



## Michael H. Wharton

May 11, 1955 - December 24, 2020

WHARTON – Michael H. Wharton, age 65 of Snellville, GA, passed away on Thursday, December 24, 2020.

Born in Mt. Union, PA, he was the son of Sherwood and Margaret Wharton.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Kimberly Wharton; children, Zachary Wharton of Statham, GA, Matthew Wharton of Snellville, GA, Becky Wharton and her fiancé, Chris Norris, of Chamblee, GA; grandchildren, Trinity Wharton, Ian Wharton, Alex Norris, Taylor Norris and grandchild number five arriving March, 2021.

He is also survived by five siblings, Margaret Love and husband, Ken, Bartley Wharton, Maureen Olson and husband, Roger, Kathleen Lantz and husband, Randy, and Kevin Wharton.

Mike attended Mt. Union High School, class of 1973, and graduated from Shippensburg State College in 1978. He worked for USF&G Insurance Company from 1978 to 1994. He continued his career with Hanover Insurance Company from 1994 to his retirement in June 2020.

Mike was a devout Catholic and life-long fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Penn State Nittany Lions.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

A Memorial Mass will be held 11:00 AM on Monday, January 4, 2021 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 801 Tom Smith Road, Lilburn, GA. The service will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend. A private family burial will be held by the family at a later date. If desired, family and friends may make memorial contributions to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) or 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 2246 Wisteria Drive, Snellville, GA 30078, 770-979-5010. Please leave online condolences at <http://www.stewartfh.com>.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
801 Tom Smith Road, SW  
Lilburn, GA 30047

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael H. Wharton*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *I am proud to say Mike was my friend and a mentor to myself and many in our agency. I will miss our conversations about HIS Steelers amongst other things. I know he could probably tell me who their 4th round draft pick was in 78'. Mike's sincerity, care, and telling it like it is are lessons we can all keep with us. We will miss Mike greatly and his family is in our prayers. Ashley and SIA Insurance*

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**Ashley Watkins** - January 05, 2021 at 04:09 PM

DB

“ Ron and I live across the street in the same neighborhood with Mike and Kim. We have known them for over 10 years. We shared quite a few memories together such as my Luau, Ron's birthday, and of course my Kentucky Derby parties. Mike's laughter and conversations were always interesting. He will be missed and we will always cherish these memories. Rest in peace until we meet again.

*Ron and Donna Barron*



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**Donna Barron** - January 04, 2021 at 06:53 AM

CM

“ I am saddened to hear of Mike's passing. We were classmates, attended the same church, and, I am grateful to say, friends. "Hockey" was an observant participant in conversation and had the ability to come out with one-liners that would have us laughing hysterically. Mike's sweet mother was our cheerleading advisor and his father also shared a great sense of humor. It is no wonder why all the Wharton kids were warm-hearted, well liked, and loving individuals.

I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to reconnect with "Hockey" a few years ago at a class reunion. I was introduced to Kim and could see Mike light up when talking about their many years together, their children, and grandchildren. You could feel how much that he cherished his family and the life he and Kim made together.

He was one of the good guys and will be greatly missed.

Cindy (Hughes) Moehle

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Cindy Moehle - January 01, 2021 at 09:22 AM

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“ I will miss your dry humor and unconditional love for your family everyday til we are together again. I will love you forever. Kathy (sister)



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Kathy Lantz (sister) - December 31, 2020 at 09:31 PM

JD

“ The most difficult part here upon learning of Michael's passing, is how to possibly limit this to JUST a memory. Our times with the Whartons were prior to their moving to Mt. Union PA, but those childhood memories were infinite and priceless. The Dandrea family was connected with them I suppose because we lived just down the road, and were nearly identical in numbers and ages of everyone - and Michael and Bart must've surely spent a lifetime of Huckleberry-style adventures around town with me and my brother Tom! Rene always seemed to be there as well, we were all quite the gang of musketeers! Their house in Orby was so cool - huge it seemed, with an attic - something we didn't have. The back yard - an incredible chestnut tree always filled the yard with plenty of "ammo" as we'd team up and take turns at each end of the yard, having endless battles with those chestnuts!

Memories of walking about town, wading through the creek and giving our parents worries for sure, being out at all hours and it's a wonder we didn't get bit by snakes! We were, of course, youngsters who felt like superheroes, indestructible and immortal - well, at least our friendship was, at any rate.

I only regret that we couldn't continue to remain in touch, as we all drifted into other states and several of us even went to military careers. Yet, Michael and the family were always, and will always remain, my very best of loving thoughts and memories even during life's most dark and cold moments.

My warmest and most heartfelt condolences to all of the Wharton family, and I welcome any chance to get to catch up if you are ever inclined to look us up on FB. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. We will never forget and of course, our faith assures us that we will all be together again in God's time. Loving wishes -- John Dandrea

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**John Dandrea** - December 31, 2020 at 12:44 PM

JD

“ *John Dandrea lit a candle in memory of Michael H. Wharton*



John Dandrea - December 31, 2020 at 12:27 PM



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



December 30, 2020 at 05:47 PM

CB

“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss. Brent and I always felt a lot of love coming from Mike. He was a great addition to our family and he will be missed. May Gods Blessings Be with this wonderful family during this time of need. We love you dearly.*

Charlene Bridges - December 29, 2020 at 11:10 AM

BC

“ *Brent, Charlene, Issabelle & Chris purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael H. Wharton.*



Brent, Charlene, Issabelle & Chris - December 29, 2020 at 09:33 AM

PB

“ Kim - you and I always referred to Mike as “Michael Row the Boat Ashore”. Who knows how this started. We recall many things that we don't know how they originated, however, they hold meanings and memories that only the two of us understand. Mike was a kind and fun-loving brother-in-law from the very beginning, the day of your “dancing on the table” wedding. Thinking and praying for you and family. Love, your sister Pam

Pam Behrendt - December 28, 2020 at 07:34 PM

HU

“ Hanover Personal Lines Underwriting purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Michael H. Wharton.



Hanover Personal Lines Underwriting - December 28, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Michael H. Wharton.



December 28, 2020 at 12:12 PM

PB

“ Pam Behrendt lit a candle in memory of Michael H. Wharton



Pam Behrendt - December 28, 2020 at 11:41 AM

RS

“ Rick, Roxanne, Sara, Emma and Sarah purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael H. Wharton.



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**Rick, Roxanne, Sara, Emma and Sarah** - December 28, 2020 at 10:12 AM

MG

“ Missy Ginn lit a candle in memory of Michael H. Wharton



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**Missy Ginn** - December 28, 2020 at 08:26 AM

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“ A green candle during this Christmas season to tie to the symbolism of the evergreens. The love Mike and Kim share and instilled in their family lives on and will continue to grow. So long as a single one of us remains to remember Mike and the joy he brought into our lives, then Mike will live on within our hearts. ❤️💚



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**Maureen (Rene)** - December 28, 2020 at 08:09 AM

BS

“ Mike and I worked together at Hanover Insurance. There were many of us that came together, and moved in and out, but the core team of people during the time I was there last, was myself, Mike, Roberta, Ben, Colin and Elizabeth. But, I've got to give a big "Shout Out" to James, Jan and Janna (the "J's") and Lee and Brian!

Mike, you were so gracious and supportive of each of us. We thank you. Mike was one of two people in the WHOLE company that was considered our Expert in Insurance Underwriting. He provided guidance in Underwriting and on occasion, in life, I remember him talking and sharing stories about his wife Kim, his children and grandchildren. He adored his family. He was truly a kind and gracious man. He gave me great guidance and insight. You were my wise owl! That was one of the names I had for you, LOL. There were others...fondly. There are people that enter our lives, the length of time doesn't matter, it is the connection, the interactions and lessons that we share. You were that person. I have missed you, and will continue to do so. I wish much peace to you and your family and friends.

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**Betsey W Sinor** - December 27, 2020 at 08:02 PM



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



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December 27, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ Lots of healing prayers to the family. Mike has left amazing memories for everyone to remember. Love you all



Kara Burns - December 27, 2020 at 02:25 PM

DE

“ I send my prayers for the family his brother Kevin and I graduated together !! Sorry for your lost !! DENISE.M.WILKINSON

DENISE.M.WILKINSON - December 27, 2020 at 01:30 PM

TS

Our thoughts ,prayers and love to you Kim, to Zach, Trinity,and Ian, to Matt, and to Becky and Chris. Mike was a great neighbor and will be missed so much.

Tk and Michelle stanford - January 02, 2021 at 11:31 AM

PN

“ My deepest condolences on your loss. I graduated class of 73 with Mike, and have known the family for years. My heart aches for you all!

Pamela Norris - December 27, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael H. Wharton.



December 27, 2020 at 10:08 AM

MM

“ *Monica Mazgay lit a candle in memory of Michael H. Wharton*



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**Monica Mazgay** - December 27, 2020 at 09:39 AM

CS

“ *My condolences to a wonderful college friend. God bless him and his loved ones.*

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**Chuck Souders** - December 26, 2020 at 06:01 PM

RP

“ *Our deepest condolences on your loss. Mike and I went to school together and shared many classes from 5th grade through 12th. Like many of us after graduation, we all went off in different directions in life and had not seen each other since. Mike was a truly nice guy who always was cordial to everyone. Mike always followed sports and my most clear memories of Mike was a group of us who informally got together before going into school for day. We talked sports in general but football more than anything else. We talked about the weekend games and solved such weighty problems as to who should start at quarterback for the Steelers, Terry Hanratty or the new kid, Terry Bradshaw and how excited we were that we could now watch football on Monday night. Remembering Mike has brought a smile to my soul and it is my sincere hope this memory will do the same for some others. We will miss you Mike and people were better for having known you.*

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**Randy Pollock** - December 26, 2020 at 03:45 PM

DB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mike's death. For every Wharton in a MUAHS graduating class, there was a corresponding House. Michael, AKA "Hockey Puck", graduated with Steve and Dianne. He was a good friend to both. Our families were additionally connected with our mom working in your dad's office once or twice a week. Your parents had a beautiful family. We pray for your peace during this time of sorrow. Love the "House kids": Joyce, Steve, Dianne, Kathe, Dorothy, Michael, Margie and Mark. [We lost Carol in 2018 to cancer].

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**Dianne House Barben** - December 26, 2020 at 03:18 PM