



Michael Dragas

October 7, 1935 - July 22, 2025

Michael Dragas, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and a cherished friend to many. Born on October 7, 1935, in Cleveland, Ohio, Michael passed away on July 22, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, music, and devotion to his family.

Michael proudly served in the Army, embodying the values of integrity and dedication throughout his life. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Joann Dragas, as well as his parents and siblings. The love he shared with Joann was a testament to the strength of their bond and the foundation of their family.

A passionate musician, Michael dedicated much of his life to his craft. He was inducted into the Polka Hall of Fame in 2011, a recognition of his contributions that began with legendary figures such as Frankie Yankovic and continued through his collaborations with the Art Perko Orchestra, George Staiduhar, and the Fairport Jammers. For over three decades, he worked at Atlantic Records, where his passion for music blossomed.

Michael's love extended beyond music. He cherished his family dearly, including his children, Michael J. Dragas, Michele Dragas, and John Dragas (Tammy), and took immense joy in his role as a grandfather to Justine (Ian), Alex (Elizabeth), Dimitri, and John Peter, as well as great-grandfather to Isla, Finn, and another little one on the way. His nurturing spirit and unwavering support will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Visitation will take place on Monday, July 28, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, located at 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake, OH 44095. A Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 10:30 AM at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 32114 Vine St, Willowick, OH 44095. Michael will be laid to rest at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon.

In celebrating his remarkable journey, let us remember his passion for music, his love for gardening, and his zest for life on the golf course. Michael's legacy will continue to resonate in our hearts and through the melodies he created.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL **29**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Church
32114 Vine St.
Willowick, OH 44095

Tribute Wall



“ From David Glew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Dragas.

From David Glew - July 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ From David Glew purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Dragas.



From David Glew - July 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM



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

July 28, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Dragas.



July 28, 2025 at 02:42 PM

BS

“ *Bob Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Dragas.*



Bob Smith - July 28, 2025 at 12:08 PM

DS

“ *Oh no...Oh my gosh...what a great guy Mike was. I will never forget when I was working for Charisma back in 1991 and my wife and I just moved to Stow. I was telling Mike about the great bike trails in our area and he knew all about it because he was a biking enthusiast at the time. He went onto say...Lets get you a bike... what are you doing on Saturday? I was open and he says lets meet at Earnies Bike Shop and I'll help you pick one out for the trails. I said that sounds great! Sure enough Mike meets me there but unbeknownst to me he tapped into his free-goods fund and actually bought me a brand new Giant bike...it was the first time I had experienced someone's incredible kindness in the music business. That bike followed me from Ohio to Texas to Los Angeles and I put many miles on her thanks to Mike. My condolences to Mike's family and his son, Johnny, who I also knew from Interscope Records when they first launched. God Speed, Mike...see you on the other side my friend. RIP*

Dan Sell - July 28, 2025 at 11:02 AM

CS

*So sorry for your loss Dragas family. I knew your Dad, Grandpa and Grandma growing up in Euclid. Many fond memories of their loving kindness. Your Grandma would teach me how to do spool weaving when I was little in the Summer, your Grandpa would chat with us.... Your Dad Michael got me into a party at the Theatrical Grill for Bette Midler & Barry Manilow because he knew I was a fan.....later when I got married he played at our wedding with Art Perkins. Your Dad Michael had a wonderful loving heart.....I will always remember the Dragas family.
So very sorry for your loss.*

Christine Sikorski - August 09, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Dragas.



July 28, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ A [grove of 3 Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Dragas.

July 28, 2025 at 08:45 AM



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

July 27, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Dragas.*



July 27, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *Rest in peace....its a small world and I hope you meet back up with my Grandpa. He was a musician too...accordion player. Michelle, thanks for giving me a blast of my past.....Hugs and Prayers to you and your family.*

liz sartain - July 25, 2025 at 02:29 PM



When I first met Mike it was at work and how we were still able to work at our age. We were both depression products and working still made us both happy to still be working. He was easy going and happy to be productive

katherine - July 27, 2025 at 02:14 PM



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Mike was a great neighbor all through the years. We watched our children grow up , even shared some of the same Polish traditions he and Joanne were so fond of at holiday time. I'll miss him feeding the birds and keeping his car immaculate as he always did. I'll miss my longtime good neighbor- Mary Ann Szadkowski and family

Lynn Gatti - July 25, 2025 at 01:12 PM

KS

“ *Katalinas Family-Eddy, Susan,Karen,Cindy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Dragas.*



Katalinas Family-Eddy, Susan,Karen,Cindy - July 24, 2025 at 03:48 PM

JG

“ *Jeanette Gauss lit a candle in memory of Michael Dragas*



Jeanette Gauss - July 24, 2025 at 03:24 PM

JG

Love and Blessings to The Family of Michael Dragas! We shared many wonderful memories together! RIP Mike we will miss you! Luv and Blessings 🙏🙏

Jeanette Gauss - July 24, 2025 at 03:27 PM

FS

“ *From Roger Espinosa, MD and Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Dragas.*

From Roger Espinosa, MD and Staff - July 24, 2025 at 02:59 PM

FS

“ From Roger Espinosa, MD and Staff purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Michael Dragas.



From Roger Espinosa, MD and Staff - July 24, 2025 at 02:59 PM

PF

“ Patricia Tomsick and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael Dragas.



Patricia Tomsick and Family - July 23, 2025 at 06:51 PM

DK

“ Sending much aloha for the Home Going of your dear father. Music heals and he certainly did his share of sending those healing notes 🎵 - Dahmia

donna Dahmia liu'li'ualoha Komidar - July 23, 2025 at 04:12 PM

BZ

From all the friends who loved your music at The American Slovenian Club in Fairport Harbour. We will miss Mike dearly.

Bob Zeitz - July 31, 2025 at 12:41 PM