



## Michael Thomas Kasper

September 4, 1967 - May 13, 2025

In Loving Memory of Michael Thomas Kasper

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With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Michael Thomas Kasper, beloved husband, son, brother, and friend. Mike passed away peacefully on May 13, 2025, at 57. He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Kasper, beloved dog, Sheldon; mother, Merrial Kasper; brothers, Chester (Kathy) Kasper, Stanley (Valerie) Kasper, twin sister, Michelle (Steve) Kennedy; mother-in-law, Barbara Ogston; sisters-in-law, Donna (Scott) Chenard, Joy (Todd) Nelson; six nieces, twelve nephews, fourteen great nieces, six great nephews plus many cherished friends and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his father, Chester Kasper Jr., and his father-in-law, Donald Ogston.

Mike grew up in Cedarville, Michigan, and graduated from Cedarville High School. He worked with his father at Kasper Heating, eventually taking over the business upon his father's retirement.

He served his community for thirty-one years as a volunteer for the Clark Township fire department and as an EMT on the ambulance corps. He also served his church as an altar boy and in the Knights of Columbus. Mike was Grand Knight for Council 7100.

Mike became the Emergency Management Coordinator for Mackinac County because he felt strongly about protecting his family and the community. Mike always shared experiences, best practices, and knowledge with others as a mentor, tutor, or facilitator to aspiring emergency personnel. He conducted exercises that became recognized by the emergency management community. He was awarded the 2023 Michigan Emergency Management Association President's award and the 2024 Professional Emergency Manager of the Year.

In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with friends and family, boating with Nancy and Sheldon, fishing, golfing, helping friends, playing music with his guitar, and working on cars. He also showed his love by feeding and caring for Nancy's horses.

Visitation and Services will be held at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 261 S Islandview Rd, Hessel, MI 49745.

Visitation will be on Thursday, May 29th, at 9:30 AM. The Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM, and burial will immediately follow at Edgewood Cedar Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Our Lady of the Snows St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Family Life Funeral Homes Pickford assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

Obituary as submitted by family.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cedar Cemetery

4 Mile Block Road  
Cedarville, MI 49719

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 29. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church  
261 S Islandview Rd.  
Hessel, MI 49745

## Funeral Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Thomas Kasper.



May 29, 2025 at 06:43 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Thomas Kasper.



May 27, 2025 at 07:16 AM



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

May 27, 2025 at 07:16 AM



“ Shirley and Joe Tafel purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael Thomas Kasper.



Shirley and Joe Tafel - May 23, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Thomas Kasper.



May 22, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ Teresa S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Thomas Kasper.

Teresa S. - May 19, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ Hi Nancy: I am unable to attend the services for Mike, but you have my sincerest condolences. ❤️  
Teresa Schwalbach

Teresa Schwalbach - May 19, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ Mike taught my PIO class, that was one of the best classes I've ever had. His wealth of knowledge and passion for emergency management radiated from him! I'll take that knowledge with me forever.

Ashlea Sweatman - May 19, 2025 at 03:52 PM

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“ I met Mike during the 2024 Great Lakes Island Alliance summit in Cedarville. He showed us his idea of making an emergency evacuation of Mackinac Island be safe and successful. Mike’s coordination of several entities was so impressive. His knowledge, commitment and kindness will be remembered.

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**Lori Miller, Neebish Island** - May 19, 2025 at 02:25 PM

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“ Mike was always there for his community and the people in it. He was Santa for the Old Fashion Christmas put on by my Wife Rose. This community has lost a person who is irreplaceable. RIP Mike.

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**Mike Miller** - May 17, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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“ Always appreciated Mike’s willingness to be involved. You could always count on him and he was always so sincere and kind. He will be dearly missed by his community. Our thoughts are with his entire family during this difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual life shine upon him. Paul & Yvonne McConkey and family.

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**Yvonne McConkey** - May 17, 2025 at 11:35 AM

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I knew Mike thought the McIntire family, Carl and Mike were brothers with different mothers, favorite saying was "trust me". I will always picture Mike and Carl as being side by side in the hear after. He will be missed by the community, family and many friends. R.I.P. and my sincerest condolences to the Kasper family

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**VernonMalkowski** - May 17, 2025 at 03:22 PM

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*Mike was the first person I spoke with, as I was doing chemo treatment in St. Ignace. His attitude was as so positive and supportive. I will be forever grateful. Deepest sympathy for the family.*

**Tom Della-Moretta** - May 17, 2025 at 04:15 PM

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*Mike and Nancy are two of Fred and I's favorite people. Sending love and prayers to Nancy and family! Every time we saw Mike he was happy and helpful! so sorry for the huge void left in your family and community... Praying for peace that only God can give*

**Amy Raden** - May 17, 2025 at 07:20 PM

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*I had the pleasure to work with Mike for quite few years and had him as an instructor many years ago. He was always friendly, personable and caring for the communities he served. His desire to do what was best for people and not himself was evident from the first time I met him. I will miss him and want his family to know how much of an impact he made on so many people. I pray for strength to his family as they navigate this next journey.*

**Don Edwards** - May 28, 2025 at 12:25 PM