



## Michael Kelchak D.D.S.

August 27, 1932 - August 23, 2018

Michael Joseph Kelchak, D.D.S. passed peacefully on August 23 in Chandler, AZ. Michael was the beloved husband of Sandra; loving father of Jaci (Chuck) Redding, Kym (Russ Burgert) Conis, Michelle Kelchak and Jay (Sabrena) Kelchak; devoted son of Michael and Mary Kelchak and son-in-law of Ray and Marian Carpenter; dear brother of Father Joseph Kelchak, George (Betty) Kelchak, Marge (John) Simko and Ann (Ernie) Buczek and brother-in-law of Richard (Ruth) Carpenter; loving grandfather of Korey, Alec, Alena, Sydney and Brooke and step grandfather of Nicola (Giulio), CJ, Beth, Russell and Shannon; great grandfather of Isla; and fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Michael earned his dental degree from Marquette University in 1961, after serving a tour of duty in the U.S. Army Medical Corps - Dental Detachment. Michael married Sandra in 1960 and after graduation, opened their first dental practice in Hammond, IN, working side-by-side. Michael and Sandra eventually built a new practice in Munster, IN, where they raised their four children. Michael donated his time to the Lions Club and taught at Indiana University NW. Well respected in the dental community, Michael retired at the age of 73, and moved to Chandler, AZ, where he and Sandra enjoyed travel, arts and theatre. Michael deeply treasured time spent with his family and dear friends. He will forever be remembered for his uncanny sense of humor and loving smile. Service will be on Saturday, September 22, at 10:00am (visitation at 9:00am) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Valparaiso, IN. Inurnment Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made

to the American Cancer Society or say masses for Michael. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
509 W Division Rd  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
(219) 464-1624

## Memorial Mass

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dick and Ruth Carpenter, Judy and families purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michael Kelchak D.D.S..*



**Dick and Ruth Carpenter, Judy and families** - September 18, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Kelchak D.D.S..*



September 17, 2018 at 06:18 PM

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“ *Scott Adams purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Kelchak D.D.S..*



**Scott Adams** - September 14, 2018 at 02:46 PM

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“ *Mike always shared his love of life with everyone. Mikey treated Ellen & I, and our family like family. He enjoyed celebrating and was sincere in his concerns and congratulations for those that joined him. He wore his leather helmet with gleeful pride.*

**Scott Adams** - September 14, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of  
*Michael Kelchak D.D.S.*”



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September 11, 2018 at 02:59 PM