



Michel Nikolich

March 16, 1938 - March 20, 2026

Michel M. Nikolich, age 88, of Hebron, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Oak Grove Christian Retirement Village.

Born on March 16, 1938, in Gary, Indiana, Michel was the son of Miroslav and Helen (Bicanic) Nikolich. He pursued his passion for education, earning both a bachelor's and master's degree from Indiana State University. Michel dedicated 39 years of his life to teaching industrial arts and education at Crown Point High School, shaping the minds and skills of countless students.

On December 27, 1959, Michel married the love of his life, Jacie (Hedges), who survives him.

He was a hands-on, creative man who loved woodworking, metal fabrication, car restoration, and remodeling. Michel's curiosity and energy kept him engaged in a variety of hobbies and projects throughout his life.

Michel is survived by his devoted wife, Jacie Nikolich; his sons, Kevin and

Rick (Dawn); three grandchildren, Brittany, Samantha (Ryan), and Luke (Amanda); three step-grandchildren, Haley (Jose), Heath (Tanesha), Holt (Stephanie); and three great-grandchildren, Dean, Jack and Miles as well as five step-great-grandchildren. He is survived by his sister, Natalie, and was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Norma, and many cherished friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Jackson Funeral Service on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Family and friends are invited for visitation from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service, at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Michel's honor to St. Jude Children's Hospital [<https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>].

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Michel Nikolich*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 26 at 02:02 PM

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“ *I learned today of Mitchel's passing, nick name. Good friend for many yrs. Auto shop taught me alot about cars.*

Ron Webb - April 07 at 08:52 PM

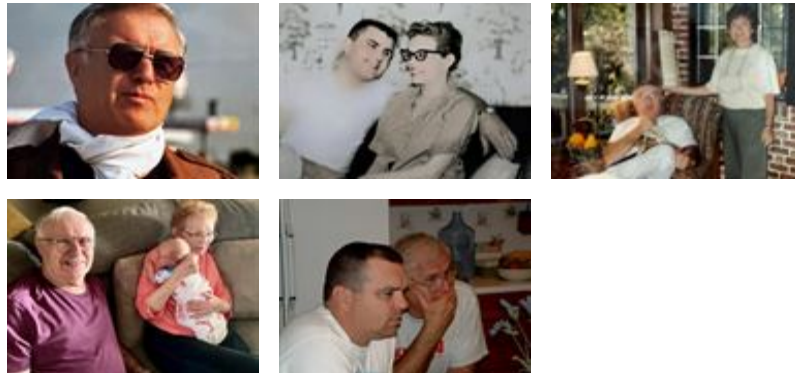
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“ *Jacie,
I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Barb Steffel*

Barb Steffel - March 30 at 03:07 PM



“ 149 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 26 at 01:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Michel Nikolich*.



March 23 at 05:37 PM



“ *Jeff Boardman* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *Michel Nikolich*.



Jeff Boardman - March 23 at 03:52 PM



“ *Jeff B.* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Michel Nikolich*.

Jeff B. - March 23 at 03:24 PM

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Samantha Pavey - March 21 at 01:18 PM