



Michael Delimata

February 6, 1948 - March 3, 2026

In his own words, Mike Delimata lived a fulfilling and fun life. He ate every donut and all the candy he desired. He was a standout baseball player into his adult years. He loved the St. Louis Cardinals, golf and any team his Grandsons played for, seldom missing a game. He was passionate about sports, horse racing and gambling, though he always shared his profit. He was a passionate coach of youth sports.

Mike loved all animals, especially the pets he adopted over the years. He never met a critter he wasn't willing to feed, rescue or help.

Mike also devoted much of his life to supporting people with disabilities, a role he took seriously and proudly. He especially loved traveling to the Special Olympics as a coach to his clients.

He enjoyed simple pleasures such as a lotto ticket, an errand for a loved one or just a quick drive in his decrepit but much-loved truck where he totally wasn't smoking cigars, Linda. The fine staff at Kroger and Shell will no doubt send a search party in his noticeable absence.

He loved his family above all else. He will be remembered for his fierce allegiance to those close to him, his thoughtfulness and his stubbornness.

Michael Delimata was born on February 6, 1948 in Chicago Heights and passed away March 3, 2026 in Rockford. Michael was married to Linda Delimata for 56 years and they had two children, Jessica (Brian Nawrocki) and Christofer (Stacy) Delimata. He has two grandsons, Miles and Charlie Nawrocki. Michael has one cousin, Paul Mattews from Homewood with whom

me shared a home as a child, and a second cousin, Paul Matthews Junior who lives in Poland. He was considered a member of Linda's family for 60 years, and loved them all.

A celebration of life will be held on March 15th at Champs Banquet Venue located at 9 E 3rd Street in Sterling from 1 pm until 4 pm. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Champs Banquet Venue
9 E 3rd Street
Sterling, IL 61081

Tribute Wall

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“ I spent a ton of time as a kid at the Delimata house. He always greeted me with a hey Tash! I never remember him every getting upset when Jess and I were up to our crazy shenanigans, like tying our shoes together and jumping from the top of the wooden swing set (I jumped on three, Jessie didn't 😊) or, us skating on my parents wet garage floor where Jess actually got a concussion. We were crazy kids having fun, and although I can imagine he shook his head at us often, he just let us be kids. He never missed a Cardinals game, and we never bothered him when the game was on. I'll forever remember those moments. I will miss seeing him walk the dog and put peanuts out for the squirrels. It was such a blessing to know and love him and he will be truly missed. Thank you sir for the memories, your kindness, and for being such a great neighbor for so many years. We will be sure to check on Linda often, and we know you'll be watching over her, the kids and the grandkids from above. Your pain is over now, and you are healed up there with the angels. 🙏 Love you always, Tash.

Natasha Harris - March 14 at 11:25 PM



“ Golf (often bad), donuts, and Aurelio's pizza, in that order. Had fun times over the years, I will miss so much. RIP friend.

James Arduini - March 07 at 10:18 AM

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“ He will always be doing his Snoopy dance in my memory. He will be greatly missed. Much love to his family

Nancy Gann Jennette - March 06 at 04:28 PM