

P. MICHAEL MURPHY

FEBRUARY 21 2026



P. Michael Murphy of Middletown, RI – **best known as Murph** – passed away peacefully at home on **February 21, 2026**, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Michael is survived by his loving **wife of 40 years, Leslie (Tessier)**, his **sons Kyle (Jeanne-Marie), Camden (Amanda)** and the joys of his life; granddaughter Nova Jane and **grandsons Killian and Oliver**.

Murph **grew up in Yorkville, NY** the son of the late **Jane and William Murphy**. He is predeceased by his **brother Martin** and **sister Kathleen**. He leaves behind his **twin sister Patricia (Steve) DeRosa** **brother Bill (brother-in-law, Frank Antonelli)**, **sister-in-law Patricia Murphy** and many cherished nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, loving in-laws and countless friends from near and far.

Michael attended **Whitesboro Central Schools**, excelling in football, basketball and baseball and was a **graduate of Cortland State University**. Mike fell in love with the Newport area, and Leslie, in the mid-seventies and have made it their home ever since.

He had a **long career in the local hospitality business**. Following a stint at The **Black Pearl** and **Manager of the former Yesterdays** in Washington Square Mike joined **Horizon Beverage** and worked there for many years before retiring. His retirement was spent loving his son's, spoiling his grandchildren, working **part-time at Wanumetonomy Country Club**, and playing golf full-time as a **member of Green Valley Country Club**, usually followed by meeting his folks at Cappy's. Michael was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Newport.

The family extends their gratitude to the nurses and CNAs from Hope Hospice for the tender care they provided Michael in his final days. A special thank you to Michelle.

A man of honor, decency, and good humor, Murph's legacy is always reminding people to "do the right thing".

Calling hours will be Thursday, February 26th, 4:00-7:00 PM at the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring Street, Newport. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, February 27th at 10:00 AM, St. Joseph's Church, corner of Broadway & Mann Avenue, Newport. Burial will follow at St. Columba Cemetery, 465 Browns Ln, Middletown.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to "Cappy's" Hillside Charitable Organization, PO Box 594, Newport, RI 02840 or to HopeHealth Hospice & Palliative Care, 1085 N. Main St, Providence, RI 02904.