



Michael "Mike" L. Race

March 23, 1965 - June 1, 2025

STANTON -- Funeral service for Michael L. "Mike" Race, 60, of Stanton, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 6, 2025 at the St. Peter's Catholic Church in Stanton. Father Gregory Carl will be officiating the service. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stonacekfuneralchapel/>. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., with time of sharing starting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, also at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Stanton. Michael passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at the Premier Estates in Pierce. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Michael was born March 23, 1965 in Norfolk to Lyle and Donna (Wragge) Race. He attended elementary school in Hadar and graduated from Pierce High school in 1984.

Michael married Sandra (Prusa) Race on September 24, 1988. The couple was blessed with two daughters, Nichole and Leslie of Omaha.

Michael's wife and daughters were his pride and joy. Michael was an avid Husker and Steeler's fan. Some of his favorite hobbies were mowing lawns, meeting up at Subway with the city guys and cruising around town. He enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with his friends and family.

Michael worked at Parco, Inc for several years, then worked for Great Dane Trailers for 23 years, while also working at Menards part time. He was a dedicated member of the Stanton Volunteer Fire Department.

Michael is survived by his wife, Sandra Race, daughters, Nichole Race and Leslie Race. Siblings, Brenda (Race) Werner (Todd) of Pierce, and Scott Race (Laurie) of Pierce. Mother-in-Law Darlene Prusa, Longin and Julie Prusa, Cheryl and Al Wolverton, Jim and Deb Prusa, John and Rhonda Prusa, Barb and Doug Kelly. Along with many cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Donna (Wragge) Race, infant sister Peggy Sue Race, maternal and paternal grandparents and father-in-law Robert Prusa.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

St. Peter's Catholic Church - Stanton
1504 Ivy Street
Stanton, NE 68779
stpeters@stanton.net
<http://stpeters@stanton.net>

Funeral Service

JUN 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church - Stanton
1504 Ivy Street
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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Dr. Jason and Heather Bailey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Race.



Dr. Jason and Heather Bailey - June 07, 2025 at 09:05 PM

SK

“ We are so sorry for your loss! Our prayers being sent during this difficult time! Ed & Sandy Korth

Sandy Korth - June 06, 2025 at 03:09 PM

SW

“ Our Sincere Sympathy to the family of Mike Race for your loss. Mike was always so friendly and enjoyed visiting whenever we saw him!

Steve & Peggy Wragge - June 05, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Race.



June 05, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Race.



June 05, 2025 at 07:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael "Mike" L. Race.

June 04, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Race.



June 04, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ Katie, Matt & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Race.



Katie, Matt & family - June 04, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BB

“ *Brian & Erica Burns purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Race.*



Brian & Erica Burns - June 03, 2025 at 04:00 PM

SP

“ *If you ever had the privilege of knowing Michael, you’d know what I mean when I say he was like the brother I never had. Not by blood, but by every beat of the heart. A classmate, a friend, a confidant — Michael was the kind of person who made the world around him better just by being in it.*

From the earliest school days to the quieter years that came later, our memories with Michael are stitched together by laughter — the kind that left your sides aching and your cheeks sore. He had this way of lifting a room.

What made Michael different was how open he was with his emotions. He wore his heart right there on his sleeve — not out of weakness, but out of courage. He didn’t hide love, or kindness, or hurt. He gave freely of himself, whether it was a listening ear when you needed to vent, or a shoulder when things got heavy. He had a gentleness that was rare. A good soul, through and through.

Losing Michael leaves a quiet in the spaces where his laughter used to live. But it also leaves behind a warmth — a deep, unshakable sense that we are so much better for having had him in our lives. We carry that with us now, in our memories, in our hearts, and in the ways we try to live a little more like he did — open, kind, and full of love.

We miss you, Michael. Always.

Sheli

Sheli J Protector - June 03, 2025 at 03:01 PM

TH

“ Trent H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael "Mike" L. Race.

Trent H. - June 03, 2025 at 01:06 PM

JM

“ Mr Mike you gonna be missed coming in the shop hanging out (shop talk) rest in peace sir no more pain

Justin Mandl - June 02, 2025 at 10:40 PM