



## Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus

July 4, 1954 - December 9, 2013

Age 59, passed away suddenly on Monday, December 9, 2013. Mike worked for Ford Motor Company for 32 Years as a wood model maker. He is survived by his wife, Karen L. (nee: George) Dapkus, sons, Eric (Moirra Neet) Dapkus and Paul Dapkus, grandson, Gavin Dapkus, his mother, Delores T. Dapkus and sister, Kathy Warner. He was preceded in death by his father, Felix V. Dapkus. Cremation has taken place. Memorial visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2013 from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, Saline. To sign Mike's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of this tragic loss. I did not know Mike but my daughter and her husband did. I extend my deepest sympathies to the family. Please know that many care.*

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**anne haven** - December 14, 2013 at 05:58 PM

“ We lost a member of our Ford Design family on Monday, December 9th with the passing of Mike Dapkus. Mike worked in our Wood Shop, and would have celebrated his 35th anniversary with Ford in January. The following are some thoughts about Mike from his friends and co-workers:

*Mike Dapkus*

*Reflecting on the loss of our friend and co-worker.*

*Mike was a ‘true family man’ very proud of his wife and two sons, their accomplishments and the direction they were headed. This was reflected in his personality as he was always willing to help or lend a hand if needed. Mike was a quiet, low profile type of person. He was very methodical, and regarded as the “most talented and skilled model maker”. Mike also enjoyed his sailing adventures, golf, the Smokey Mountains and Mackinac.*

*Mike started his career at DST, moving to Carron & Co working as a “Metal Model Maker”. Mike started at Ford Motor Company, January 02, 1979, in the X-Garage as an Inspection Dimensional Annalist. He then transferred to Beech Daily to work as a Wood Model Maker. Mike came to our PDC family in June 1996 as a wood fabricator specialist. He did excellent top notch work and it was more important to him that his peers recognized his workmanship, as he always liked to lead by example. He was an extremely talented fabricator. He was also open minded, but when / if he had a strong opinion on something, he had one word answers that were deafening! He was also one to give credit where credit was deserved. Mike was a wealth of knowledge. He was the go-to guy for direction and guidance on fabrication projects. He was the very innovative type, always thinking of ways to improve the process. In fact, there are a lot of tools and safety items used in the Wood Shop today that he had a hand in “that he just made happen”.*

*Here are some funny and interesting things about Mike. At 9:00 AM it was break time, he enjoyed tea and shortbread cookies, you could*

*practically set your watch by him. It was also well known not to interrupt this time with work business, "It's break time! He would say". He did not care for filled donuts of any kind and he enjoyed playing an occasional prank on the guys by putting fake mice in the donut boxes to get a rise out of them. Mike had the best "Sliver Removal Kit" in the shop and it was always available in case the inevitable sliver happened to you. He was also a real health nut, while most of us relaxed at lunch time you would always see Mike walking the hallways. He had to be the most physically fit employee in fabrication and the envy of many. He will truly be missed*

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**Keith Laitinen** - December 13, 2013 at 09:39 AM

EL

“ Karen, Eric and Paul,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*With our deepest sympathy,  
Mike and Elaine Laueran*

*Matthew 5:4*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

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**Elaine Laueran** - December 12, 2013 at 07:57 PM

JW

“ To the Michael Dapkus Family,

*I was saddened to hear of your unexpected loss. There really are no words to say to alleviate the deep pain and sorrow on a family at a time like this. My prayers are with you all for the strength to get through this very difficult time.*

*Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Janet Glaza Williams*



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**Janet G. Williams** - December 12, 2013 at 03:24 PM



“ Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus.



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December 12, 2013 at 11:44 AM

MN

“ mairead neet purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus.



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**mairead neet** - December 11, 2013 at 11:57 PM

AP

“ Anthony Prano lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus



Anthony Prano - December 11, 2013 at 08:37 PM

AP

*I was Fortunate to work with Mike at Ford Motor Co. I enjoyed my time with him. He taught me many things and was Very Proud of his Family..He looked forward to his own Sail Boat. He will be missed!! Sorry....for your loss....*

Anthony Prano - December 11, 2013 at 08:44 PM

DH

“ Karen, Eric and Paul,

*We are so shocked to hear about Mike's passing. This fall he was as competitive as ever when we played tennis. We will miss him when he used to stop by when he was on his bike rides. Mike will be missed as a friend, old neighbor and a very caring and giving individual. We wish you lots of strength during this difficult time. Our prayers are with you.*

*Don & Marykay Hes*

Donald Hes - December 11, 2013 at 08:15 PM

MN

“ Mairead Neet lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus



mairead neet - December 11, 2013 at 02:51 PM

MN

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. We were shocked and saddened to hear about Mike's death, may he RIP. Gone from our sight, but never our memories. Gone from our touch, but never our hearts. With deepest sympathy, Jim, Mairead Neet and family.

Mairead Neet - December 11, 2013 at 02:37 PM

CF

“ Karen-Your husband was an exceptional, wonderful person. We are really sorry for your loss. We will be thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. May God ease the pain in your hearts. Craig and Michelle Fascetti

Craig and Michelle Fascetti - December 11, 2013 at 01:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus.



December 11, 2013 at 01:16 PM

HL

“ May God be with the family of Mike in this time of deep sadness. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With Sympathy, Heidi Leland

Heidi Leland - December 11, 2013 at 12:13 PM

JE

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mike Dapkus. Praying for your family Dave and Jenifer George. From your family at Oliver Ford Lincoln in Plymouth Indiana.

Jennifer - December 11, 2013 at 09:37 AM

MA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Karen and her family. Matt and Carrie Fascetti and family

Matt - December 10, 2013 at 05:50 PM

TF

“ The Fascetti Families lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus



The Fascetti Families - December 10, 2013 at 05:46 PM

TF

With deepest sympathy, The Fascetti families

The Fascetti Families - December 10, 2013 at 05:47 PM

MF

“ Matthew Fascetti lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus



matthew fascetti - December 10, 2013 at 05:01 PM

MF

“ I was very sick and saddened to hear of Mike's passing. He was a great guy and I enjoyed playing golf with him on my visits to Michigan. My cousin Karen and her sons Eric and Paul are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Matthew J. Fascetti and family

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**Matthew Fascetti** - December 10, 2013 at 04:04 PM

JB

“ Jim Brown lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus



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**Jim Brown** - December 10, 2013 at 03:05 PM

LZ

“ ...fellow Ford Design Studio employees share in your sudden loss and sadness...know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Lydia Zwarka** - December 10, 2013 at 02:11 PM

JP

“ Dear Karen- words fail- so sorry to hear about Mike. Praying for peace and comfort you and your family.

Julie Pugh

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**Julie Pugh** - December 10, 2013 at 02:07 PM

RM

“ Rick Martin lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus



Rick Martin - December 10, 2013 at 01:33 PM

LV

“ Lloyd VandenBrink lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus



Lloyd VandenBrink - December 10, 2013 at 01:30 PM

LV

On behalf of all in "k Studio", the entire family is in our thoughts and prayers

Lloyd VandenBrink - December 10, 2013 at 01:33 PM

KT

“ Knight Transportation purchased the Inspiration Bouquet for the family of Michael "Mike" Frank Dapkus.



Knight Transportation - December 10, 2013 at 01:18 PM

SK

“ Sean Kilian lit a candle in memory of Michael  
"Mike" Frank Dapkus



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**Sean Kilian** - December 10, 2013 at 12:53 PM

CC

*Karen we are saddened and grieving with you. We always enjoyed catching up with Mike at the Tiernan parties. Our prayers are with you and your family. Andy and Colleen Clark*

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**Colleen Coogan** - December 11, 2013 at 06:33 AM