



## Michael Monteleone

January 23, 1963 - November 26, 2021

Michael Monteleone, 58, of Naples, Florida, formerly of Chicago Heights, passed away Friday, November 26, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born in Chicago Heights on January 23, 1963 the son of Melchiore (Mike) and Angela (Vaccaro) Monteleone.

Mike was an ambitious, self made, businessman, and owner of Route 1 Chevrolet Buick in Momence, IL, where he met the love of his life, Stacy Hansen. As a couple they were inseparable for over 24 years.

Mike was loved and well respected by many, known for his integrity and honesty, as well as his limitless generosity with family, friends, and his community. His energy in his work ethic and building his business was beyond reproach, and it was well known that his word was his bond.

In recent years, Mike and Stacy had made their home in Naples, Florida where they enjoyed endless days of competitive pickleball. Mike also had a love for cars, motorcycle riding, boating, home improvement, and many more things. He thoroughly enjoyed life, however short it was.

Mike had an immense love and loyalty to his family and friends.

He is survived by his mother, Angela Monteleone of Manteno; sister, Joan (Vince) Falaschetti of Frankfort; brother, Joseph (Lorraine) Monteleone of New Lenox; nieces and nephews, Christine Falaschetti of Chicago, Laura (Cody) Smith of New Lenox, Joseph Monteleone of New Lenox, and Melanie (Dillon) Smith of Naperville; a cousin, Rosanne (Chuck) Stewart of Chicago and their daughter and son Katie Stewart (Seattle) and Jimmy Stewart (Chicago). He is also survived by Stacy's parents, Stan and Lyn Hansen of Bourbonnais; her sister, Christy (Mike Brown) Spenard of Bourbonnais; brothers, Shaun (Elizabeth) Hansen of League City, TX and Branden (Jacqueline) Hansen of St. Anne; nephews and nieces, Riley and Madigan Spenard of Bourbonnais; Izabel and Mary Alice Hansen of League City, TX; and Baine Hansen of St. Anne.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, November 30, 2021 from 3pm until 7pm at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee. A private Funeral Mass will be held at Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Bourbonnais. Burial will follow at Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery, Orland Park.

We ask that you please follow the state's guidelines where masks/face coverings and distancing are concerned. On behalf of the family and the funeral home staff, we would like to thank you for your cooperation.

Memorials may be made to wishes of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Good Shepard Catholic Cemetery

16201 104th Ave,  
Orland Park, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 E IL-17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-4001  
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Monteleone*

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October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM

“ I met Mike around 1987 when he opened an auto detail shop in Chicago Heights called Auto Care Experts. I had a used car lot in South Chicago Heights and he started to detail some cars for me. We started this working relationship and fast became friends. He was young and energetic and wanted to learn everything he could about the used car business. He started to buy cars on the side and I started to take him to the auto auction with me. He learned quickly and eventually got his own dealer license. He had a real knack for the car business . Before I knew it he bought a 5 car hauler, made a bunch of connections with new car dealers to buy cars, and found this little auction on the Wisconsin line where he would sell cars every week. His business took off and he was very successful. I gave him a lot of advice but it didn't take long before I was the one asking for his advice. We worked together. I sold him cars, he sold me cars, we bought cars together, and we even went partners on a motor home that we bought at the auction that we kept for about 6 years for our personal use.

During this time our friendship grew and I learned a lot about Mike. One thing that stood out was his love for his family and how important family was to him. He often talked about his mom, dad, brother and sister. And later about his nieces and nephew and how proud he was of them.

We made homemade wine together for a couple of years. We bought the grapes from his dad and he set us up with some wine barrels and we used a wine press from one of his dad's friends. A couple of our friends made the wine with us and we had a lot of laughs.

Mike liked my kids and we started going places with my 2 sons when they were little. We went to several White Sox games, Purdue football games where we would tailgate. We took the boys to the auto show. Mike even took us on his boat. It was great times.

Mike's business continued to grow and he bought into a Chevy dealership in a 3way partnership, eventually becoming the sole owner. It was during this time that he met the Stacy, the love of his life. They started dating, became a couple, and were inseparable for over 24 years. Mike often told me how lucky he felt having Stacy in

*his life. Mike and Stacy were like family. We did many things together including a Purdue football tailgate with Stacy making many food items including homemade cannolis! They attended our son's wedding in Aspen, CO and flew in from Florida for our daughters wedding in Chicago.*

*Mike went from his small detail shop to becoming a Chevy/Buick dealer through hard work and determination. He was a self made businessman as the obituary states.*

*He was one of the hardest working people I've ever met. Besides running his business he built a house, remodeled several houses in Florida, remodeled and transformed his dealership and did a lot of the work himself with Stacy working right along side him. They were a team. I believe if he wasn't in the car business he could have been a successful building contractor.*

*Mike was an honest, generous, caring person who treated everyone with respect. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was a great friend. I loved him and my family loved him. I will miss him greatly but will always treasure the memories of our friendship. Rest in Peace Mike.*

*John Pascarella*

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**John Pascarella** - December 01, 2021 at 11:46 AM

MM

*Thank you so much for writing this ❤️ - Melanie Monteleone*

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**Melanie Monteleone** - December 03, 2021 at 06:02 PM

KM

“ Oh Stacy, I am just not even sure what to say. I am still in so much shock as I am sure you are. I did not know Mike as well as some, but I thought the world of him. He cared so deeply about everyone around him. I remember sitting in his office and discussing the rights and wrongs of the world. He always made time to talk even if I just popped in. You were a wonderful couple. I am so sorry for everyone's loss. Kim and Matt Marcukaitis

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**Kim Marcukaitis** - November 30, 2021 at 05:59 PM

PD

“ We met Mike and Stacy on the pickleball courts at Bay Forest when they were first built. They quickly became some of our most ferocious opponents and we loved it. They became very good friends who invited us into their home several times. Mike was such a caring loving guy who always had a big hug ready for you whenever you needed one. He will surely be missed when we return. Curt and Phyllis Danhour

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**Phyllis Danhour** - November 30, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ *The world has lost a beautiful person and our community is in mourning.*

*Mike's charismatic personality touched everyone that met him. He was a respectful listener and reflective conversationalist. He was frank and truthful and smart.*

*Mike was also modest, generous, kind, funny, and loving. He will always be remembered as the driving force in designing and developing the restructure of our Pickleball/Tennis center here in Bay Forest. He would spend hours pouring over schematics and drawings for precision and practicality. His sensitivity to the lush landscape of Bay Forest was evident as he completed this ambitious project with Stacy at his side supporting him every step of the way.*

*The last time my Michael and I were leaving to head north last spring, the pickleball group gathered around for goodbyes. As I walked away, I heard Mike's distinctive voice and turned around. He stood there with his arms open beside Stacy. He had a half smile and his head was tilted as he said, "Wait, come back here. One last hug. We love you guys."*

*That sincerity and spontaneity was so like Mike.*

*Stacy, we are all here for you to give you our love and support through a friendship that will never diminish.*

*Peace and Love - Linda and Michael*

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**Linda Courtiss** - November 30, 2021 at 12:53 PM

MM

“ Both Mike and Stacy were our best friends for years in Naples FL and they were like family to us. We shared so many good memories and trips together. They even drove up to Canada to attend both our son’s weddings. Mike could do anything, and always to perfection, he was a man of all trades. We often joked that HGTV should do a show on he and Stacy while they were renovating their forever home in Sea Pines II. He was a successful businessman at GM and his customers all loved him. We are mourning his loss deeply, things will never be the same without him here in Bay Forest. We are now grieving for Stacy and Mike’s family, we pray you have the strength to get through these difficult days ahead. RIP Mike, you may be gone but you hold a special place in our hearts forever. ❤️  
❤️ Love Marjie and Vic Macina

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**Marjie Macina** - November 30, 2021 at 12:39 PM

LE

“ Our condolences go out to the Monteleone family and Stacy. We are so sorry to hear of Mikes passing. We love Mike and all great fun we had with him at the lake house, tubing behind his boat laughing so hard as Leon cartwheeled across the lake when he fell off, playing cards, singing to Motown, always laughing and having a great time. We will always remember Mike with a smile on his face and laughter soon to follow . He will be missed.

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**Leon & Debbie Elliott** - November 30, 2021 at 12:16 PM

AD

*I am so very sorry for the Monteleone family. My heart is very heavy for Stacy. Mike was such a great guy and could wack the heck out of a pickle ball!! I got to know Mike and Stacy over the last couple of winters at Bay Forest. We all weathered the pandemic together playing Pickleball in the driveway when they shut everything down. We had so many laughs and great times. Bay Forest will just not be the same without Mike. Stacy the whole Bay Forest community will be there for you. I know Mike has already found people to play Pickleball w and is kicking it!*

Alice Desmond - November 30, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.



November 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.



November 30, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.

November 30, 2021 at 07:45 AM

SP

“The news of Mike’s passing seems so unreal, he can’t be gone and I don’t want to believe it. He became so important in our lives in such a short time, was such an awesome and supportive friend, and worked so tirelessly to make our community a wonderful, beautiful, special place to live. He has left his mark in our community which is a lasting reminder and I know for years and years to come we will talk about how “Mike was the one who...”.

*I especially think of how he could be so kind to anyone who wanted to play Pickleball, regardless of skill level, he would always be gentle and encouraging and give great pointers. And how proud he was of Stacy! When she played in a tournament last year, he was as proud as he could be, and took great pleasure in her success. He truly, truly loved you, Stacy!*

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**Susannah R. Phillips** - November 29, 2021 at 10:07 PM

SH

*You’re right, he was so amazing in every aspect. He was one of a kind, and we were all so lucky to have had him in our lives. I am so proud of the man he was. He loved our community so much, and really cared about everyone.*

*Stacy*

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**Stacy Hansen** - November 30, 2021 at 12:10 PM

MP

“Lisa and I are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We admired Mike so very much. Mike and I got to know each other while I was the mayor of Momence. Though it was politics, the economy, and expanding his business that initially brought us together, it was his kindness, sincerity, and honesty that built a bond of friendship. Our hearts go out to Stacy and the family.

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**Mick and Lisa Porter** - November 29, 2021 at 09:10 PM

SH

*Mick and Lisa,  
Mike really respected you, and considered you a great friend.  
Thank you for the nice comments about him. He was certainly a special  
person, and this is a huge loss for many people.  
Stacy*

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**Stacy Hansen** - November 29, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Michael Monteleone.*



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November 29, 2021 at 08:16 PM

DI

“ *My heart is heavy. I will miss our straight forward conversations.  
Until we meet again, my friend.  
Diann*

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**Diann** - November 29, 2021 at 07:48 PM

KR

“ Mauro & I have so many fun and happy memories of being together with you, Stacy, Marjie and Vic. From boating, to making pizzas in your beautiful outside kitchen, to sing alongs, to crazy shopping runs at Costco's, to dinners @ Miller's on Prime Rib night, and hot chocolate at Mercato's to follow. Always fun & happy times ❤️ Things will never be the same, you were the life of every gathering. Your love of family & friends and your loyalty to those you cared about can never be replaced. You are the love of Stacy's life, and I know she was the love of yours. We will all love and protect Stacy, as you watch over her from above. Till you both meet again. We are broken-hearted 💔 Forever friends,  
Kim & Mauro

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**Kim & Mauro Ricchiuti** - November 29, 2021 at 07:46 PM

SH

Kim and Mauro,  
We both love you so much. We have had so many fun times together, and I will cherish those memories forever. ❤️

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**Stacy Hansen** - November 29, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.



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November 29, 2021 at 07:45 PM

KD

“ Kevin and Diann Denton purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael Monteleone.



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**Kevin and Diann Denton** - November 29, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.



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November 29, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.



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November 29, 2021 at 05:29 PM

DI

“ Daniel Sambrooks - Diligent Innovation purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael Monteleone.



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**Daniel Sambrooks - Diligent Innovation** - November 29, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



November 29, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



November 29, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



November 29, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *Mike was a funny, out going special friend. His laugh was contagious. When we were younger we would go to the cottage play card games, drink and going for boat ride , Mike was always there to help you in any way. Stacy and Mike made such a cute couple. We were glad to be their friends. We will really miss him !*

**Linda Kriehner** - November 29, 2021 at 02:26 PM

SH

*Freddy, Linda, and family  
Mike loved you all so much, and always told me stories of all the fun  
you had for all those years.  
Thank you for sharing your memories.  
Stacy*

Stacy Hansen - November 29, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Michael Monteleone.*



November 29, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Michael Monteleone.*



November 29, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Michael Monteleone.*



November 29, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



November 29, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Marina and Andréa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



**Marina and Andréa** - November 29, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



November 29, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



November 29, 2021 at 10:17 AM

DL

“ Mike was a unique man of unparalleled character who practiced extreme generosity. Among his highest values were honesty and integrity.

We've lost a dear and great friend; our lives were enriched by his love and friendship and will not be the same without him.

This brilliant man cannot be replaced.

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**Dwight & Lida Lockwood** - November 29, 2021 at 09:38 AM

SH

*Dwight and Linda,*

*You're absolutely right...he cannot be replaced. He was amazing. It shows through the people he called his friends. We both love you guys so much.*

*Stacy*

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**Stacy Hansen** - November 29, 2021 at 04:40 PM

LK

*Dear Stacy, I'm so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I just found out about it, quite by accident. I met Mike probably 25 or 30 years ago now when Dwight Lockwood brought me to see him to buy a car, a cute little pickup truck that I loved. There was no shopping around; I bought the truck. I trusted Dwight, and I trusted Mike. Since then, I and my parents have bought multiple cars from Mike, and he always treated us like family. The car buying or service appointments were never the goal; the conversations and laughter were.*

*I moved to Tampa nine years ago now and am still driving the Traverse I bought from Mike; he helped me upkeep it from Up North. It's at 100,000+ miles now, and I know Mike would be making me trade it back to him for a newer model!*

*Seeing that Mike passed has hit me hard; his kindness, generosity, and good natured spirit are his legacy.*

*Please be assured of my prayers. Love, Lisa Kowynia*

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**Lisa Kowynia** - November 25, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



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November 29, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *My condolences to Mikes family! I only met Mike twice when I bought a vehicle at Route 1. I really love the atmosphere at Route 1. Mike was super nice to me on both our encounters. My late brother in law, Jeff Batliner said working for Mike was his saving grace. He always spoke so highly of Mike. My nephew, Adam Batliner works for Mike now at Route 1 and he was very grateful to Mike for giving him the opportunity to work at Route 1 like his dad. Adam has nothing but great things to say about Mike. I know Mike will truly missed by everyone who knew him. RIP Mike!!*

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**Janee Babbitt** - November 28, 2021 at 10:56 PM



*Prayers for his family. I know he will be missed. He was a kind generous man*

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**Fli Bruns** - November 29, 2021 at 11:53 AM



*Janee,  
Thank you so much for sharing your kind words about Mike and Route 1 Chevrolet Buick. I told Adam today that he and Jeff “Batman”, are laughing together at Batman’s corny jokes in heaven.  
Stacy*

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**Stacy Hansen** - November 29, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



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November 28, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We were loyal customers of Mike at Route 1 Chevrolet and we will miss buying our vehicles from him. He was always so pleasant with us and that is why we kept going back to give him our business. Our sincere condolences to the whole family. Sending prayers and hugs.*

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**Amada Berrones** - November 28, 2021 at 06:21 PM



*Thank you, Amanda. He talked about you often and was so happy that you were loyal customers.*  
*Stacy*

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**Stacy Hansen** - November 29, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.*



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November 28, 2021 at 03:52 PM

JP

“ John and Nancy Pascarella purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Monteleone.



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**John and Nancy Pascarella** - November 28, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Monteleone.



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November 28, 2021 at 03:39 PM

DK

“ Donald & Gayle Kane purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Monteleone.



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**Donald & Gayle Kane** - November 28, 2021 at 01:26 PM