



## Michael George DeSantis

July 18, 1971 - February 10, 2025

Michael “Mike” George DeSantis, a beloved husband, father, brother, teacher, and friend, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2025, at his residence in Washington, Michigan. Born on Sunday, July 18, 1971, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Mike was 53 years old.

Mike shared 27 wonderful years of marriage with his devoted wife, Amy. Together, they raised two cherished children, Madalyn and Josie, who were the light of his life. He is also survived by his loving siblings: Ron DeSantis, Gerianne (Mark) Prichard, Dan (Anna) DeSantis, and Ken (Maureen) DeSantis. Michael leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter within his family, which includes eight nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, George and Diane DeSantis, Mike grew up in a home filled with love and strong family values, which he carried throughout his life. He was not only a devoted family man but also a passionate educator. As a social studies teacher at Troy Athens High School, he made a positive impact on his students and all the lives he touched. Known for his kind heart and willingness to lend a helping hand, Mike was respected and loved by colleagues and students alike. He was proud to serve as a building union representative, advocating for his fellow educators.

Mike's intellectual pursuits extended into writing educational assessment tools, notably contributing to Michigan M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of

Educational Progress), a testament to his dedication to quality education.

Beyond the classroom, Mike was an avid comic book lover and collector. He shared his enthusiasm for this art form as the owner and promoter of the Great Lakes Comic-Con and the Great Lakes Comic Expo, bringing joy and community to fellow enthusiasts. His passion for comics led him to travel the country, experiencing Comic-Cons far and wide, and sharing stories with those he met along the way. Mike loved to bring comic book artists and fandom guests to his shows and helped many beginning artists get their start in the convention circuit.

In addition to his love for teaching and comics, Mike loved working outdoors. Whether tending to his garden or exploring the beauty of nature, he embraced life's simple pleasures.

Known for his gift of gab, Mike could engage anyone in conversation, sharing stories and laughter that enriched the lives of those around him. Mike touched many lives with his warmth, humor, and generosity. His spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Through Gift of Life Michigan Organ and Tissue Donation, Mike is continuing to help others live their best life. May he rest in peace.

Wasik Funeral Home in Shelby Township is handling Mike's Celebration of Life arrangements. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Mike's life and remember the joy and positivity he brought into the world.

Visitation: Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 2 pm - 8 pm at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc 49150 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Twp, MI 48315 (North of 22 Mile Road)  
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Reading is Fundamental (<https://www.rif.org/>), a child literacy charity that the Great Lakes Comic-Con supports, or to Gift of Life Michigan (<https://giftoflifemichigan.org/charitablegiving>).



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Mary F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael George DeSantis.

Mary F. - May 07, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Michael George DeSantis.



May 07, 2025 at 03:59 AM



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

May 07, 2025 at 03:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael George DeSantis.



April 29, 2025 at 11:26 AM



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

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“ Mike was a shining light in every room he walked into and to every person he met. He will be missed by all who knew him forever.



Dirk Manning - April 28, 2025 at 09:59 PM



I just found out last week that Mike had passed away. We grew up together in St Clair Shores and attended elementary and jr high together until my family moved away. Although we grew apart during the college years and we had not seen each other in roughly 34 years, the wonderful memories remain.  
My condolences to Mike's wife, children, brothers, and sister  
John Lawler  
Las Vegas Nevada

john lawler - February 17 at 10:50 PM



“ Mike is the person who first got me into reading comic books, which have brought so much joy to my world in the years since. Mike is the reason I got to meet two performers whose work shaped my childhood, and gave me inspiration for my own work ahead. And Mike always had a smile for me. He changed people's lives in so many ways and I am so grateful to him and his beautiful family.



Emily Bell - April 28, 2025 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Mike was a great guy and always had kind words for all around him. He is missed but his legacy will live on.* ”

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**Lee** - April 28, 2025 at 01:53 PM