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Michael Patrick Murray, 74, of Liverpool, NY, passed away April 23, 2026 at Francis House in Syracuse, NY. He was born in Greenpoint in Brooklyn, NY where he attended St. Cecilia's Elementary School. He later moved with his family to Central Islip and graduated from Seton Hall High School, class of 1969. Michael was an excellent student and was inspired to make teaching his lifelong profession. He later attended SUNY Oswego earning a degree in Education as well as a master's degree from Syracuse University. After graduation, Michael found his way to Liverpool and accepted a position at Liverpool High School where he taught for over 30 years, specializing in Math and Computer Science.

Even though he moved permanently upstate, Michael always stayed close to his family, spending many family vacations at the Jersey Shore and at the beaches of North Carolina and Cape Cod. He had a passion for travel, making his way to Ireland, England, Spain, China, Thailand, Peru, and Ecuador with annual cruises to the Caribbean and Central America. The highlight of his travels was completing the ancient pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, one of the most important pilgrimages in Christendom. More recently he would spend his winter months at his home in Florida.

Michael was often the main entertainment at family parties, providing profound recitations on St. Patty's Day in his famous Irish brogue and celebrating pending wedding engagements, births, and milestone birthdays as "Pope Kingfisher", the senior head of the family in charge of blessing the event.

In retirement, Michael remained active in his community, teaching classes of recent immigrants to prepare them for their citizenship exams; volunteering for church fundraisers; and helping out at the local food bank in Syracuse.



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Michael is survived by his sister, Patricia Behrhof; his nephews, Donald Behrhof (partner, Nicole Blersch, children, Noah and Lily) and William Behrhof (wife Laurie, son Alexander). In addition to numerous cousins, their spouses, children and grandchildren, Michael is also survived by his “Liverpool Family” of longtime friends who made his life joyful over the past 50 plus years and were there to support him in his final days.

Michael was loved and will be missed by all.

A funeral Mass in celebration of Michael’s life will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. in Christ the King Church, 21 Cherry Tree Lane, Liverpool, NY. Family and friends may call on Monday, April 27, 2026, from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) N. Syracuse, NY. He will be laid to rest at Queen of All Saints Cemetery, 115 Wheeler Rd., Central Islip, NY on Friday, May 1, 2026.

Donations may be made to Francis House, 108 Michael’s Ave., Syracuse, NY 13208.



Events

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Visitation

Monday, April 27, 2026

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

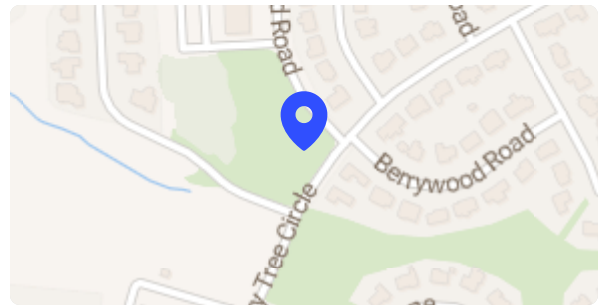


Funeral Mass

Today, April 28, 2026

9:30 AM ET

Christ the King Church
21 Cherry Tree Circle, Liverpool NY 13090



Cemetery Details

Queen of All Saints Cemetery
115 Wheeler Road, Central Islip NY 11722





Tribute Wall

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Jerry Calo posted:

I was very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Mike was my trigonometry teacher back in 1976 and, without question, saved me from summer school. He called my mother to inform her that the final exam was extremely important and that I needed to take it seriously or I was facing "extended education". My mother asked Mike his recommendation on how to proceed and he said, "have him in my room every day next week after school and before baseball practice". It should be pointed out that he did not have to do this on his own personal time but his incredible commitment to teaching would not allow that thought to enter into his thought process. He will truly be missed not only for his dedication but also for his enormous capacity to be kind. My condolences to all of his family and his friends.

April 26 at 2:13 PM



Susan Potrikus posted:

I was so very sorry to hear of the passing of my dear friend, Mike. We go all the way back to our college days at Oswego and were lucky to both be hired at LHS at the same time. We shared many fabulous memories through the years. Mike will be truly missed. RIP, Mike. 🥹🙏💜

April 25 at 9:35 PM



Susan Edmonds April 26 at 2:35 PM

I was a math major with Mike at Suny Oswego. I remember what a fun person he was and how he could dance! I loved to jitterbug with him! I'm sorry to hear of his passing.



Laurie Bumpus posted:

My deepest sympathies to the Murray family. Mike was the best colleague and mentor.... He was well liked by students and staff alike.... And always up for a good prank on someone. I was deeply touched when I had my stroke that he cooked several meals and stopped by to chat about the day's gossip.... May he rest in peace. ❤️

April 25 at 8:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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