



## Michael Robert Walsh

November 20, 1955 - January 26, 2024

Michael Robert “Digger” Walsh of Cadillac passed away Friday morning, January 26, 2024 at his home. He was 68. Mike was born in Cadillac to Robert A. & Dolores H. (Howey) Walsh and they preceded him in death.

Mike graduated from Cadillac High School in 1974. He had been employed at various motorcycle shops in Cadillac for 8 eight years and then since 1981 he had worked at Peterson Funeral Home. Mike was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac all of his life, was a member of the Knights of Columbus and since 2004 he helped maintain Mount Carmel Cemetery. He enjoyed fishing and working on vintage muscle cars.

On October 4, 2014 in Lake City, Michigan he married Susan E. Stevens and she survives him along with his sons: Mike of Cadillac and Mark of Charlevoix; step-daughters: Meaghan (Andrew) of Vancouver, Washington and Emily of Vancouver, Washington; grandchildren: Nikoli, Sophia and Finn; and siblings: Susan (Joel) Youngblood, Mary Edly and Patty (Adrian) Jaimon and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held 11:00 AM, Friday, May 10, 2024 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac. Burial has taken place at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Stache Strong, a nonprofit devoted to raising funds and awareness for brain cancer research

(<https://stachestrong.org/donate/>) or StacheStrong, c/o Betsy Gerner, 511 Castleman Road, Vestal, NY 13850 . An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAY **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann Catholic Church  
800 W 13th St  
Cadillac, MI 49601-9281  
(231) 775-2471

# Tribute Wall

EO

“ Mike, I will always remember how you took the time 6 years ago to explain what we should expect as our mother, your Aunt Mary Jane, was about to pass. A scary situation was made much easier due to your compassion. I wish you had known.

*You fought the good fight, kept the faith, and you finished the race all because of your quiet faith in God and the strength of your incredible wife and family.*

*You are probably now spending a lot of time in Heaven's version of Lakes Cadillac, Mitchell, and Missaukee with a fishing rod and a six pack.*

*I love you, Cuzin. Looking forward to seeing you again, but hopefully not too soon.*

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**Eileen M ONeil** - May 05, 2024 at 07:25 PM

KW

“ Mike the world won't be the same with our you. We have had or bad times, but the good times out weight everything. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Kurt wissner.** - May 02, 2024 at 08:25 PM

SM

“ Susan Milton lit a candle in memory of Michael Robert Walsh



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**Susan Milton** - February 06, 2024 at 03:36 PM

SB

“ It's so sad to hear we lost another great person. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you Susan and your family. He is in a better place now and he is happy and smiling. Lan and Shelby Bridson

Shelby Bridson - January 29, 2024 at 09:20 AM

CS

“ Thinking of you Susan, and the whole family. Mike will be so easy to remember! We are are sorry for your loss. With love and prayers, Chuck and Tam Swanberg and family

Chuck Swanberg - January 29, 2024 at 09:13 AM

KP

“ Mike was a wonderful guy may he rest in peace. Prayers being sent to the family and friends. 🙏

Kathy Parsons - January 27, 2024 at 09:01 PM

KP

“ Kathy Parsons lit a candle in memory of Michael Robert Walsh



Kathy Parsons - January 27, 2024 at 08:59 PM

BE

“ My condolences to the family. Mike was one of the nicest people I've ever met. People like Mike make Cadillac a special place. I will miss our conversations about the 70s.

Bryan Elenbaas - January 27, 2024 at 06:08 PM

JT

“ My Dad and I met Mike @ Peterson funeral home where he worked we did alot of work there at the funeral home painting etc.. What an awesome straight up Guy.

James Tumath - January 27, 2024 at 04:01 PM

DC

“ Never will forget all our fishing trips to Green & Crystal Lake! Mike loved to bass fish! He could spot those smallmouths on their beds in the Spring! You could also find him on the Manistee River fishing for those steelhead trout! Digger, we sure are going to miss your company on those Spring fishing trips! R.I.P. my friend! Dan

Daniel Catto - January 27, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JF

So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I remember him stopping at mom's in Pellston whenever he was in the area fishing. She loved seeing him and gifted him Uncle Jay's old black pick-up. It wasn't much to look at, but Mike thought it was great. I recall Mike as being a thoughtful, down-to-earth guy, who was always smiling. Prayers to Susan, Susie, Mary, Patty, and all of the family and friends. Love, Cousin Jean (Aunt Dee's daughter)

Jean Fletcher - January 27, 2024 at 01:19 PM

SV

Susan, So sorry to the news of Mike's passing! Will and I are praying for you. Please feel our virtual hugs and find comfort in knowing that he is truly in a better place.  
All our love, Will and Sheila

Sheila S Vanderhoof - January 27, 2024 at 08:30 PM

MO

The world has lost a great guy! Always had a smile on his face and a kind word.

Molly - May 03, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ *Rita L Shankel lit a candle in memory of Michael Robert Walsh*



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**Rita L Shankel** - January 27, 2024 at 07:39 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Mike"s family. He was an awesome person !! Rest in Heaven Mike !!! Dan & Rita Shankel*

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**Rita L Shankel** - January 27, 2024 at 07:31 AM



“ *He was a good guy I'll miss him. Steve Mitchell.*

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**Steve Mitchell** - January 26, 2024 at 07:33 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all his family. Mike was a most kind and caring friend. In any of our chats he was always helpful and informative. Peace to each of you.*

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**ELSIE L MOORE** - January 26, 2024 at 05:35 PM