



## Michael "Mike" D. Dunn

November 18, 1952 - June 6, 2025

Michael "Mike" D. Dunn, age 72, a longtime resident of Lake Forest, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly, on June 6, 2025.

Mike began his dedicated career with the Highland Park Fire Department in 1977, proudly serving the community as a Lieutenant for 30 years before retiring in 2007. Known as a jack-of-all-trades, he was the ultimate handyman, a dependable "Mr. Fixit," and a friend to everyone he met. When he wasn't with family or at the firehouse, he was operating heavy machinery and working in excavation, which he enjoyed just as much.

He was the devoted husband of 49 years and loving partner for 57 years to Kathleen Dannenberg Dunn; a loving father to a late infant daughter, Kelly (Kevin) Rynes; and Kasey Morgan. Above all, Mike's greatest joy was his family, especially his five grandchildren. He was the cherished "Grampy" to Paige, Parker, and Payton Rynes, and Spencer and Hunter Morgan. Mike was the middle child of seven born to the late Robert and Diana Dunn and was the adored big brother of Terry (Patti) Dunn. He was also the beloved "favorite" son-in-law of Donna Dannenberg and the late Robert Dannenberg, and treasured brother-in-law of Susan Dannenberg Bauer. Mike was a devoted uncle to many and a special Godfather to Brian and Kevin Dendy and John Dunn. Mike was a steady pillar of support to his large extended family and a devoted, lifelong brother within the fire service fraternity.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, from 4–8 PM at Wenban Funeral Home, 320 Vine Avenue, Lake Forest. A Funeral Mass will follow on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 12:00 PM at The Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. Interment will be private. The Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/cp9GWqkG6al?feature=share>.

Arrangements entrusted to Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, (847) 234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mike's memory may be made to the 9/11 Memorial - [www.911memorial.com](http://www.911memorial.com) or The 100 Club of Illinois - [www.100clubil.org](http://www.100clubil.org) - both supporting first responder personnel.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

700 N. River Road  
Des Plaines, IL 60016

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wenban Funeral Home  
320 Vine Avenue  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

## Funeral Mass

JUN 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

Church of St. Mary  
175 E. Illinois Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Home created a Mass Livestream in memory of Michael "Mike" D. Dunn*



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**Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest** - June 09, 2025 at 05:07 PM

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“ *I worked with Mike for 30 years, and have known him for almost half a century. He gave much, took little, and left this world better than he found it. He faced illness with impeccable grace and courage. His enthusiasm for his life, his family, his work will forever stand as a model for those of us he leaves behind – except that he hasn't really left us – he will always be a part of our best memories. Losing Mikey is a wound, painful and ugly. Like all wounds, it begins, slowly, to heal. The raw wound becomes a scab. The scab falls away and there is a puckered scar, still painful to the touch of memory. Eventually the scar begins to fade, as does the pain. Finally there is an indelible mark, perhaps faded but always there. That mark remaining is the joy of having known Mike.*

*Tom O'Donovan, H.P.F.D. (retired)*

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**T. O'Donovan** - June 11, 2025 at 05:40 PM

WI

“ I was shocked and sad to hear of his passing. I hope everyone that loved him can find peace. No words can fix the anguish of losing such a good father, husband and brother to so many. I'm so sorry for your loss.

William - June 10, 2025 at 09:35 PM

ML

“ Michael L. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael "Mike" D. Dunn.



Michael L. - June 10, 2025 at 11:11 AM

JF

“ We are heartbroken to lose Mike at such a young age. He was a wonderful human being. Our prayers go out for the entire family as they grieve. We are all so sorry. Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming - June 09, 2025 at 07:21 PM

MG

“ Mike was a wonderful guy to know and work with. I was lucky enough to learn many aspects of the job under Mike. May he rest in peace, my prayers to Mike and his family.

mike Guilfoyle - June 09, 2025 at 07:09 PM

TH

“ Mike was such a wonderful, happy-go-luck man. Always saw him at the fitness center, and always stopped to talk to me at the desk. He will be sorely missed.

*Theresa Risi*

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**Theresa** - June 09, 2025 at 02:09 PM