME

“ *Oh my goodness, this is a hard one to hear. I have such wonderful memories of the Pelle family, including coming with you on a family vacation to Rangeley, Maine in order to babysit! Heather and Hillary, I don't know if you were too young to remember that, but I babysat for you quite a lot when you were very young. I was so fond of both of your parents and particularly of your father, who was the best math teacher I ever had. He made math interesting, and he got to know his students' individual talents in order to nurture them. Your parents were great friends to our family. The last time I saw them was at my wedding many, many years ago, and your dad was beaming; it was so good to see him. I will always remember your dad with great fondness. Melissa (Molly) Pope Eden*

Melissa (Molly) Pope Eden - April 16, 2025 at 04:09 PM

LF

*Thanks, Melissa. I'm Laura, Mike's longtime partner. Your tribute is lovely, and I will send it to Hilary and Heather.*

laura flint - April 22, 2025 at 09:22 AM