



## Michael Martin Cronquist

February 18, 1947 - December 19, 2025

Michael Martin Cronquist (also known as Cronk, Mikey, and Uncle Big M), age 78, of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2025, surrounded by family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mike was born February 18, 1947 in Minneapolis to Catherine Cronquist (née Curran) and Albert Cronquist. Michael, a proud union carpenter for more than 60 years, quite literally helped shaped the Twin Cities skyline. His work contributed to iconic projects including the IDS Center, the Metrodome, and the Gateway District-achievements he took great pride in.

Above all else, Mike was a lover of life. He deeply loved his family. He found joy fishing on Six Mile Lake, escaping Minnesota winters to warmer climates like Maui and Phoenix, and spending days at Canterbury Downs, where he "almost" hit it big more than once-and never stopped trying. Mike had a legendary charm and a lifelong appreciation for women; a true gentleman of his era, he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by many.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Cronquist, father, and his brother, Daniel "Danny" Cronquist. Mike is survived by his daughters, Kerry Cauwels (Doug) and Katie Hatting (Michael); his sisters, Kathleen Cronquist, Mary Ellen Norby (Chief), and Patricia Tholen (Rick); five grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his

longtime partner, LeAnn Gfrerer.

A memorial service will be held at 1PM Saturday, January 24, 2026 with visitation one hour prior at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th Street & Highway 100. (952) 920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

JAN 24. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Michael Martin Cronquist.*



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January 23 at 07:47 PM



“ *Vannavong family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Martin Cronquist.*



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**Vannavong family** - January 23 at 07:34 PM



“ *We always enjoyed our time with Mike when he visited NY. We have fond memories of sharing holidays and family get-togethers. He always had a big smile, hugs for all and many stories to keep us laughing. He will be truly missed. Much love, The Tremfer family*

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**The Tremfer family** - January 23 at 06:15 PM



“ *Mike was a special guy,best man at our wedding and David's best friend,we spent many great times together, kids called him Uncle Mike, the stories I could tell. We loved Mike,he was family and he will be truly missed.*

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**Yvonne Young** - January 13 at 10:47 AM

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“ *Our Mickey. A smile that would light up the room. Caring and giving. You will always be in our hearts. Valeria and Ray Wenderoth*

ARTHUR R WENDEROTH - January 05 at 01:21 PM



“ *2 files added to the album The Life of Mike from LeAnn*



Wendell Harms - December 28, 2025 at 03:26 PM

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“ *20 files added to the album The Life of Mike from LeAnn*



LeAnn Gfrerer - December 27, 2025 at 12:10 PM

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*Please click on album above (under photos and video) for rest of the twenty pictures.*

LeAnn Gfrerer - December 27, 2025 at 12:13 PM

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“ From Australia to New Zealand, to Grenada, to the Bahamas, to Maui and Mardi Gras and so much more. Cruises, horse-racing, hanging out, concerts, fall drives to view the leaves, remodeling, dinners, horse-back riding, bicycling, golfing, walking with Fred (Basset) and Fraaankie (Dachshund), camping, boating and fishing. We met at Ruperts and I learned quickly that Mike's favorite dinner was meat loaf..... You will be so missed Mike❤️🕊️🕊️🕊️ You will be in my heart and soul and we will be together always..... LeAnn

LeAnn Gfrerer - December 27, 2025 at 11:38 AM

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“ Gay R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Martin Cronquist.

Gay R. - December 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM

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Gay R. - December 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Kerry Cronquist Cauwels - December 26, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ 27 files added to the tribute wall



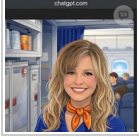
Judy Coover - December 26, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



David LeSage - December 26, 2025 at 10:45 AM



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Katie Hatting - December 25, 2025 at 06:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kerry Cronquist Cauwels - December 25, 2025 at 06:25 PM



*This is one of the last pictures that I took of my dad. He loved to fish but we hadn't been fishing together in a while which makes this memory so special.*

Kerry Cronquist Cauwels - December 25, 2025 at 06:28 PM



*Rest well Mike !! Miss him everyday!!!!❤️*

Boozie - December 26, 2025 at 01:39 PM