



## Michael Profita

March 5, 2021

Michael Profita, 68, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2021, from complications related to lymphoma and COVID-19. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Nancy; three beloved children, Daniel (Angie), Hillary Siclari (Brian), and Nicholas (Elizabeth); five siblings, Thomas (JoAnn), Kenneth (Diane), Robert, John (Jodi), and Jeanmarie Curley (Bob); and five grandchildren, Natalie, Michael, William, Stella Siclari, and Owen.

Michael was born in Trenton, NJ, on April 5, 1952. He graduated from Drake University in with a BA in Economics & Management. He received his JD from Seton Hall School of Law and his LLM in Taxation from New York University.

Michael was a brilliant attorney in the eyes of adversaries, colleagues, and clients, who very often became dear friends. A true self-made man, Michael built a busy law practice from the ground up over the course of 40 years and later merged the firm with DeCotiis, achieving great success. He remained a trusted advisor to his clients even in his final days.

Above all, he was a consummate family man, always present at his children's events and ever-proud of their achievements. His greatest joy in recent years was no doubt his grandchildren, whom he delighted in treating to ice cream, chocolate and other things they were not supposed to eat.

He loved good food and good wine, but not more than he enjoyed treating others to the same. His generosity — always expressed quietly and without fanfare — was among his most remarkable traits. And he had many remarkable traits. His quick wit, thoughtfulness, and endless support and love of his family and friends will be desperately missed. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11AM on Thursday at Mount Carmel RC Church, Tenafly. Due to COVID restrictions, anyone unable to physically attend the mass may view the service via livestream at [www.facebook.com/OLMCTenafly](http://www.facebook.com/OLMCTenafly).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Michael's name to the John Theurer Cancer Center, Hackensack University Medical Center, 92 2nd St, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Visit Michael's memorial tribute page at [www.barrettberfuneralhome.com](http://www.barrettberfuneralhome.com).

## Cemetery Details

**Interment Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Funeral Mass**

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Carmel RC Church  
10 County Road  
Tenafly, NJ 07670

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ JUST seeing this 3/2024. Knew Mike & his FUN loving family! 4 brothers & ONE little sis, who teased her & they'd pull pranks on each other. Met him in grade school @ St. Isaac Jogues, I was in the same grade w/ his younger brother Kenneth, I remember him as a tough I football player. Great personality. RIP 🙏🏻✝️ Michael

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**Kathy (Katie) Pennelle Robards** - March 01, 2024 at 11:21 AM

JD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. What a super smart, quit witted, and genuinely all around nice guy. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out too the entire Profita family. You will surely have lots of good memories and stories to recount and share for years to come.

*JD and Cindy Dominica*

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**John Dominica** - March 13, 2021 at 10:04 AM

CO

“ To The Profita Family  
Dr. Goy and the Lymphoma staff wanted to express how sorry and saddened we are for his loss. He was a wonderful person. We send our condolences to you and family. We are always around for any support you may need.

*Sincerely*

*Dr. Goy, Coleen, Mary and the Jtcc Lymphoma Staff*

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**coleen** - March 12, 2021 at 12:14 PM

PE

“ *My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Profita family. For many years, Mike was one of the key members of the KCC paddle tennis crew, and it was always a joy to hang out with him in the hut and on the court. He will be sorely missed.*

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**Peter A Emmi** - March 11, 2021 at 11:16 AM

KA

“ *Condolences to the Profita family. As aunt letty's sister, I recall fond family memories of you all years ago painting and wallpapering at the Neptune house.  
Rest in peace*

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**KathyBounds** - March 11, 2021 at 10:31 AM

JF

“ *I had the great fortune of spending time with Mr. Profita when Nick and I played rugby together in college. Nick's mom and dad generously let the entire rugby team crash on the floor of their beach house in Delaware every August for an annual rugby tournament. I'll remember Mr. Profita as someone who could tell a great story, was quick with a laugh, and cared deeply about his family.*

*My condolences to the Profita family,*

*John Fitzpatrick*

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**John Fitzpatrick** - March 10, 2021 at 09:30 PM

TW

“ *Mr. Profita gave me a job (I was a friend of Nick) when I was in college. He took a chance on me. He was always incredibly kind, respectful and supportive. He was a gentle man and a kind boss. I'm so sad to hear of his passing and I regret never getting to tell him thank you for changing my life. Nick and Mrs. Profita, I hope you're well and may your dad and husband Rest In Peace.*



*Tahira*

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**Tahira West** - March 10, 2021 at 07:58 PM

NA

“ *That pig didn't stand a chance. Rest In Peace Mr. Profita, and thank you for your generosity*



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**Nappy** - March 10, 2021 at 01:29 PM

MW

“ To the family of Mike,

*I was devastated to hear of Mike's passing. Mike had been my Attorney for decades. It was a pleasure to have known him both personally and professionally. Mike, Nancy and Rosemary always made me feel welcome at the office. Mike was a person who was greatly respected and loved by all of us that were lucky enough to have known him. He will be greatly missed by all.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Marty Wojcik*

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**Martin Wojcik** - March 10, 2021 at 08:19 AM

RB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Robin Brown** - March 09, 2021 at 11:05 PM

RB

*Dear Nancy and Family,*

*My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Mike was a true gentleman. His depth of knowledge was extraordinary. As a trusted attorney he is irreplaceable and I'm certain all his clients feel the same. I am grateful to have had him as a friend. He will be sorely missed by many.*

*I wish you all fond memories to help you through this heartbreaking time. .*

*With much love and sadness,  
Robin Brown*

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**Robin Brown** - March 10, 2021 at 11:44 AM

EC

*Dear Nancy and Family,*

*Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Mike was such a great person and had a big heart. He was always so funny and loved to help people. He will be missed.*

*Love,  
The Cami Family*

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**Elena Cami** - March 10, 2021 at 07:46 PM

KR

*BEAUTIFUL CAR, I saw this picture of Mike in a Thunderbird. I remember his dad had a (I think) it was 68 Thunderbird Maroonish w/ a tan top.*

*Mrs.Nancy Profita & family So very sorry for your family's loss of such a kind soul.*

*KJP*

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**Kathy (Katie) Pennelle Robards** - March 01, 2024 at 11:33 AM

JP

“ *Family of Michael,  
Mike & I shared a mutual client. We also shared lymphoma  
treatment. He was a great lawyer & a great person. An overnight  
fishing memory in PA touched on many of the things that were in  
Mike's makeup, good fishing, good food & wine & great fellowship &  
friendship. May God Bless him & all of you.*  
*Jim Piro*

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**James Piro** - March 09, 2021 at 11:27 AM

MQ

“ *To Nancy & Family - My deepest condolences  
and prayers at this Very Sad time.*  
*Maureen Quinn*



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**Maureen Quinn** - March 08, 2021 at 12:34 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Strauss & Tom Manolio lit a candle in  
memory of Michael Profita*



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**Barbara Strauss & Tom Manolio** - March 08, 2021 at 08:14 AM

JP

“ *Dear Nancy and your family, We were so sorry to hear about Mike's  
passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we know his  
love will live in your hearts forever.* *Julie and Bruce Paterson*

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**Julie Paterson** - March 08, 2021 at 08:14 AM

NA

“ To Nancy & family,

*There are no words. Our families send you our deepest condolences.*

*Memories are the greatest gift.*

*Memories are like life's scrapbook.*

*Memories, remember the love, the laughter, the tears.*

*Memories help us get through these most difficult times.*

*In Sympathy,*

*Nancy Asaro & Amanda*

*Lori Dring & Paul, Casey & Jessica*

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**NANCY ASARO** - March 07, 2021 at 02:57 PM

AC

“ Anthony & Barbara Cordisio lit a candle in memory of Michael Profita



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**Anthony & Barbara Cordisio** - March 07, 2021 at 02:52 PM

AC

*We we so sad to hear this devastating news. We are sending prayers and love to the entire family.*

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**Anthony & Barbara Cordisio** - March 07, 2021 at 02:53 PM

VD

“ Dear Nancy & John,  
I am so sorry to hear about Mike’s passing  
and want to send my deepest sympathy to  
you and to your extended family. He was such  
a kind and witty smart lawyer. Will always  
treasure the days we all worked together at Huttle Profita law firm.



Venetia DiMarzo



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Venetia DiMarzo - March 06, 2021 at 06:43 PM

AP

“ The Parlamis family wishes to offer our deepest condolences to the  
Profita family. Michael raised his children around the Knickerbocker  
pool for many summers starting in the early 80’s, and being one  
who grew up with his children, and witnessing the family man he  
was, it is extremely unfortunate to lose such a wonderful man. May  
his memory be eternal!

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Alexander Parlamis - March 06, 2021 at 01:06 PM

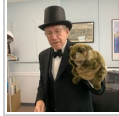
DR

Dear Nancy, I am heartbroken for you but I know where he has gone  
and he is in Gods embrace and his world. Please accept my humble  
prayers and thoughts, I am here if you need anything at all. Grief, like  
the ocean, comes in waves only to recede and come yet again. But it  
comes with healing.

Memories wash ashore and are bathed by the golden sun. Grab hold  
of those memories and let them fill you with love and their warmth.  
My deepest sympathy, love Debra Rawlins

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Debra Rawlins - March 07, 2021 at 11:06 AM



Dear Nancy:

*Brooke and I send our deepest sympathies. Mike was my lawyer and a great one. But my fondest memories of Mike were on the Paddle Court and the Golf Course. In Paddle, he had a killer drop shot and a sneaky volley. On the golf course he would always make the shot that counted at the last minute and take my money. His sense of humor will always be remembered; his grace will be missed.*

*Much love, John*

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**John Glidden** - March 07, 2021 at 01:51 PM

RR

*Extraordinary. Michael Profita was an extraordinary man. He was extraordinarily smart, hard-working, honest, generous and loving. Having been his personal assistant for decades I witnessed first hand all of the above attributes. He represented his clients in their court cases like a Grand Master played chess, anticipating his opponent's moves and strategizing so that he would win. I don't remember him losing. If a client had a losing case, he would negotiate with the adversary so his client got the best possible result. It always amazed me how he was able to figure everything out. He was so hard working, seven days a week, even on vacation he was back and forth on the computer and phone working for his clients. He was honest. I never witnessed him saying or doing anything that wasn't. He never lied and never wanted me to lie. If he was too busy to speak with a client, that's what they were told. I never was to say he wasn't there unless he really wasn't. Generous, oh how generous. I could cite so many examples of his generosity but if I put them all here, Mike wouldn't like it. He was humble about that. I had to make sure I didn't mention to Mike if I was going to a certain restaurant for dinner with my husband because at the end of the meal the waiter would arrive to say that an "anonymous" person called and gave their credit card number to pay for our meal. He paid all his employees well and rewarded them with bonuses. His holiday parties were extraordinary too. I was a witness to how much he loved Nancy and his family. Even after I retired he would randomly text me videos and photos of his grandchildren. He really cared about me, he believed in me, he trusted me and would do anything for me. My husband and I were invited to all his family functions. We loved his family just as they loved us. Thank you, Mike. Thank you, Nancy. Thank you, John too. My wonderful memories of this wonderful family will always be with me, and in my whole life I never knew anyone as extraordinary as Michael Profita.*

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**Rosemary Renn** - March 07, 2021 at 02:44 PM

JM

*Dear Nancy & Family,*

*We are deeply saddened to hear about Mike. We have many fond memories when playing softball, golf, biking, and social gatherings. Your sadness will never go away, but hopefully many memories of the good times.*

*John & Sue McKenna*

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**John J. McKenna** - March 07, 2021 at 05:16 PM

HR

*The world just got a little darker. Mike was the smartest and most kind and bright person I have had the honor to have ever known. Rosemary and I were so happy and proud to look up to him as a mentor and friend. Nancy and the family will be in our hearts forever.*

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**Howard Renn** - March 07, 2021 at 10:15 PM

FF

*Dear Nancy, Dan, Hillary and Nicholas*

*It is with incredible sadness that Nancy and I send our sincerest condolences.*

*Mike was my savior for 40 years.*

*I was constantly getting into situations that only Mike could get me out of.*

*He was always there for me and all his friends and clients.*

*He was the "go to" guy for many of us.*

*His memory will be a blessing we will always cherish.*

*We wish you all strength and courage to persevere, as Mike would have wished.*

*With love and great sympathy,*

*Nancy and Frank Friedwald*

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**F Friedwald** - March 07, 2021 at 10:39 PM

CP

*Dear Nancy, Dan, Hillary and Nick,  
John and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you all. We have known you and Mike for 40 years and there were several celebrated occasions together. Mike will be missed, but the memories he leaves behind will not be forgotten. May god give you all strength through this difficult time.  
Peace and Blessings,  
Cyndy and John Pierce*

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**Cyndy Pierce** - March 08, 2021 at 05:10 PM

JS

*Dear Nancy and Family:*

*Please accept my sincere condolences. I fondly remember the summer softball games behind the high school and Mike's enthusiasm. He always had a great personality whenever I saw him on or off the field. He will be sorely missed. Please know you are all in my prayers.  
John T. Sullivan*

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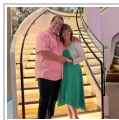
**John T Sullivan** - March 09, 2021 at 07:56 AM



*We were blessed to have known Michael and spend some fun Easter holidays here in Florida with all the Profitas and their children. We are very sorry for your loss and are praying that you feel God's embrace during this time. Blessings to you, Rob, Victoria, Sam, Jenifer and Anthony Limauro*

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**Victoria Limauro** - March 10, 2021 at 09:54 PM



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**Victoria Limauro** - March 10, 2021 at 09:54 PM

JS

*I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Profita. What a huge loss! My sincere condolences to the family.*

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**Johanna Salinas** - October 25, 2021 at 02:32 PM