



Micheal Gerd Gundersen

July 3, 1965 - November 28, 2023

Michael “Gundy” Gerd Gundersen of Quincy, Illinois passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 surrounded by his family at Blessings Hospital in Quincy, after a courageous battle with cancer, at the age of 58.

Michael was born in Arzberg, Germany on July 3, 1965.

Raised in a military family, Michael was fortunate to have called many places home, he has of course lived in Germany where he was born, Illinois, Alabama, Kentucky, Arizona, and Tennessee. He was an elite soccer player and while in Munich, Germany, he played for an American high school level soccer team that was mentored by the FC Bayern Munich, a German National League team. He also enjoyed football and played during his elementary and high school years.

After graduating high school Michael went to culinary school in Alabama. He was a great chef and worked for several restaurants over the years. He especially enjoyed cooking for his family when they visited. His family cherished those visits and loved every dish he prepared for them.

Michael was very competitive and enjoyed playing pool, table tennis, and bowling. An avid lifelong Dallas Cowboy fan, Sundays, would find him watching the game with friends cheering on his team. He was a good friend to many, and offered help in any way he could, even though Michael didn't have a lot, he gave so much of himself without question to his friends and offered love and support in the times that they needed a friend. He will be forever loved and missed by all that knew and loved him.

Michael Gerd Gundersen is survived by his family, which include his father Victor Gundesen, of Rolla, MO; his siblings, Kim Gundersen, and brother, Steven Gundersen; children, Chasity, Dana, and Justin; grandchildren, Lizzy, Zac, and Jackson; his village of friends that have made the last couple of years easier to get through each day. His surviving family is so grateful to each and everyone that helped them get through his battle. He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Ingrid Gundersen who passed in February of this year.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Rolla, Missouri with Father Greg Meystrik officiating. A visitation from family and friends will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at the Rolla Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary from 1-3PM, and for those who can't make the afternoon visitation an evening visitation will be open as well, from 5-7PM. Memorials are suggested and greatly appreciated to the Salvation Army, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations. The family would like to say Thank You, to all the Doctors, nursing staff, and everyone that took care of not only Michael during this difficult time, but who also took care of the family by pointing them in all the right directions to make him comfortable, but also making the family comfortable.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
1651 E. Hwy 72
Rolla, MO 65401
(573) 458-2262
jgrolla@hotmail.com
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

Visitation

DEC 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
17 St Patricks Ln
Rolla, MO 65401
(573) 364-1435

Tribute Wall

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“ *Gundy had a special place in my heart and he will be so sadly missed* ”

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