



Jan M. Mika Jr

November 21, 1977 - December 24, 2025

Albany, NY-On December 24, 2025, Jan Michael Mika, Jr., age 48, passed away suddenly in Delmar, New York. Jan was the beloved husband of Stehle Hetman-Mika, who was his greatest champion and loved him beyond measure, and the devoted father of Ryan C. Mika and Peyton M. Mika, the center of his world.

Jan was the loving son of Linda Ruth Mika and Jan M. Mika, Sr. He is also survived by his aunts Patricia Ruth and Janet Gargiulo; his uncles Jack Ruth and family, and Stanley Mika and family; and his in-laws Mary and Michael Hetman, as well as his brother-in-law Michael Hetman.

Born and raised in Albany, New York, Jan attended St. Catherine of Siena School, Christian Brothers Academy, and graduated from The College of Saint Rose with a degree in Criminal Justice. He proudly served as a member of the Albany Police Department, a role he took seriously and carried with honor.

Jan loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was deeply devoted to his children and took great joy in every moment spent with them—whether cheering as a hockey and baseball dad alongside his best friend and sidekick, Ryan, or proudly coaching Peyton in softball and jiu-jitsu. He adored his children and could never do enough for them. Above all, Jan's family was his greatest pride, and the love he shared with his wife was the foundation of his life.

Jan was truly one of a kind—the life of the party, a larger-than-life personality with a heart to match. He had more friends than one could count and was deeply loved by all who knew him. To those fortunate enough to truly know Jan, he was undeniably special.

Special thanks are extended to his lifelong friends Jimmy Severino, Jeremy McCann, Marc Kent, Sean Mahar, and Jeremy McCloskey, and to the many others whose friendships and kindnesses meant so much to him.

The family also wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to Joel Caldwell, Greg Whitney, Willie Flack, and all of Jan's fellow law-enforcement friends who always had his back. You are a remarkable group of men and women.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jan's family Tuesday, December 30, 2025 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way) Albany, NY 12208.

Jan's Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, December 31, 2025 with full Departmental Honors at 9:30 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY.

To leave a special message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those wishing to honor Jan's memory may consider making a contribution to the USA Hockey Foundation, 1775 Bob Johnson Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906, or another charity meaningful to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Funeral Mass

DEC **31**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

GC

“ Gary "uncke buck" Colfer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.

Gary "uncke buck" Colfer - December 30, 2025 at 01:19 PM

SH

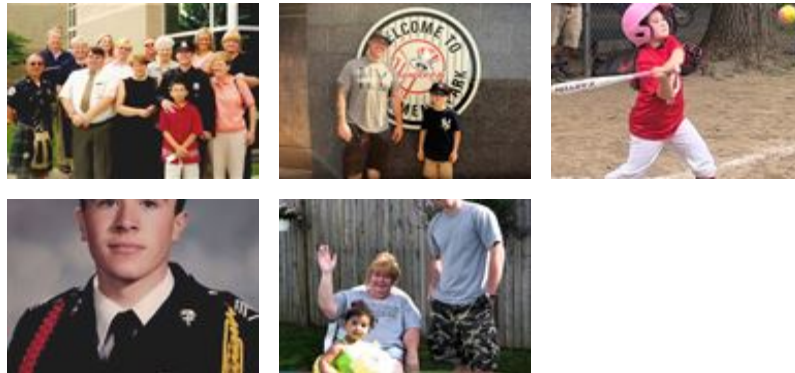
“ Jan- I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful son. My thoughts are with you and all of your family.

Susan Hammond

Susan Hammond - December 30, 2025 at 01:04 PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 30, 2025 at 10:54 AM

AN

“ May grace and love help your family through this tragic loss. Such a tremendous loss of their father, husband, son, nephew, extended family, and best friends. Please help them carry on in your honor, memory, and spirit.

You will be missed by so many, in so many ways.. You will be missed on the ice by your hockey brethren , and so many more.

*Rest in Peace Jan
Alex Nardone, Rejects Hockey*

Alex Nardone - December 30, 2025 at 10:36 AM

GF

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I've known Jan Sr. for many years at Alb. Co. and I attended both SCS & CBA. Gerry Finn / SCS
,
70(7th gr) & CBA'75

Gerry Finn - December 30, 2025 at 09:08 AM

JF

“ Javen Bejo & Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.



Javen Bejo & Family - December 30, 2025 at 08:39 AM

JF

“ Javen Bejo & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.

Javen Bejo & Family - December 30, 2025 at 08:39 AM

BM

“ *Jan Sr., we had the pleasure of meeting Jan Jr. when he golfed with us on the old Albany Muni. Words can't express how sorry I am for you and Jan Jr.s family at the loss of such an incredible individual. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Bill McTague*

Bill McTague - December 29, 2025 at 08:59 PM

DP

“ *Dan, Rachel & Ana Powell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.*

Dan, Rachel & Ana Powell - December 29, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.*



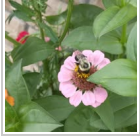
December 29, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ *Grac Whatley lit a candle in memory of Jan M. Mika Jr*



Grac Whatley - December 29, 2025 at 06:28 PM



“ We are deeply sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. We will keep you in both our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy,
Alex and Grace Whatley

Grac Whatley - December 29, 2025 at 06:17 PM

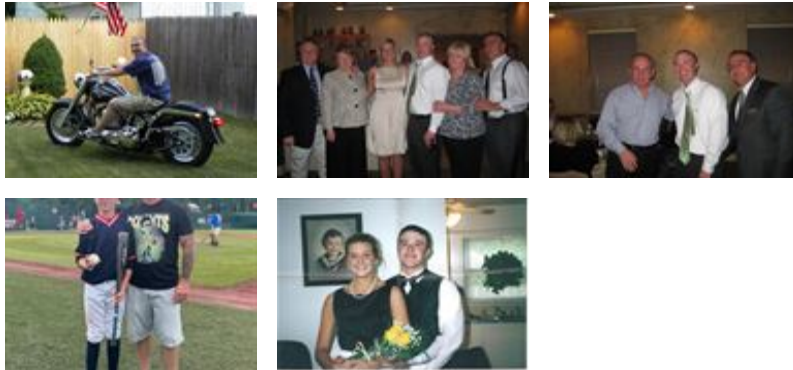
CC

“ Linda,
So sorry to hear about Jan
My thoughts and prayers are with you and Jan's family
Love Cathy Campbell

Cathy Campbell - December 29, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ 307 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 29, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ I was Jan's Spanish teacher at st Catherine's wayyy back. I have so many memories of him making me laugh and smile and roll my eyes ! I'm so sorry for th family's loss .

Kelly Whitford - December 29, 2025 at 04:26 PM

LD

“ Lisa D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.

Lisa D. - December 29, 2025 at 04:09 PM

KG

“ He's a very kind and caring gentleman. He's been there for me when i needed help when he was on duty. My heart goes out to the family and his friends.

Kaili Groff - December 29, 2025 at 03:56 PM

LS

“ My deepest condolences to Stehle and family. May God watch over you 🙏



Lisa Santillo - December 29, 2025 at 02:14 PM

DR

“ Linda, I am so sorry for the loss of your son. Please know I'm thinking and praying for you and your family. Love Debbie Ratigan
💕😭🙏

Debbie Ratigan - December 29, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.



December 29, 2025 at 09:50 AM

KQ

“ Kathleen Q. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.

Kathleen Q. - December 29, 2025 at 08:34 AM

PT

“ My sincere condolences to Officer Mika's family. He was such a nice man always bringing Maxie to spend the day with us in ASB! RIP Jan you will be missed by all!!!



Patricia Thompson - December 29, 2025 at 07:35 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.



December 28, 2025 at 06:27 PM

KM

“ Kathleen McMahon-Paulus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.

Kathleen McMahon-Paulus - December 28, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.*



December 28, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *Troy Albany Hockey Association purchased the Y our Light Shines for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.*



Troy Albany Hockey Association - December 28, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ *Troy Albany Hockey Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.*

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“ *Mary B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.*

Mary B. - December 28, 2025 at 10:54 AM

TS

“ We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Tony & Theresa Stehle

Theresa Stehle - December 28, 2025 at 08:42 AM

AO

“ Albany County District Attorneys Office purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.



Albany County District Attorneys Office - December 27, 2025 at 02:52 PM

BM

“ So sad to hear, Jan was a great police officer and person. Condolences to Stehle the whole family. Ben Mastaitis

Ben Mastaitis - December 27, 2025 at 02:45 PM

LW

“ Stehle ,Im so sorry to hear of your Husband's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Louanne Craver Wagoner

Louanne Wagoner - December 27, 2025 at 01:47 PM

PR

“ Polina, Tony, Sofia and Raf purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.



Polina, Tony, Sofia and Raf - December 27, 2025 at 12:21 PM

DA

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family during this difficult time of loss.
Dan Allen and Family

Daniel Allen - December 27, 2025 at 11:10 AM

BW

“ Our heartfelt condolences for the loss of a wonderful father, husband and son.
The Weir Family

Bill Weir - December 27, 2025 at 07:41 AM

CN

“ Cinzia N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.

Cinzia N. - December 27, 2025 at 05:36 AM

KO

“ Kevin, Chris, and Sloane O'Connell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan M. Mika Jr.

Kevin, Chris, and Sloane O'Connell - December 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.*



December 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ *Jan was the definition of a great guy. I loved talking to him about motorcycles, how close he was to finishing some of his projects, and how those projects get put on the back burner so he could be there for the kids. I could always relate and we had that in common. The kids came before the bikes, and everything else. Peyton had a blast with us on the boat this summer. She always looked at me, hanging on for dear life, probably thinking, “I wish my dad was driving”. Stehle, Peyton, and Ryan, we love you. We will never forget the awesome dad that Jan was.*

Kevin O’Connell - December 26, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ *With Love Larry, Jess, & Logan Forgue purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Jan M. Mika Jr.*



With Love Larry, Jess, & Logan Forgue - December 26, 2025 at 06:42 PM

TC

“ Albany lost one of the of our best men! Jan was a a wonderful man and I always knew everything was going to be ok when He was around ! I am sending love to the family . Tess

Tess Collins - December 26, 2025 at 06:35 PM

AC

Jan and families,
So sorry for your loss. Prayers being sent to you all. Remember memories are a lifetime, and I am sure you all have many.
Love,
Bob and Annette❤️❤️

Annette&Bob Campbell - December 26, 2025 at 07:09 PM

CF

So sorry for your loss! Sending 🙏🙏🙏 to the family at this sad time 🙏
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Carol Omeara and family - December 30, 2025 at 10:42 AM