



Michael Dougherty

October 18, 2024

Michael Dougherty, age 87, died on October 18, 2024, in Sarasota, FL. He was born and raised in Glens Falls, NY to Daniel and Mary Smith Dougherty.

Mike was very proud of his Irish heritage and his service in the Air Force following his graduation from St. Mary's Catholic School. After his honorable discharge from the service, he earned his Masters' Degree at the New York State University of Plattsburgh which afforded him a career in education teaching elementary school and serving as an Asst. Principal in the Schalmont school system after which he became a Registrar of training programs in the New York State Dept. of Labor and later accepted an Associate position in the Veterans' Bureau in the NYS Dept. of Education where he inspected curriculums offered by colleges/universities and trade schools to ensure quality education for veteran's credits. He retired from there and he and his family moved to Sarasota where he enjoyed working field crew for the Riverview High School Marching Band and served on the vestry at St. Boniface Episcopal Church.

Mike is survived by his wife, Marilyn Wiesinger Dougherty, and they enjoyed 51 years of marriage. He loved and was very proud of his children, C. Douglas (Kelynn Bisbee) Dougherty, Melissa (Matthew) Padula, Heather Dougherty, his grandchildren, Megan, Hannah, Oliver and Zoe Dougherty, his nephew, Danny (Nene) Dougherty.

He was predeceased by his brother, Daniel (JoAnne) Dougherty and his niece, Megan (Mick) Moran. Mike was very athletic, he played high school football, camped in the Adirondacks, kayaked in the Hudson River's white water, skied, and loved to sail his little widgeon sailboat on Lake George.

Service will be held at St. Boniface Episcopal Church, 5615 Midnight Pass Rd., Sarasota, FL 34242 on Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

In remembrance of Mike's life, charitable donations may be made to St. Boniface Episcopal Church

Previous Events

Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
5615 Midnight Pass Road
Sarasota, FL 34242

Tribute Wall

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“ On the day when
the weight deadens
on your shoulders
and you stumble,
may the clay dance
to balance you.
And when your eyes
freeze behind
the grey window
and the ghost of loss
gets in to you,
may a flock of colours,
indigo, red, green,
and azure blue
come to awaken in you
a meadow of delight.
When the canvas frays
in the currach of thought
and a stain of ocean
blackens beneath you,
may there come across the waters
a path of yellow moonlight
to bring you safely home.
May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
may the clarity of light be yours,
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.
And so may a slow
wind work these words
of love around you,
an invisible cloak
to mind your life.

-John O'Donohue

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

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Dougherty.



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“ Michael was a dear and generous brother in law, friend and an wonderful storyteller. Over the years, we had many deep conversations and he always included his love for Marilyn, and his family.



Our last outing together was one I hold dear to my heart...breakfast together and a trolley ride to shop at St Armands... he was very happy to wait while I shopped, striking up conversations along the way.

We had an ice cream cone to cap off our excursion...a perfect afternoon ❤️

I will miss you my dear friend and hold you in my heart ! 🌹

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