



Charles Michael Oakes

August 21, 1958 - May 17, 2024

Charles Michael Oakes (“Mo” and “Michael”), 65, of Chicago’s Lincoln Square neighborhood, passed away after a brain aneurysm on May 17, 2024.

Michael was raised in Chicago’s Humboldt Park neighborhood, and moved to Paris, Illinois to be close to his sister Pam while in middle school. Michael did not feel like he fit in a small town, so he left school in 7th grade and went straight to work in a machine shop and as a truck driver. He found his calling as a skilled handyman. He enjoyed woodworking and built bunkbeds for his family. Michael kept a nice and orderly home with paintings on the walls and renovated the kitchen in his rental apartment.

Michael was a very generous and kind man, particularly to his sister Pam. He was her best friend.

Dear brother of Pamela (the late Michael) Sitkiewicz, Robert Boggs, Kenneth (Peggy) Oakes, Arthur “Tracy” Oakes, and the late David Oakes.

Loving and excellent uncle of Michael Sitkiewicz, Tammy Sitkiewicz, Sherida “Sheri” Oakley, and David (Lotia) Oakes.

He was a dear friend of his landlord Paul and his neighbor Ed Mueller, with whom he would take vacations.

The family has selected green cremation. Services are private.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

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“ Although I have only had a decade to call Mike my friend, I never knew a more kind and giving man.

He was a gifted tradesman who was incredibly generous in sharing both his skills and time. He embraced the home on Leland and the neighborhood of Lincoln Square, and along with long-time friend and landlord, Paul created a safe, warm haven for all who joined the Leland Avenue family.

Mike also shared his time and energy with neighbor and good friend, Ed Mueller. Because Ed fly, he was unable to fly Mike arranged a train trip across country which resembled a comic disaster, but their next scheduled adventure was planned for the day after he passed. Mike made a reservation to pick up a Winnebago in the suburbs and head out for a much anticipated adventure to the Grand Canyon.

He will be greatly missed by the many who called him friend!

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