



## Michael E. Auer

December 16, 1950 - April 4, 2021

Michael Eastwood Auer, of West Monroe passed away on Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Syracuse, Michael was the son of the late State Senator Martin S. Auer and Wilma Tucker Auer. A graduate of Syracuse University Mike spent his life in the Syracuse area and devoted his career to the family business Auer & Co, Inc. The company founded by Michael's great-grandfather and great-great uncle marked its 156th year in Syracuse in 2021. Mike loved the Montreal Canadiens hockey and fishing on Oneida Lake where he spent his childhood summers. He had a lifelong interest in fire departments and fire trucks dating back to marching in the Cleveland NY fireman's parade as a child. Mike also volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the annual Greek Festival. He was very generous often donating candy for children's events. Like many others in his family, he loved animals, especially the family cats and dogs. Most of all, he loved his girls Christina, Andrea, and Martina.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Christina Armatas Auer and daughters, Andrea, and Martina. Mike also leaves behind his brother, Marty Auer and sister-in-law, Nancy of Allouez, MI; his sister, Virginia Auer Parrott and brother-in-law, Bill of Oswego, as well as his nieces, Larissa Murphy Morales and great-nieces, Willa, and Kelly Murphy Miller (Jason); his nephews, Philip Murphy, and Tom Auer (Kristen) and great-niece Hope; his cousins, Charlie Auer, Mary Auer Houser and Amy Auer Ruff and their families.

Funeral services will be private at the request of the family with the Reverend Nancy A. Auer officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME.

Contributions can be made to St. Mark The Evangelist Church 1612 West Genesee Street Syracuse NY 13204, St Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church 325 Waring Road Syracuse NY 13224, or Forever Friends Animal Rescue 174 Gristwood Rd Pennellville, NY 13132.

# Cemetery

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## **Oakwood Cemetery - Syracuse**

940 COMSTOCK AVENUE

SYRACUSE, NY, 13210

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** - April 07 at 04:42 PM



“ My condolences to the Auer Family. Mike will be missed at St Mark's. May he rest in peace.

**Anna Amaya** - April 07 at 07:36 PM



“ Thank you!

**Christina Auer** - April 07 at 07:39 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to Mike. Thinking of all of you!

Our condolences to all of you. The Ziakas Family. In Rochester, NY.

**Christine Ziakas** - April 07 at 08:04 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.

**Scott Brickman** - April 08 at 11:14 AM



“ Beautiful Tribute for Michael.

We are all broken hearted for you, the girls and our whole family.  
May he RIP.

**Mary Ann Malagisi** - April 08 at 12:50 PM



“ I only knew Mr. Auer from his calling in late closes for his business, he was a wonderfully nice person who always had a joke, I will miss the nightly calls for closing late and my heart goes out to his family, you are in my prayers. RIP Mr. Auer

Rhonda

Doyle Security

**Rhonda** - April 08 at 09:18 PM



“ This was such a beautiful tribute! So many wonderful pictures for so many good memories. I am so very sorry for your loss, and Andrea and Martina have lost their Dad way too soon. My heart breaks for you. My sympathy.

**Ferna Jones** - April 09 at 12:34 AM



“ Dearest Christina, Andrea and Martina, we have known Mike since high school. Our memories are of a great guy with a great spirit and a wonderful sense of humor. You are in our prayers and hope that the love of family and friends and sweet memories will comfort you. May his memory be eternal. All our love, Kirk and Kathy Bristol

**Kirk and Kathy Bristol** - April 11 at 11:45 AM



“ Chris —so very sorry to hear about Mike, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family—god bless

**Mike Paglia** - April 19 at 07:38 PM



“ I know that this is late but I just found out about Mike's passing today. I've know. Mike and his family for many years and I'm so very sorry for his family and their loss. Mike was one of our ushers and was special for us ever since. At least Dick & Mike are together again enjoying heaven. Thoughts and prayers for all of his family.

**Jeannie Crouse** - May 15 at 11:31 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Mike's passing on Easter Sunday. Deepest sympathy for his wife and children and all those that loved Mike. May God comfort you in your loss.

**Janis Lougnot** - April 20 at 10:45 AM

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“ To Mike's Family and Friends:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Mike was one of a kind and I feel so fortunate to have known him. I pray that you find peace in knowing that he is no longer suffering.

I join in extending sincere heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during this most difficult time. May happier memories help to sustain you and bring you comfort through this period of sorrow.

With Love and Prayers,

James Ennis  
Syracuse Firefighters (Retired)

**James Ennis** - April 14 at 10:11 AM

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“ Dear Christine, Andrea and Martina,  
We were so saddened to hear the news of Mike's passing. He was such a kind and generous man. Our condolences during this difficult time. Thinking of all of you.

With love,  
Maria and Bob Gurzick, Michigan

**Maria and Bob Gurzick** - April 08 at 09:46 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy is with your family during this difficult time. I know Michael's sister, Virginia, and brother-in-law, Bill, from my time at BOCES. Again, my deepest sympathy.

David Mizruchi

David Mizruchi - April 08 at 09:21 PM

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“ Christina- so sorry to hear of your loss. I hope the comfort of family and friends will help you as you go forward.  
Mark and Heather Nemier  
Washington, DC

mark j nemier - April 08 at 03:19 PM

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“ The Littlefield/Lockwood family sends it sincerest condolences to you all. Tom and I saw Mike shortly after my Dad's death and shared some memories and laughter. We are so glad we did. Our thoughts are with you all.  
Beth Littlefield McTernan and Tom Littlefield

Beth McTernan - April 08 at 01:03 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a great and generous friend to the local fire service, and will be greatly missed.

David B. Reeves  
Deputy Chief (Retired)  
Syracuse Fire Department 1973-2013  
Chairman - Board of Directors  
Syracuse & Onondaga County Fire Museum

David B Reeves - April 08 at 08:47 AM

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“ Michael was a friend of mine at Central Tech. He was always a gentleman and a great guy. I am so sorry for your tremendous loss...may Michael rest in peace and may the Lord give you the strength you need in the days ahead.

Cheryl Ann Rocco Bilbo - April 08 at 01:14 AM

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“ Dear Auer Family,  
Back when Michael was in high school, I worked for his parents and came to love them dearly; for the brief time I worked for them. I am so sorry to hear of Micheal's passing. I will be remembering him and all of you in prayer. God bless you.  
Diane C Spitz  
Willis TX

Diane C Spitz - April 07 at 08:46 PM

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“ I am so saddened to see this obit today. I Knew Mike well all through high school. After HS we would often meet up to socialize. I have stopped at the shop a few times in recent years to catch up. I always knew Mike to be a friendly, kind, and helpful person. I always enjoyed his company and will miss him dearly.  
Joe Lormand

Joe Lormand - April 07 at 08:10 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - April 07 at 06:26 PM

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“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - April 07 at 04:34 PM

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“ Mike will truly be missed at St. Mark's Church & I'll miss our "Episcopalian" talks & those of firemen- Rest n Peace Mike

Joan Green

Joan Green - April 07 at 02:29 PM

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“ So sorry for your great loss.I knew Mike from St Marks.such a nice man..God bless his family

Dottie - April 07 at 02:18 PM

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“ My condolences to Mr. Auer's family. I never knew Mike but my brother Bob, Dexter worked for the company for many years, until he passed away in 2006. Mike was an encouragement to Bob and helped him through his battle.

When my brother was so very sick, Mike made it possible for me to fly home from North Carolina by offering his saved airline perks to me. I was, and still am, tremendously thankful for his generosity.

My heart goes out to the family.

Coral Dexter

Coral Dexter - April 07 at 02:03 PM



“ Yes he did. I so remember this.

Christina Auer - April 07 at 10:01 PM

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“ The Family of Mike,

So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a good friend in high school and beyond. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bob and Pat McLean

**Bob M** - April 07 at 12:35 PM

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“ Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

**Le Moyne College** - April 07 at 10:49 AM

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“ Christins and daughters,  
My heart aches for you all. All your memories you will carry in your hearts. I am here for you always. You and your daughters are in my prayers.

**Kathy LaRocca** - April 07 at 07:03 AM

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“ Christina, Andrea, Martina, and Family,

My most heartfelt condolences to you all and to all who loved Mike. I have such fond memories of Uncle Mike, as I used to call him as a kid. I think what I loved about Mike the most was his amazing outgoing personality and ability to make people laugh. He was a great man who I highly-respected. He was always so kind to me and my siblings, and so giving. I will surely miss seeing his smiling face, especially at the Greek festival. I pray that you find peace in prayer and in memories. God Bless, Kris Dourdas

**Kris Dourdas** - April 06 at 10:14 PM

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“ Chris, Andrea and Martina, we are so deeply saddened to learn of your father's passing. Mike( Mr Auer) brought the pride in his skaters and humour during those busy rink days. We new him to be happily involved in running the grill at the Greek Fest each year in the dog hot heat of June. He truly loved his family and community. It was always a pleasure to see him.

**The Vazquez Family** - April 06 at 09:29 PM

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“ Christina and family..sending my condolences to everyone. Very sorry for the loss of your husband and father of your girls.

**Cheryl Maloney** - April 06 at 06:20 PM

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“ Mike, I'm going to miss my grill mate at the festival, my time there will never be the same. I will promise you that i will watch over all 3 of your beautiful ladies if i get the chance. You can rest now and admire what you have accomplished. See you on the other side. God Bless!

**Weis** - April 06 at 05:45 PM



“ The growing up days ! Mike and your brother Marty and your dad who I loved and laughed with at Church on S. Salina ST every Sunday . I recently lost my older brother Bob B. Who you and Marty had the greatest memories. Loved you guys and you will always be a great part of my youth. BLESS YOU

Bill B

**Bill Barber** - April 07 at 06:10 AM