



## Michael Charles Harkins

May 8, 1944 - June 18, 2020

Michael Charles Harkins Sr. (76) of Leesburg, Florida passed away on June 18, 2020 at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida after a courageous fight. He was born May 8, 1944 in Aurora, Illinois.

Michael is survived by his dear wife of 55 years, Janet; his children, Michael C. Harkins Jr. (Deborah) of Dekalb, IL and Lori Harkins of N. Aurora, IL. He was also blessed with grandchildren Jacob Comstock, Jessica Comstock, Billie Moffett (Robert) and Thomas Johnson. He is also survived by his sister Patricia Hansen (Dale), several nieces, nephews, cousins, and his beloved dog, Harky. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Rose Harkins.

Michael served the City of Aurora, IL as a policeman for 27 years, working in Crime Prevention and many years of Community Service. He was a member of the F.O.P. and the Police Benevolent & Protective Association, and worked Mutual Ground Inc. He loved life and spending time with his family and friends. Automobiles, racing, and NASCAR was his lifelong passion. Michael owned his own body shop and eventually found his way to Chicagoland Speedway where he worked for 15 years. In retirement, Michael and Janet relocated to Florida where they enjoyed boating and everything retirement had to offer. He will be remembered greatly for his great wit and storytelling. Michael will be remembered by those he loved and by all lives that he

touched.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Charles Harkins*



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May 11, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *OH MY LORD, I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS, MIKE WAS THE "BEST COP EVER " HE WAS SUCH A GOOD FRIEND, AND I SPENT SOME TIME IN HIS GARAGE DOING SOME BODY WORK FOR HIM. ALL I CAN SAY IS THE WORLD WE LIVE IN HAS LOST ONE GREAT HUMAN BEING. REST IN PEACE MY MAN, YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. JOE RESTIVO.*

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**JOE BEAR** - July 14, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ *Jan, I just learned of Mike's passing. I am so sorry. I know the pain and difficulty of losing your life's partner. Please know I am remembering the good times we had and all the donut runs we made. Mike fought a good fight. I am praying for you and your family and thinking of the stories Mike and Noel are now swapping. God bless you and your family.*

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**Judy Whitis** - July 01, 2020 at 01:17 PM

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“ *Jan and family. We were so saddened to hear of Mike's passing. He was always so kind to Clarence & I. His days of suffering are over, may he rest in peace.*

*Clarence & Cathie Miedema*

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**Clarence & Cathie Miedema** - June 25, 2020 at 09:25 PM

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“ *Dear Harkins Family,*

*Our team here at Chicagoland Speedway was very sad to learn the news of Mike's recent passing. We will be forever grateful to Mike for his passionate enthusiasm for motorsports, and especially for his years of dedicated service to our facility and to our loyal fans. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*The Chicagoland Speedway Staff*

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**Scott Paddock** - June 23, 2020 at 05:36 PM