



## Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz

November 13, 1954 - October 26, 2024

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Joseph Michael Shaltz of Iron Mountain, Michigan, on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

Mike was born in Calumet, Michigan, to the late Barb and Joe Shaltz on November 13, 1954. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School in Calumet and then went on to Calumet High School, where he was an avid football and hockey player.

After graduation Mike trained and became a licensed journeyman and master plumber. In 1988, after the passing of his father, "Joe the Plumb", he ran the business, Shaltz Plumbing & Heating. He took great pride in taking over his father's work and went on to become the plumbing and mechanical inspector in Houghton, Keweenaw and Dickinson counties. Because of his love of the trade, he was recognised and made the president of the Plumbing Inspectors Association of Michigan, president of the Mechanical Inspectors Association and Inspector of the Year for both.

In recent years he was working in the City of Lansing. At the time of his passing, he was their chief mechanical inspector.

Anyone who knew Mike knew that his trade was plumbing, but his passion

was fighting fires and helping his neighbors. He volunteered for the Laurium Fire Department and eventually became chief.

In May of 1999, he married the love of his life, Jeanne. They shared 25 years of marriage together and built a life in their home on Smith Street on the North Side of Iron Mountain.

Mike had a lifetime love of hunting and fishing. He also had a “larger than life” gift of storytelling past adventures and various shenanigans. So much brought him joy in life, and he loved to share that joy, especially to anyone who shared his love for the Packers and the Red Wings.

Mike leaves behind his beloved wife, Jeanne Shaltz; sisters, Diane (Denny) Niskanen and Paula (Jake) Jackovich; his nieces and nephews, Kelly (Shayne) Lancour, Jason (Stacey) Niskanen, Joe (Kelly) Niskanen, Eric (Gigi) Jackovich, Jamie (Joe) Griffith, Christopher Ryan and Sabrina Watts; his bonus children, Sonja (Simon) Hall, John (Stephanie) Allard and Robert Allard; and best brothers-in-law, Ronald and Philip Johnston.

He was known as ‘Poppers’ by his grandchildren, Clara, Bea, Miles, Felix and Penny, who knew him as nothing less than one of the best grandpas a kid could ever hope for.

The family would also like to thank and honor Mike’s best friends, Mike Morrison, Mike Thompson and Tina Raeder, and the rest of his city of Lansing work family. Their kindness and help to the family will never be forgotten.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Sherry.

Mike’s smiles were infectious. He brought joy, love and contagious cheeky laughter to every gathering. He was big hearted, kind and generous, adding

warmth (and so much fun!) to any room he entered. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 10 from 11 to 1. A private service for Mike's family and friends will follow.

Condolences to the family of Joseph Michael Shaltz may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home

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# Tribute Wall

ED

“ Edward D. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.

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**Edward D.** - November 19, 2024 at 12:13 PM

ED

“ We were honored to serve as Mike's "home away from home" here at Oakwood Apartments in East Lansing. Mike was a great guy who was always positive, courteous, and concerned about the well-being of Oakwood and all of our residents. He will be missed by all of us for sure. Our sincere condolences to Jeanne and family.

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**Edward Dudgeon** - November 19, 2024 at 12:09 PM

EK

“ Mike did my med gas inspections in Lansing a couple years ago while building a new hospital. He was great to work with and helped me a lot, since it was my first time doing a complete med gas system start to finish. He and I shared a lot of hunting stories since my family has a deer camp in Iron river. He was a great inspector always told you what he wanted changed if there was something he didn't like. He was straight to the point about it which is great. He will be greatly missed by all of the plumbers and pipefitters from UA LOCAL 333 of Lansing that he dealt with on a daily basis.

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**Erik Kosloski** - November 11, 2024 at 10:23 PM



“ I had the pleasure of being Mike’s boss at the City of Lansing Building Safety office. Mike was one of our strongest leaders. We will miss Mike’s friendship, his mentorship and Mike’s infectious laugh. Personally, I am already missing our early morning talks. Mike will live on in all our memories. Jon Snyder BSO

Jonathon Snyder - November 10, 2024 at 12:42 PM

DS

“ I have known Mike, his mom and dad since i moved to calumet 45 years ago. he was always cheerful and fun to hang out with. we had alot of interesting times. Mick will always be in our hearts , Dave and Pam Sladek

dave a sladek - November 10, 2024 at 09:36 AM

DA

“ Dave A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.

Dave A. - November 10, 2024 at 09:31 AM

EJ

“ Eric and Gigi Jackovich purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.



Eric and Gigi Jackovich - November 10, 2024 at 07:02 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.*



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November 09, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ *In loving memory of our special uncle Mike - Joe, Jamie, Ava and Eli Griffith*

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**Joe, Jamie, Ava and Eli Griffith** - November 09, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Joe, Jamie, Ava and Eli Griffith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.*

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**Joe, Jamie, Ava and Eli Griffith** - November 09, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.*



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November 08, 2024 at 03:59 PM

SS

“ Steve and Stephanie Swan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.



Steve and Stephanie Swan - November 08, 2024 at 10:39 AM

CL

“ City of Lansing purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.



City of Lansing - November 07, 2024 at 05:47 PM

CL

“ City of Lansing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.

City of Lansing - November 07, 2024 at 05:47 PM

TS

“ Teamsters Local 214 Executive Board and Staff purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.



Teamsters Local 214 Executive Board and Staff - November 07, 2024 at 03:39 PM

JM

“ I was so sorry to the hear the passing of Michael. I attended catholic grade school and high school with Mike graduating in 1972. He was a great friend and always a fun guy to hang with. I can still recall the times spent together over the years. They were great times.  
*John M. Mella, Gladwin County*

John M. Mella - November 06, 2024 at 05:11 PM

TC

“ Sorry to hear of Mike passing. I've missed our early morning talks and stories we had when we worked together for Delta County. He was very good at his job and I'm sure he will be missed by many.  
*Tim Callahan*

Tim Callahan - November 06, 2024 at 04:56 PM

PB

“ Jeanne and family. I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Mike. He was one of the nicest people I ever had the pleasure of working with and he was top notch at what he did. He will be missed by many. *Pat Besson (Delta County).*

Patricia Besson - November 06, 2024 at 04:09 PM

VS

“ Valeri Schulze purchased the Blue Caribbean Boquet for the family of Joseph "Mike" Michael Shaltz.



Valeri Schulze - November 06, 2024 at 02:10 PM

VS

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**Valeri Schulze** - November 06, 2024 at 02:10 PM