



Michael P. Townsend

September 21, 2025

Michael Peter Townsend Sr., of Philadelphia, PA, passed away on September 21, 2025, surrounded by family at the age of 67.

A proud Philadelphian through and through, Mike was a devoted fan of all things Philly sports — especially the Eagles, Phillies, and Sixers. He never missed a chance to cheer on his beloved Notre Dame Fighting Irish or the Temple Owls. Whether it was game day or just a regular Tuesday, he wore his team spirit like a badge of honor.

Mike's heart was always with St. Thomas More, where he attended school until its closing. He went on to graduate from West Catholic School for Boys in 1977, and later became a proud graduate of Temple University — a place and community that remained close to his heart throughout his life.

Mike was a pivotal part of the EOM community — dependable, generous, and always ready with a helping hand. He could often be seen riding his bike around town, waving to neighbors, catching up with friends, and enjoying the rhythm of the neighborhood he loved.

Above all, Mike was a family man. He was the proud husband of Kate, with whom he shared a lifetime of love and partnership. He was a devoted father to Michael, a supportive father-in-law to Kelli, and found his greatest joy in being Molly's Poppi — a role he cherished more than any other.

He will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty, his deep love for family and community, and the way he made everyone feel like they mattered. His legacy is one of laughter, kindness, and connection — the kind that leaves a lasting

imprint on all who knew him.

Mike is survived by his loving wife Kate (nee McGinn) , his devoted son Michael and daughter-in-law Kelli, and his beloved granddaughter Molly; he was the cherished son of the late James and Mary Townsend; brother of Jack Townsend and the late James Townsend; as well as extended family and dear friends.

Relatives, friends, members of EOM, and the Philadelphia Department of Recreation are invited to his Viewing, Thursday, September 25, 2025 after 7 PM until 9 PM from the Rogers Funeral Home, Inc., 1426-30 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 and again on Friday, September 26, 2025 after 8 AM until 9:30 AM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at 10 AM. Interment will follow at SS Peter & Paul Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Mike's name to Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

He will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Cemetery Details

SS Peter and Paul Cemetery

1600 Sproul Road
Springfields, PA 19064

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **25**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Rogers Funeral Home
1426-30 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 468-4632
<https://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com/>

Flowers are to be delivered by 3PM

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
1404 South 3rd St
Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 465-4050

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I was so sorry to hear about Mike passing. I knew Mike from our early years working at Murphy Rec. center @ 4th& Shunk. We stayed friends through the years. Most recently seeing Mike at EOM, helping out with the scorer's table. He always was so pleasant and would call me Mitch, short for my last name Michielli. You will be missed my friend. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Stephen (Mashue) Michielli

Stephen Michielli - September 29, 2025 at 07:46 AM

MS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mr.Mike . May he rest in peace and so sorry to his family for the loss .

Ms.White - September 25, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JA

“ My family knew Mike from the rec (3rd & shunk) was always happy ,helpful and always had a smile on his face.. since we were little, sad to say last I seen him was at my brother's funeral last year. I'm sorry for your loss may Mike Rest peacefully 🙏

Joy Ancello - September 24, 2025 at 07:39 PM

MS

“ To Kate, Michael, Kelli, & Molly Shea,
Deep sympathy and condolences to you all. I know what a devoted husband, Father, POPPI and friend Mike was. Alex & I first met Mike through his work at the three B's at Pennsylvania Hospital, than always a fixture at EOM Events and activities and always at Shot Tower. It's difficult to express how he will be missed throughout all our waterfront communities. Bless you Mike for all you've done.
Alex & Marge Schernecke

Marge & Alex Schernecke - September 24, 2025 at 10:16 AM

PM

“ Pat McQuilkin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael P. Townsend.



Pat McQuilkin - September 24, 2025 at 10:01 AM

PM

“ Pat McQuilkin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael P. Townsend.

Pat McQuilkin - September 24, 2025 at 10:01 AM

JM

“ I first met Mike at Temple University, as we both were majoring in Public Recreation Management, and after graduation, we both became long time employees in the Philadelphia Recreation Department. I career path eventually took me to South Philly, where we reconnected. Mike was iconic in the facilities he served, and it was always a treat to get to catch up with him. After I retired, I did get to see him a couple of times a year, most recently at the Broad Street Run Expo. His sly humor and upbeat nature will be greatly missed. Rest easy, Mike, you made the lives of many people better just by being you.

John McBride - September 23, 2025 at 10:26 PM

GM

“ Mike was a student in my Western Civilization class, while I was teaching at West Catholic High School for boys. He came to West after St. Thomas More High School closed His easy going affable manner made him a pleasure to have as a student. He was a co worker of mine, in the Philadelphia Recreation Dept, where, we, his co workers dubbed him STUDS, after a TV character named Studs Lonergan, who was always sporting a tweed jeff cap like the one Mike always wore. Gone too soon, but will be remembered as one of the GOOD GUYS. R I P, STUDS



Gerry Moore - September 23, 2025 at 06:05 PM

FT

“ Friends of Shot Tower purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Michael P. Townsend.



Friends of Shot Tower - September 23, 2025 at 01:09 PM

MC

“ I knew Mike so well from working at Pennsylvania Hospital. He was a wonderful guy always smiling and cheerful. Always stopped in the hall to chat. He will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. RIP Mike God Bless you 🕊️

Maria Cattafesta - September 23, 2025 at 11:37 AM

JA

“ Mike was always kind and polite to my family at Shot Tower .. He'll be missed
-Jason

Jason - September 23, 2025 at 11:23 AM

MK

“ So sorry for your family's loss. Mike was always liked for his personality, and love of his family.

Mary Anne Killian - September 23, 2025 at 10:38 AM

TF

“ The McCarrick Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael P. Townsend.



The McCarrick Family - September 23, 2025 at 10:24 AM

MJ

“ Are condolence is send to you and your family. We will miss Mr. Mike
Ms. Jai and Climate Staff family

Ms Jai - September 23, 2025 at 09:25 AM

CF

“Katie , Michael, Kerri and Molly , We are so so sorry to hear about Mike . Prayers, hugs to you all. RIP Mike
Colleen Fry

Colleen Fry - September 23, 2025 at 08:01 AM

DB

“Such a great guy and friend. Sympathy and prayers for his family. ❤️
🙏🙏

David Bielicki - September 22, 2025 at 10:33 PM

GB

“Kate, Michael, Kelli and Molly
My sincere condolences. Keeping all of you in
my prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏
Rest in peace, Mike



With sympathy
Gerri Matkowski

Gerri Barry-Matkowski - September 22, 2025 at 09:41 PM

RA

So sadden to hear about Mike. From Pennsylvania Hospital, EOM
Bingos and many other places..Mike was always there to help out..hard
to believe he is gone..sending condolences and prayers to his family
..Rest Easy Mike..you are gone to soon but never will be forgotten here
on Earth 🙏

Rita Audia - September 24, 2025 at 03:48 PM