



## Michael A Chary

December 11, 1968 - June 11, 2017

Michael A. Chary, age 48, of Gary, passed away June 11, 2017. He was a graduate of Andean High School, Class of 1987. Michael was a deputy prosecutor for the Lake County Prosecutor's Office. He received his law degree from Indiana University. He was an avid fan of the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles and of bar trivia and comics.

He is survived by his mother-Julia; father-Frederick (Diane); brother-David (Milissa); sister-EllaRose.

Visitation for Michael will be Monday, June 19, 2017 from 3-8:00 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Funeral services will take place on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., DIRECTLY at St. Mary of the Lake Church, 6060 Miller Avenue, Gary. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sojourner Truth House, 410 West 13th Avenue, Gary, IN 46407. Interment at Calvary Cemetery. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Road  
Portage, IN 46368

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## funeral

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of the Lake Church  
6060 Miller Avenue  
Gary, IN

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Fred, Di, Ella Rose, and David,

*Very sorry for your loss of your son and brother Michael. Mike was a very bright person who always kept things interesting during family discussions. He reached out to me after my dad's passing telling me if we need any legal help/advice to please reach out. This is what kind of heart he had deep down and I wanted to share that for everyone to see. Rest in Peace Mike...*

*Matt Kubiak and Family*

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**Matt Kubiak** - June 18, 2017 at 06:52 PM

SB

“ *My condolences to the Chary Family, his mom Julia, I've been a friend of Mike's for over 20 years and in that time and has always helped me here and there without wanting anything in return. Incredible trivia player and carried our team with his vast knowledge. Truly a gummy bear core and heart of gold. I will miss him as will many others. Rest in peace my man...*

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**Shane Bush** - June 18, 2017 at 06:10 PM

JF

“ I believe I first met Mike 30 years ago at the Chicago Comic-Con. And maybe only a handful of times in person since. Mike immediately befriended me. He was interested in what I thought. He argued, convinced, sold, debated, and even sometimes agreed. He was someone you don't forget. I wish he hadn't been so self-deprecating because I didn't see in Mike what he usually said about himself. I saw a thoughtful, reasoned, educated, and beautiful man. I am going to miss Mike's Facebook posts, his photos at Manny's, me seeing if he could go to Manny's thru Messenger, and his smile. There will be many days/weeks/months/years ahead when I will wonder what Mike would have thought and commented on this and that. To Mike's family and loved ones, please realize I'm just one of many who knew Mike, mostly from afar, who he had a positive and moving impact on. Rest in peace. James Fuss

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**James Fuss** - June 16, 2017 at 08:30 PM

DO

“ David Oakes lit a candle in memory of Michael A Chary



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**David Oakes** - June 15, 2017 at 01:23 PM

DG

“ Twenty years ago, Mike, via e-mail, pushed two nerdy comics fans that he knew online to turn their friendship into a romance. I honestly think that without him, that might not have happened.

We tried to get him to come in person to the wedding, but didn't succeed. Now we never will get to meet him in person. But we'll always be grateful to him.

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**David Goldfarb** - June 15, 2017 at 12:11 AM

JC

“ Mike was a good friend of my son Jim. They met through comic-con and then Manny's. Mike and I emailed after he came to Clinton for Jim's Memorial service 2 years ago. I will certainly miss his messages.

*Judy Caldwell*

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**Judy Caldwell** - June 14, 2017 at 10:57 PM

MC

“ My condolences to the Chary Family. I had the privilege to work with Mike as his Secretary for 1 1/2 yrs up to 6/2016 in the East Chicago Prosecutor's Office. Mike was truly a gentle giant with a heart bigger than himself. At times he may have been misunderstood but his intentions were good and he was a loyal friend to those that opened their hearts up to him, he had a good sense of humor. I admired him because he was gifted with lots of knowledge in many areas and he didn't mind sharing a thing or two with me. He loved his family, friends and was devoted to his parents. He surely loved his sweets. Mike was unique in many ways yet a unique human being. Although I'm in Florida now, I'm glad I got a hug out of you before I left. Little did I know that would be the last time I would see you. I'm still in shock yet I'm grateful that you were there to help me during my journey in EC, many times weren't easy but we respected each other and I'm grateful to have met you. You will never be forgotten. May God comfort the Chary Family. From my saddened but grateful heart with sincere love, Millie and Family.



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**Milagros Cruz** - June 14, 2017 at 09:24 PM

LM

*Millie, your sentiments are beautiful and sound so straight from your good heart. Mike shared with me that he really loved working with you and how you were always the consummate professional to the attorneys, victims, police and court staff. He had very good memories of that and I knew you'd want to know he'd shared these things. Take care, Millie, Laura*

**Laura Morrison** - June 15, 2017 at 07:44 PM

MI

*Thank you Laura for sharing that with me. I had no idea Mike would have spoken about me outside of the office to anyone and I'm glad it was on a positive note. It made me smile and cry as well. It's hard to believe he's actually gone so soon. He's gonna be greatly missed by many. Take care, Love Millie.*

**Millie** - June 16, 2017 at 11:39 PM

CS

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**Craig Shutt** - June 14, 2017 at 06:45 PM

CS

*Mike was a big supporter of the Pro-Fan Trivia Panel that was held at the Chicago Comic-Con and Chicago Comics & Entertainment Expo (C2E2) each year for more than 20 years. Mike was the only member of the Fan team to take part every year. He was a major contributor and enjoyed competing and comparing his knowledge with others. Shown here at the 2016 panel, the last to be held to date, are (l-r): Marvel Comics Executive Editor Tom Brevoort, Francesca Robyn Peppiatt, Moderator Craig Shutt, Jason Fliegel, Comics Writer Mark Waid, Mike and Todd Allen. I will miss our comics conversations, arguments and discussions at the show and at our Manny's meetings!*  
-- Craig

**Craig Shutt** - June 14, 2017 at 06:55 PM

RB

“ I send my deepest sympathy to all of his family and friends. Bob Brooks

Robert Brooks - June 14, 2017 at 04:43 PM



“ I have known Michael Chary's wonderful parents Dr. Frederick (Diane) Chary and Julia for roughly 45 years, since their children were young. I remember seeing those siblings at many IU parties, always so bright and fun loving. Michael was a phenomenal young man, truly brilliant. I just saw him 1/29/17 at the Temple Israel Trivia night; I am so glad I went!. It was an honor to know him. Sending prayers and love to the entire family. "God gave us memory that we might have roses in winter"



Susan Darnell - June 14, 2017 at 04:06 PM

MD

“ Michelle Denton lit a candle in memory of Michael A Chary



Michelle Denton - June 14, 2017 at 02:37 PM



Rob  
Vega

“ Mike was brilliant, and annoying, and funny, and insufferable, and loyal, and I miss him greatly.

*He introduced me to Tolkien, Frank Herbert, Douglas Adams, Richard P. Feynman, and countless other authors. I can't imagine what my childhood and teen reading years would have been like without his influence. Sometimes you don't realize the impact a person had on your life until it's too late to thank them. Thank you, anyway, Mike.*

*Also, you escaped right as the planet was bottoming out. I'll get you for this.*

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**Rob Vega** - June 14, 2017 at 01:53 PM



LM

“ Michael was a missionary. Those of us who had the great privilege of getting close to him know that he deeply loved God and worked to promote the ultimate good at all times. With the gifts he'd received – an extremely high I.Q. and tremendous empathy – he lived amidst “we mere mortals” and always did his best to extend generosity in the time and energy and fidelity that he so selflessly devoted to those put in his path.

*May God continue to richly bless the Chary family, which so specially formed him, with the sweetest of condolences.*

*Mike, having you as a best friend and role-model is a significant grace in my life. Joy of Heaven for you, sweetest friend, now that you have completed your pilgrim journey here on earth! Laura Morrison*

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**Laura Morrison** - June 14, 2017 at 11:50 AM

MI

*Thank you Laura for sharing those memories with me, I had no idea Mike would have spoken about me to anyone outside of the office and I'm glad it was positive. I appreciated Like and he will greatly be missed. Take Care. Millie*

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**Millie** - June 17, 2017 at 11:30 AM

AB

*Mike Chary was a common name in our house over many years. He was my son Shane's good, honest, loyal, talented, funny, progressive and extremely intelligent best buddy. He meant the world to Shane.*

*I know Shane, like many others, will be lost in so many ways without him. Shane would not be a doctor today without Mikes constant encouragement and support. Mike saw his abilities and built up his confidence to take on that huge challenge.*

*To Shane, Mike was a giant of all giants . He was the most intelligent guy he ever knew.. Shane would always say, "if I needed to call a friend on that millionaires show, I would definitely call my friend Mike".*

*Mike reached out to help so many people. He had strong views and could always back up those views with facts and statistics. He believed in justice and equality for all.*

*Shane and I extend our deepest sympathy to the Chary family and friends. You will remain in our thoughts each day now and as the days pass by.*

*Mike will always be loved and never forgotten.*

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**Alice Bush** - June 19, 2017 at 10:04 AM



Terence  
Chua

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**Terence Chua** - June 13, 2017 at 09:55 PM



Terence Chua

*I met Mike, after twenty-odd years of knowing each other on-line, face to face for the first and last time in Chicago a few months ago, chatting over lunch at Manny's Deli. He was always opinionated, always right even when he was wrong, pig-headed in his positions and terrorized the unwary. I enjoyed our exchanges over comics even - maybe especially - when we disagreed. Like everyone who has left our lives, we just wish we had more time. He will be missed.*

Terence Chua - June 13, 2017 at 09:55 PM



PC

*I went to law school with Mike, starting in the Summer session to give ourselves a head start on the rest of the class. Mike was a large personality, and had a wide range of interests and a huge store of arcane knowledge and trivia. We didn't always see eye to eye, (not unless I stood on a chair) but we shared a lot of discussions on law topics that veered into other areas. I considered him a friend and am saddened by his passing.*

Patricia Cummings - June 14, 2017 at 08:59 AM



Robin Knauerhas

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Robin Knauerhase - June 13, 2017 at 08:54 PM



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*At Manny's Deli, where he was genuine friends with the staff, and they loved him right back.*

Robin Knauerhase - June 13, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ *Michael Alan Chary was a physically large, abruptly gruff, unfailingly loyal, charmingly chivalrous, deeply caring, hilariously curmudgeony, bravely protective, outstandingly brilliant and phenomenally eclectic human being. Thirty years of following/discussing his exploits (and him following mine) has left me with so so so many great memories. Mike sometimes watched people and society as if he were an alien outsider, but of all the souls I've met, his was the most human.*

*The planet, humankind, and especially I are notably poorer in his absence. Enjoy your heavenly debates with theologians, philosophers, graphic novel/fanfic authors and God Herself, my friend.*

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**Robin Knauerhase** - June 13, 2017 at 08:54 PM