



## James Michael Wheeler

December 4, 2023

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March 20th 1956 - December 3rd, 2023

James Michael Wheeler, affectionately known as Mike, a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, son, brother, and friend, passed away unexpectedly on December 3rd 2023, at the age of 67. He leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that touched the lives of many.

Born on March 20th 1956 to Helen and James Wheeler, Mike was deeply devoted to his family. He was the loving husband to Caroline, a guiding light to his daughters Kendra and Isabella, a supportive father-in-law to Kevin, and a source of boundless joy as a grandfather to Camden and Sawyer.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Caroline Wheeler, daughters Kendra Allen (Kevin), and Isabella Wheeler, and grandchildren Camden and Sawyer Allen. He is also survived by his father, James Wheeler (Nadine), siblings Pat Wheeler (Camille), Cindy Litfin, Joni Wheeler, Tim Wheeler (Jane) and many loving nieces and nephews. Mike's circle of family extended deeply to his in-laws, who were dear to him. He is survived by his mother-in-law Marlene Lynch, sister-in-law Colleen Wegner (James Wegner) brother-in-law Charles Lynch Jr. (Carrie Lynch), sister-in-law Juliane Lynch-Daniels (James

Daniels) and brother-in-law Steven Lynch. He is preceded in death by his Mother, Helen Wheeler, Father-in-Law, Charles E. Lynch and Brother-in-Law, Bill Litfin.

Family was the most important thing in Mikes life. He loved supporting his daughters throughout the years in various sports, dads weekends, moves across the country and important milestones. His new favorite title was Grandpa. He loved spending time with his grandkids, especially cheering on the University of Minnesota Gophers, playing basketball, getting in the bounce house and teaching them how to eat corn on the cob. Mike loved having his family over for barbecues in the summer, listening to music and enjoying each others company.

Mike was born and raised in Minnesota. He spent most of his childhood in Austin, Minnesota and attended Pacelli Catholic High School. After graduating, Mike went off to play basketball at the University of Minnesota - Morris, where he made many lifelong friendships. His dedication to over 45 years in specialty food sales, earned him respect among colleagues, but it was his unwavering love for his family that truly defined him. He found solace and happiness in cheering on every Minnesota sports team good or bad, enjoying a glass of Pinot Grigio, listening to live music and spending time with his family.

A funeral service to celebrate Mike's life will be held on December 19th 2023 starting at 11 AM at Pax Christi Catholic Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. There will be a visitation an hour before the service starting at 10 AM. Following the mass, we will be having a celebratory gathering at Olympic Hills Country Club in Eden Prairie. Family and friends are invited to join in honoring his memory and sharing cherished moments.

Mike Wheeler's legacy of love, kindness, and devotion to family will forever be

cherished by those fortunate enough to have known him. His memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were touched by his warmth and compassion.

GoFundMe Link: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-mikes-road-to-recovery?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=product&utm\\_campaign=p\\_email%2B2300-co-team-welcome&fbclid=IwAR2yTmsHHR5HxNCBDq0N306mdytUjDBSJrFZqP\\_S-7t8USbR7rsp1LDfTKg](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-mikes-road-to-recovery?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2B2300-co-team-welcome&fbclid=IwAR2yTmsHHR5HxNCBDq0N306mdytUjDBSJrFZqP_S-7t8USbR7rsp1LDfTKg)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Michael Wheeler.*



December 18, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ *The Wheeler and Litsin families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Michael Wheeler.*



**The Wheeler and Litsin families** - December 18, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael Wheeler.*



December 18, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *Love, the Swenson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Michael Wheeler.*

**Love, the Swenson Family** - December 18, 2023 at 10:02 AM

JL

“ Jeannette L. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of James Michael Wheeler.



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**Jeannette L.** - December 16, 2023 at 12:59 PM

MW

“ We will always remember Mike when he was a fun young student at Pacelli. He always had a smile and a special light about him. Our deepest sympathy to the Wheeler family. Jerry and Mary Anne Wolesky

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**Mary Anne Wolesky** - December 15, 2023 at 05:42 PM

JK

“ I will always remember your hole in one. I was there. My sincere condolences to the Wheeler family. Joe Bob K

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**Joe Kindred** - December 15, 2023 at 03:23 PM

MF

“ Marlene Lynch and Family purchased the *Serenity Wreath* for the family of James Michael Wheeler.



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**Marlene Lynch and Family** - December 14, 2023 at 03:43 PM