



Michael Joseph Brocato

July 28, 1969 - December 25, 2022

On Sunday, December 25 Michael Joseph Brocato passed away surrounded by loved ones after a brief illness. Mike was a loving son, brother, husband, and uncle. He was preceded in death by his brother Mario and his sister Christine. Naturally funny and warm, Mike made everyone feel at ease in his presence. His wit, smile and quiet, calm demeanor won him friends wherever he went. Mike never had an unkind word to say about anyone. He had a heart of gold and was always willing to help anyone in need, putting others ahead of himself in all things. Mike was musically inclined and while in high school was a drummer for the Calvert Hall Marching Band. His adventurous nature lead him to Ecuador with his two best friends where he lived for several months, returning with many stories and a fluency in Spanish. Every place and person that Mike touched was left better for the interaction. Mike had a tight group of friends from both Calvert Hall High School and Mount Saint Mary's University, he was the glue that kept those circles together during school and the years beyond. A beach bum and Parrothead, Mike had a love for the ocean and made his home in Florida with his wife, Laura. Despite his Italian heritage, Mike loved all things Irish from football to Van Morrison. Mike was always the first one ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Mike was a loving husband and protector to his wife, Laura for 19 years. He will be remembered for his charity and his Catholic faith that guided him in all that he did.

Family and friends may pay their respects on Thursday, December 29 from 2-

4pm and 6-8pm at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home (250 Center Street, Jupiter, FL). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, December 30 at 10:30am at St. Jude Catholic Church (204 N US Highway One, Tequesta, FL).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: St. Jude Catholic Church Tequesta, FL or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memphis, TN.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Visitation

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
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Funeral Mass

DEC **30**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church
204 N U.S. 1
Tequesta, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Joseph Brocato*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I am so, so sorry to hear of Michael's passing. My most vivid memories of Michael and Chris are of our trip to Italy, way back when. All we did was laugh from Venice to Milan and everywhere in between. I remember when Chris said that our bus driver looked just like the president of Poland, Lech Walesa; we said that he was driving the bus as a side job! They also kept imitating our tour guide who was a lovely woman with a very deep voice. Michael and Chris would end up imitating her for the entire trip saying, in an exaggerated alto voice, "I will meet you at 'd'otel.'" and "It's time to return to 'd'otel."*

Everytime they said it, I laughed like it was the first time I heard it! I can picture them laughing so hard together now, creating a beautiful, melodious thunder in the heavens...

*With love & prayers,
Doreen (Della-Rocca) Ercolano*

Doreen Ercolano - December 30, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Brocato.*



December 29, 2022 at 05:51 PM

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“ Dear Mary, Ray, Maria, and Laura
So sorry to hear of Michael's passing. May God keep all of you
close to His loving heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Bob & Connie

Connie Hettchen - December 28, 2022 at 08:09 AM

RL

“ Laura, Ray, Mary and Maria,
I am heartbroken to hear of Mike's passing. Oh the laughs we had
over the years. I'm sure Chrissy welcomed him to heaven and those
two are laughing together again. May he be peace now.
Love Ruthie (Stalter) LeCompte

Ruthie LeCompte - December 27, 2022 at 07:08 PM

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*My Dear Laura and the entire Brocato family,
I was truly sorry to hear of Mike's passing, he really was one of life's true gentlemen.*

His openness and down to earth personality had the ability to have people gravitate towards him which is testimony to the character of the man.

I had the very great pleasure of spending quality time with Mike over the years and in particular when he and Laura visited with us in our home.

I recall how he openly shared his one great love in life, which was his beautiful wife Laura, telling of how he felt fortunate and truly blessed to have Laura walk beside him through life, this great love story was evident for all to see.

Mike's love and interest of all things Irish was endless, he embraced our country, our history and its culture, he enjoyed our craic agus ceol and in turn we embraced him and held him close as if he was one of our own.

I joked with him that, Mike Brocato was the most IRISH Italian American and I was positively sure he had Irish blood flowing through his veins.

We laughed that it was my late Father who was instrumental in Mike becoming a Liverpool football fan, a role he took quite seriously as he shared his predictions like a Pro for the season ahead while singing the clubs anthem, You'll Never Walk Alone.

I wish to offer our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Laura, together with his parents and sister and his many friends as Mike's passing will undoubtedly leave a huge void.

On a personal note I will miss my good friend who took a genuine interest in my family, who incidentally have shared their own wonderful memories of this very special kind of man, all of which are out of the mouths of babes which again serves as testimony to Mike's great character.

So in the words of his beloved anthem, Laura please know, You'll Never Walk Alone.

Elaine, Celsus, Ciarraí and Rory O'Hare. xo

Killowen Rostrevor,

Co Down, Ireland.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



O'Hare - December 29, 2022 at 04:17 PM