



Michael Sedlak, III

June 9, 1957 - January 8, 2023

Atlantic City - Michael Sedlak, III, age 65 passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at Atlantic Care Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City. Born in Passaic, Michael was raised in northern New Jersey. He owned and operated Bagels On The Hill, a bagel business with his late wife, Donna in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He enjoyed playing poker, taking walks, and spending time at the beach. He was predeceased by his father, Michael, Jr. and his wife, Donna (Nellessen) Sedlak. Michael is survived by his daughter, Danielle Brand, her husband Josiah and their son, Henry of Chesterfield, Virginia; his mother, Anna (nee Sokol) of Wantage; his sister, Marge Bachir and her husband Stanley of Wantage; his brother, Stefan Sedlak and his wife Sandra of Westwood; his fiancé, Robin Buchanan of Atlantic City; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023 at St. Michael Cathedral Chapel, 415 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park. Interment to follow at St. Michael Cemetery, South Hackensack. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Michael's name to <https://mssociety.donordrive.com/campaign/Michael-Sedlak-s-Memorial>

Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Michael Cemetery

120 Saddle River Road
South Hackensack, NJ 07026

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ To my little brother Mike! I can't believe that you are really gone. I still remember the day that you were born. You were the first American. The Sedlak family had come from Slovakia recently. We were having a birthday party for your brother Steve in the Garfield yard when dad took mom to the hospital. I was nine years older, so you were like my little baby. I remember you napping on my bed and I had to sit on the floor and watch you so you wouldn't fall off. Eventually you took over my bed with Steve in the room. I remember as a baby you tried to imitate dad. He made you a little blue wooden chair. You sat in it and played your little accordion, then you would put your baby bottle down and grab dad's beer bottle and put it in your mouth.

I remember the wooden swing dad made for us & us swimming in the pool. I watched you and Steve in the playground of Saint Michael's elementary school. The three of us would go to the lake at Sokol camp in Boonton. I remember Seaside Heights playing hopscotch, jump rope, cards and Monopoly.

All of the Sedlak family used to go to grandma Helen's house in Clifton. Then family functions at moms in Garfield and Sussex. I drove you and Steve and your friend John Chan in my rambler. The three of us were in each other's weddings. We all attended each other's children's weddings. We even flew across the country to attend my sons Ken's wedding. You were his godfather. You went to my daughter Michelle's house for a family celebration. I helped you buy your first house in Hackettstown. I was there when Danielle was born. Then visited you in your beautiful home & was proud when you became Chief financial officer in Florida. I remember enjoying a lovely walk with you as you smoked your cigar until you mentioned for me to stay away from the gutters because there were alligators there.

I visited you when you moved to North Carolina and started bagels on the hill. I loved your bagels!

I also shared the sad times with you. Was there when Donna passed away. You took great care of her and dad until he passed away.

When you moved to Sussex County we spent the most time

together. You were only five minutes away taking care of dad . I took you to oldies concerts, the farm & horse show, fireworks in Sparta, , celebrated New Year's Eve together, weddings, St Michaels banquet at the Venetian, birthdays etc.

You loved your Starbucks, your vitamins, jogging, going to the gym.. I was happy that you found love again with Robin. You were in your happy place in Atlantic City with your beautiful ocean view. You called mom Frequently when I was there. I spoke to you the day before and you seemed fine. You Spoke about Danielle and Henry with pride. You were a great husband and father. I will be there for them as you were always there for me when I needed help or advice. I regret that I never had a chance to say good bye. I,Il miss you . My dear brother, my love goes with you as you Rest In Peace with God, dad & Donna❤️😊🙏✝️



Marge Bachir - February 01, 2023 at 05:02 PM

CR

Dear Marge, I was so very sorry to hear about both Mike and Donna. It was quite a shock. I had just moved back to Durham and was looking for their shop and I couldn't find it anywhere. I didn't know what it happened I knew Donna had been sick years ago when I was coming to the shop regularly. I am so sorry to hear about this for both of them they were two of the nicest people. I know their business is missed, they were so kind. I am also a big sister to five and would be devastated to lose any of my siblings. Big hugs to you. Carly

Carly Richichi - May 12, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Sedlak, III.*



January 12, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *The Steve Sedlak and Mania Families purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Michael Sedlak, III.*



The Steve Sedlak and Mania Families - January 12, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Dear Stefan, Sandy and your entire family: your neighbors Nancy and John are deeply saddened by the news of Michael's sudden passing. May the precious memories you hold dear give you peace and comfort today and the days ahead. We lift Michael up in prayer and we send you our deepest sympathy .*

Nancy and John McGlade - January 11, 2023 at 08:32 PM



Thank you John and Nancy.

Sheryl - January 15, 2023 at 09:33 PM

EP

“ *Danielle and Josiah, I am very sorry for your loss. I met Michael once (maybe twice) at Bruce and Anita's. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Eileen Pizer*

Eileen Pizer - January 11, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Sedlak, III.*



January 11, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ My dear brother and good friend Michael. We shared many good memories together watching each other grow. We shared a bedroom in our home in Garfield. We played tackle football at Dolphine Park together without any safety equipment. We attended St. Michael's Elementary School and Pope Pius H.S. I survived staying at your dorm at Stockton State College. I can still remember the keg in the courtyard and Bruce Springstein playing at level 10. I remember your beautiful home in Spring Hill, Florida with the crystal clear river (and the alligator). We enjoyed Myrtle Beach together. We shared a bagel at Bagel's on the Hill, in Chapel Hill. I still have the John Deere mower that you gave me when you sold your home there. We were each other's best men at our weddings. Our two families enjoyed Disney together and our daughters are great friends. We played hundreds of hands of no limit Texas Holdem Poker at the Taj Mahal and the Showboat in Atlantic City. Atlantic City was always your happy place. You died too young but doing what you enjoyed the most. May you rest in peace.



Stefan Sedlak - January 11, 2023 at 02:44 PM

RB

Beautiful, your brother loved the conversations you would have on the phone♥ Love, Robin

Robin Buchanan - January 12, 2023 at 12:02 PM

KA

“ *Dear Robin,
It has been wonderful to see the great joy and happiness you found
in your love with Michael. I am so very sorry for you and for his
family. God bless.
Kathy Andreola*

Kathy Andreola - January 11, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Michael Sedlak, III.*



January 11, 2023 at 08:17 AM

JS

“ My dear cousin Michael, born in 1957, was the first of my dear cousins born in this country after the Sedlak family of two grandparents, each of our parents and three uncles and our dear aunt arrived or re-arrived into the U.S. from Europe in the early 1950's. My brother Steven was the second born two years later. Michael's Sister Marge, His brother Stephen and myself were the first three cousins, and born in Europe. Six more initial cousins (Andy & brother Robbie, Steven & sister Christine, Paulie & brother Richie) followed over the years into the separate families. I remember the joy felt, by ALL the family, when Michael was born, and the joy felt when my brother was born. That joy continued, and continues for all the cousins. The family always shared every joy and happiness, accomplishment, pain, suffering, and especially time, when possible. We remember looking forward to the visits to Grandpa and Grandma's house on Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving or just whenever years back. I will always remember cousin Michael as a smart and deeply caring boy and man who enjoyed seeing others happy. He liked being active. When I heard the surprising news of his leaving us, it took me a while, as I'm sure for all of us, to really actually accept that it happened. With Michael, as with all my cousins, even if we didn't get together as much as we would like to, usually because of distance, when we did get together or talk, it's as we never missed a beat.

I'M SORRY DANIELLE !!!!!!!

I'M SORRY AUNT ANN, MARGE AND STEVE,

I LOVE YOU ALL !!!!!!!

LOVE YOU MICHAEL, GOD BLESS YOUR ETERNAL SOUL.

VICNAJA PAMJAT (ETERNAL MEMORY)

John Sedlak - January 11, 2023 at 01:53 AM

JC

“ *Mike and I were partners in crime throughout elementary school. We were always up to something and had some great times together. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. May God grant him peace and eternal rest.* ”

John Chan - January 10, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Sedlak, III.* ”



January 10, 2023 at 04:11 PM