



## Michael G. Matlas

September 20, 1957 - July 10, 2014

Michael G. Matlas, born September 20, 1957, passed away Thursday, July 10, 2014 at the age of 56. Loving husband of Beverly. Dear brother of Tom (Sue). Dear brother-in-law of Denise (Dennis) Kora and Cheryl (Bill) Shepherd. Loving uncle of Lisa (Robert) Nichols, Laura (Kevin) Meek, Danielle (Tim) Guntsviller, Matt Kora, Spencer Shepherd, Morgan Shepherd and 7 great nieces and nephews. He was also unconditionally loved by his dog Bonnie.

Visitation will be Sunday 2-9 p.m. and with a 7 pm Wake Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover), Warren. Instate Monday 9 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 9:30 a.m. at St. Blase Catholic Church, 12151 Fifteen Mile Rd. (east of Dodge Park), Sterling Heights. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "Paws With A Cause" and the Capuchins.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Township, MI 48038  
(586) 286-9020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
(586) 751-3131  
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Wake Service

JUL 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Warren, MI 48093  
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## Instate at Church

JUL 14. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Blase Catholic Church  
12151 15 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
(586) 268-2244

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

EW

“ So sorry to hear about MIKE... our condolences to you and family  
*Ewa Pacwa with family*

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**Ewa** - July 21, 2014 at 02:37 PM

RF

“ Dear Bev, I am so sorry for your terrible loss. I am keeping you and your family in my prayers in this difficult time. May the Holy Spirit fill you with strength, peace, and comfort, and may flights of angels sing Mike to his rest!

*Ruth Fichter (UDM)*

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**Ruth Fichter** - July 17, 2014 at 09:51 AM

LE

“ Bev, I'm sorry for your loss may God continue to comfort you during your time of need, I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

*Lezly (UDM)  
Liberal Arts and Education*

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**IEZLY** - July 15, 2014 at 10:09 AM

SC

“ I worked with Mike and also with his father for many years at the UAW. Mike was a lovely man and always a gentleman. My sympathy to the family.

*Sharon Childress*

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**sharon childress** - July 13, 2014 at 06:23 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike's family at this difficult time. Mike will be truly missed. "It's not the years in your life but the life in your years that counts"  
John Lange

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**John Lange** - July 13, 2014 at 03:18 PM

 Nancy  
Burling  
Dennis

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Beverly and family. May God bless you with peace and comfort. Mike was such a kind and compassionate man. Not only was he my union brother, he was my mentor in his knowledge of coin collecting! I enjoyed listening to him talk about history, he was a walking encyclopedia. He shared his love of animals and his volunteer work. I'll miss seeing him everyday! Rest in peace, my good friend!

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**Nancy Burling Dennis** - July 13, 2014 at 01:41 PM

JB

“ We offer our deepest sympathy to Mike's family and his many friends. He was always outgoing and friendly and his commitment to the UAW was constant and unwavering. It has been a honor and a privilege to have known and worked Mike and he will be truly missed. John and Susan Byers

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**John and Susan Byers** - July 13, 2014 at 01:31 PM

DA

“ *My Deepest Sympathies to Bev & Family,  
I only knew Mike for about 5 years but I quickly saw that he was a very honest and caring man. He always had a good thing to say about everybody and was quick to smile and begin a conversation with everyone. He served the Madison Heights Coin Club (formally known as the UAW Coin Club in Madison Heights) for nearly 30 years. Most of those years were as the President and he completed the legal transition for the club to be renamed the Madison Heights Coin Club in a very professional manner.*

*As the President of the Royal Oak Coin Club, Mike was my Vice President and was always very helpful to me and the club, because of my health issues. He was a tireless worker at our coin club shows and always a contributor at our meetings.*

*So, Mike even though we only walked the earth together for less than 5 years, I am truly blessed to have known you. May you rest in peace until we all meet again.*

*Dan Linna*

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**Dan** - July 13, 2014 at 11:30 AM

BG

“ *Beverly and Mikes family,  
My deepest sympathy to all of you, Mike was a friend.,always smiling and a kind word. We knew Mike through setting up at the UAW Coin Shows. Although taken to soon may he rest in peace.  
Bob & Sharon Garmany*

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**Bob & Sharon Garmany** - July 13, 2014 at 10:36 AM

SA

“ Mike was a neighbor, of mine, living with his mom & dad, in East Detroit, until he married. He was friendly to everyone. Always interested in every detail, and helpful, like neighbors of "the old school". Even after he married and moved to Warren, he would stop for a visit, with old friends, in the neighborhood. There was a closeness of friendship.

*I chose Michael, as one of my dad's pallbearers, in 1990. I will never forget that.*

*Rest in Peace, Michael. You were taken, too soon. Love to your family.*

*Sheila Andres (neighbor on Sprenger)*

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**Sheila Andres** - July 12, 2014 at 10:14 PM

MG

“ For some reason Mike and I had a connection. He was always nice to me and I was always nice to him. May his soul rest in peace.

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**Mike Garcia** - July 12, 2014 at 09:45 PM

BS

“ Thought and prayers go out to the Matlas family. I have worked with Mike for the past 32 years. Mike was a very hard worker and always managed to put a smile on my face and I thank you for that. Your friendship, kindness and love for the U.A.W. will surely be missed. God Speed Mike!

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**Bill Stempnik** - July 12, 2014 at 09:12 PM



“ Mike I lift my glass to you and toast a very giving and loving man. My memories of you will last a lifetime from your comic laughter to your answers to the world's problems.. You loved your politics and had a very short fuse for those who took advantage of people and animals alike... You will be missed little buddy but will not be forgotten... I assure you your gossip queen will keep your memories a live.... R.I.P. Mike

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**Ron Williams Sr.** - July 12, 2014 at 07:12 PM

DS

“ So sorry and shocked to hear of Mike's passing. He was a warm and caring person. My sympathies to the family.

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**Deb Strnad** - July 12, 2014 at 04:32 PM

TK

“ Mike was one of the kids at My second birthday party in 1958 in Detroit at 7 mile and Van Dyke. His father chased him around the basement trying to take his Beatle wig anout 1964. We went to family wedding recptions in the 60s . His dad drove a '60 Ford GALaxie. I was at his high school graduation party at a hall on Gratiot in East DETroit in '75. He had a paper route. And worked on the line at CHrysler 's. You bet ll miss him. Save a place for me up there!

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**Thomas Klopocinski** - July 12, 2014 at 11:37 AM

SD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mike. He was a very giving human being & proud OPEIU member. You are all in my prayers, Beverly. He always spoke highly of you, as well as his nieces & nephews. RIP 'Mikie'...your smiling face is in a better place!

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**Sherry DeRush** - July 12, 2014 at 08:33 AM

PW

“ Mike was always a giving man. After working with him for 28 years I will miss his smiling face and his laugh. Prayers for his family. RIP Mike :\*(

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**Patty Wilcome** - July 12, 2014 at 08:17 AM

DP

“ Mike knew more about Solidarity House than just about anyone else, if I ever had a question about something or someone, Mike is who I asked I never heard him say a bad word about anyone. My condolences to his family he will be missed.



*Dave Paris*

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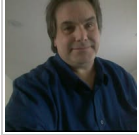
**Dave Paris** - July 12, 2014 at 07:59 AM

RR

“ I only met Mike Matlas once at my mom's 90th birthday party but Mike was a very nice man. He would go from his home out of his way to go get my mother Ruth Norkus in Shelby Twp. just so she could go to the coin club meetings each month. She really appreciated that gesture. I know she'll miss him and his kindness to her. Thank you Mike!

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**Ruth Ann Rivard** - July 12, 2014 at 07:09 AM



“ So sorry to hear this,I met Mike at Pcf as a carrier of ours. I first met him when he started and on and off over the years.He was a great guy ,always a pleasure to talk to,had a great sense of humor. I remember he would go to coin shows and tell me about it. My condolences to his wife and family, may God bless you all!!  
Steve Fowlow

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**Steve Fowlow** - July 12, 2014 at 03:51 AM

AC

“ Mike always treated me like a niece even though I was not officially. He was a great man, like his brother (my uncle), Thomas Matlas. I am saddened by his death, and pray that my aunt Sue and uncle Tom and their daughters, and Beverly, can find peace and joy during this time of grieving.

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**amy cooper** - July 12, 2014 at 02:33 AM

NS

“ Mike would give anyone the shirt off his back if they needed it. You will be missed

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**nova schollenberger** - July 11, 2014 at 09:39 PM

CV

“ **"THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT IS NOT THE SAME NO MORE "** YOU WILL TRULY WILL BE MISS MIKE.....MAY YOU REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND

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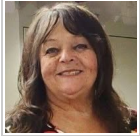
**CLAUDIA VASQUEZ** - July 11, 2014 at 09:18 PM

GS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Mike's passing. Mike was always a great guy to work with, and I know those who are still at Solidarity House will greatly miss him. My heartfelt sympathies and prayers for his wife and family.

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**Gaye Smith** - July 11, 2014 at 07:31 PM



“ My condolences to Mike's family. Mike was a good guy to work with. May God's love and your memories of Mike bring you comfort.

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**Shirley Poling** - July 11, 2014 at 04:16 PM

KF

“ Katharine Fudge lit a candle in memory of Michael G. Matlas



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**katharine Fudge** - July 11, 2014 at 03:24 PM

CS

“ I have known Mike for 30 years, and always enjoyed his company. He will be sorely missed and well remembered.  
Chuck Sharpe  
Highland, MI

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**Chuck Sharpe** - July 11, 2014 at 08:04 AM

DE

“ Dear Bev,  
I am so sad to hear about Miike. He was my good buddy when we both worked, delivering the newspapers for P.C.F. Do you remember how he used to sneak Perogies from your Christmas stash and you would have to make more batches? He was so proud of your cooking and I loved them. Mike was also so wonderful to my nephew Danny, helping him with his interest in coins and getting Danny started with his collection. May you find comfort in your memories. God Bless.  
Debbie English

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debbie english - July 10, 2014 at 07:15 PM

KB

“ Dear Beverly and family:  
  
My heart is heavy with sympathy from the untimely passing of Mike. We already feel the void here at Solidarity House and Mike will be truly missed. Mike was a proud union member of OPEIU Local 494 for 35 years and we hold many fond memories of him in our hearts. May you and your family find peace, courage and comfort as you face the days ahead.  
  
Kris Bucci

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Kris Bucci - July 10, 2014 at 05:50 PM

JB

“ I remember my son and I buying your old Cutlass for his first car 9 years ago. It was hard for you to let go of that old car but you always liked to hear what he was doing with it. He keeps it stored inside and babied like you did. R.I.P. Mike.  
  
Jerry Bommarito

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JBommarito - July 10, 2014 at 04:03 PM

LM

“ *Deepest sympathies to his wife and family. Mike was a good union brother and friend. We met in 1979 when he worked at UAW Region 1B. Mike always worked hard for his union, OPEIU494. He will be very much missed and well remembered by many.*

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**Libby & Steve Manian** - July 10, 2014 at 02:20 PM

PZ

*Dear Bev,  
Please know that Mike, you and your family are in my prayers. I was so touched when Mike came to my father's wake. It was a wonderful act of kindness that I will never forget. May he rest in peace. God Bless Mike and you.*

*Pam Zarkowski*

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**Pamela Zarkowski** - July 13, 2014 at 02:59 PM

AM

*Dear Beverly,  
Just 4 years ago I expressed here sympathies after the death of Aunt Helen.  
I didn't expect that so fast I would be back here to write about Michael...  
Our deepest sympathy to You and family.  
But our Savior is our hope and our destiny and it is the fact.  
Let Him makes You strong.  
Michael was a good man and deserved eternal happiness.*

*Artur Matlas with family from Poland  
Warsaw, Siemianowice Slaskie, Gliwice, Cracow...*

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**Artur Matlas** - July 14, 2014 at 02:56 PM