



Michael James Gieseke

June 15, 1951 - April 12, 2025

In Loving Memory of Michael Gieseke Sr.

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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Gieseke Sr., age 73, of Ramsey, MN, who passed away peacefully on April 12, 2025.

Michael was born and raised in Crystal, MN, and built a full life surrounded by family, friends, and a community he deeply cared for. A hardworking and dedicated individual, he proudly owned and operated a Goodyear store for 25 years, where his kindness and integrity left a lasting impression on those he served.

A passionate martial artist, he held a 3rd-degree black belt and was once ranked 3rd in the nation for sparring-an achievement he humbly carried with pride. He also cherished time spent with his family, especially the memory of rebuilding a Mustang with his son-a labor of love that brought him great joy. Known for his good sense of humor, social nature, and generous heart, Michael was someone who made others feel welcome, loved, and heard. His presence brightened every room, and his laughter was contagious.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife: Susan Gieseke, his children: Michael Gieseke Jr. (Kelly), and Cindy Wiltgen (Brian); grandchildren: Daniel, Matthew, and Kaitlin; and siblings: Patrick Gieseke, Janie Vail, James (Jimbo) Gieseke, Kathy Gieseke and Jackie Gieseke. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Jim and Betty Gieseke.

A memorial service will be held on Friday May 2, 2025, at Washburn-McReavy

Funeral Chapel, located at 5125 West Broadway Crystal MN 55429. Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m., with the funeral service immediately following at 11 a.m. A luncheon will be held immediately after the funeral. Following the luncheon, the burial will take place at Sunset Cemetery, located at 2250 St Anthony Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

Michael will be deeply missed but never forgotten. His spirit lives on in the stories shared, the lessons taught, and the love he gave so freely.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)

2250 Saint Anthony Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Reception

MAY 2. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Graveside Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)
2250 Saint Anthony Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall

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“ US AutoForce purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael James Gieseke.



US AutoForce - May 01, 2025 at 05:03 PM

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“ The Krieger Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael James Gieseke.



The Krieger Family - April 28, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael James Gieseke.



April 24, 2025 at 07:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael James Gieseke.

April 24, 2025 at 07:20 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael James Gieseke.*



April 22, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael James Gieseke.

April 22, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Mike's passing. We have some good memories of the karate days and shared many stories at our occasional lunches. Hunter always looked up to Mikie as we called him. I'm afraid we will be out of town for his service, but our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Rebecca Brown - April 16, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ *from Robin, Joe and Jackie Kramer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael James Gieseke.*



from Robin, Joe and Jackie Kramer - April 16, 2025 at 01:18 AM

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“ from Robin, Joe and Jackie Kramer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael James Gieseke.

from Robin, Joe and Jackie Kramer - April 16, 2025 at 01:18 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael James Gieseke.



April 15, 2025 at 02:21 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kelly Gieseke - April 15, 2025 at 11:21 AM