



Michael J. DeGroat

April 30, 1963 - June 18, 2025

Albany, NY-Michael J. DeGroat passed away on June 18th, 2025 at St. Peter's Hospital after a battle with leukemia. Born April 30th, 1963 in Albany, NY to Nora Burke and James DeGroat. He was a proud Irishman and a dedicated Catholic. A graduate of Christian Brothers Academy in 1981, and a postal worker for over 30 years at the Voorheesville Post Office.

Mike's favorite things in the world besides his wife, daughters, and dog Seaver, were sports; whether it be playing them or watching them, his love for music whether it was live concerts or just playing music at home. His love for the Grateful Dead sent him travelling the country and blessing him with a host of dear friends. He enjoyed nothing more than family summers on Cape Cod. His version of a perfect day was the beach, a cold Budweiser, music playing, and his wife and daughters right by his side. Ultimately, his family was the most important thing to him. He was a loving and devoted husband and father.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 35 years, Patti DeGroat (Mathews), his daughters Mary Kate Vanasdale (DeGroat), Colleen DeGroat, and the son he gained in his son-in-law, Tim Vanasdale. Also survived by a host of nephews, nieces, sister/brother-in-laws, and cousins. He will be missed by all who knew him. The family also wishes to thank the doctors and nurses at the St. Peter's ICU for their incredibly kind and compassionate care.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mike's family Monday, June 23, 2025 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 10:30 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rensselaer, NY immediately following the Mass.

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

Those wishing to remember Mike in a special way may send a contribution to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Upstate NY/Vermont Chapter, 1 Marcus Blvd #104, Albany, NY 12205.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Third Ave Extension
Rensselaer, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
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Funeral Mass

JUN 24. 10:30 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Patti, Mary Kate, and Colleen, Just heard about Mike. I was away this week. So sorry for your loss. He was a nice man whenever I had the chance to talk to him. I will keep all of you in my prayers.
Ms. Walsh

Margaret Walsh - June 27, 2025 at 03:01 PM

MH

“ Patti, we just heard about Mike. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Mike was always a good, and kind friend to me and my family. Always there when needed to lend a kind word or just be there listen. We remember all the good times we had with him, my brother Bobby and the rest of their crew. He will be missed, he was one of a kind!!

With deep sorrow,
Mike and Patty Hoffman.

Michael A Hoffman - June 26, 2025 at 06:29 PM

KD

“ So very sorry to hear of Mikes passing. I worked with Mike in Voorheesville and enjoyed his humor and talking about sports.

Ken Decker - June 24, 2025 at 11:24 AM



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

June 22, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael J. DeGroat.



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“ I was very shocked and saddened to learn of Mike's passing. Michael J. DeGroat was truly a dedicated family man who loved sports, especially baseball and softball. I will always remember him as a guy who regularly attended church with his wife and 2 daughters and who could be seen walking around the block with his beloved dog, Sever whom he named after his favorite baseball star.

Jim Hennessey - June 20, 2025 at 10:37 PM



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David, Heather, and Jennifer Drislane - June 20, 2025 at 05:11 PM



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