



## Michael Patrick Park

June 7, 1956 - January 24, 2019

Princeton – Michael P. Park, 62, of Princeton, Illinois passed away at his home on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Michael, better known as Mike by friends and family, was born on June 7, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Thomas and Betsy (Lahoda) Park. He was a graduate of Elk Grove High School in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, Class of 1974. He had three daughters, Jennifer, Emily, and Nicole, who were the absolute light of his life. He worked throughout Illinois and beyond as a DJ, owning and operating Mega Music DJ Services for over thirty years. In 2009 he began caring for his mother who moved in with him.

Mike loved to enjoy life! He was a lifelong member of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio, and visited there two to three times a year. He loved to sit back and talk about music and sports with anyone, any time. He loved his Chicago teams, especially the White Sox and Blackhawks. He loved spending time with his family, especially on their annual trips to the Wisconsin Dells, often going two times a year. He loved a good road trip with his mother, Betsy, to Minnesota where they would travel to visit family and friends. He was quite the music memorabilia collector, verging on hoarding (according to his daughters and close friends). The Basement, aka Mike's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, was infamously covered from top to bottom with rock posters, articles, and videos, including reel-to-reel. He didn't play guitar but had quite the guitar

collection as well as pin collection and they were all proudly displayed in his "Rock Cave." Often, the girls would forewarn friends prior to seeing the magnificent display of memorabilia. He was an amazing father and grandfather, he would love to tell the story of his youngest and only grandson Dalton (who has five older sisters) he would ask, "how many sisters do you have Dalton?" and little Dalton would reply "I have many Papa, I have many". Mike will be very missed by his family and friends, leaving an imprint of joy on everyone he met.

Mike is survived by his three daughters, Jennifer (Brad) Butler of Walnut, IL, Emily (Ben Carter) Park of Madison, WI and Nicole Park of Temecula, CA; six grandchildren, Taylor, Bailey, Ryleigh, Alexis, Ella and Dalton; one brother, John (Tina) Park of Hubert, NC; and four nieces, Amber, Abigail, Harley and Shannon; one aunt Marylew Lindell of Forrest Lake, MN; and his "woman" Lorrie Wilsman; as well as a multitude of cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Park (1970) and Betsy Park (1/7/2019), one sister, Kathleen Park-Gross; one brother, Thomas "Butch" Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

A celebration of life for both Michael and his mother Betsy will be held at Norberg Memorial Home, Princeton, IL on Friday, February 15, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Services for Michael and his mother Betsy will be held on Friday, February 15, 2019 at Norberg Memorial Home, Princeton, IL at 7:00 p.m. officiated by Father Daniel Gifford of Saint Louis Catholic Church. Friends are welcome to share a story after the service.

Burial for Michael and Betsy will be on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 S. Wolf Rd, Hillside, IL, at noon.

Online condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc., Princeton, IL

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm truly saddened by the loss of one of my oldest and dearest friends. I would say to the girls remember the love and care Mike had for each of you. The excellent example of a father and a man. Mike will be truly missed.*

*Steve & Teri Price*

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**Steve & Teri Price** - February 14, 2019 at 05:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Patrick Park.*



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**Mike Roges** - February 07, 2019 at 12:27 PM