



Michael D. Golding

August 6, 1949 - February 25, 2021

Michael D. Golding, 71, of Hendersonville, NC. Born in Lynn, MA. Graduate of Lynn Classical and Northeastern University (Criminal Justice).

A kind and thoughtful man, Michael loved being with his family, engaging with everyone, making new acquaintances and helping others wherever he went.

During his 20+ year law enforcement career, first in Nahant, MA as an officer and last in Durham, NH as the Captain of Police, as well as in his role as the campus security director - at McIntosh College, Great Bay Community College, and Blue Ridge Community College - all who crossed his path found a personable and loyal colleague and friend.

It was especially meaningful to him when, in his capacity as a juvenile officer, those he had assisted in their youth shared how much his guidance had made a difference in their lives.

Michael enjoyed his work with the New Hampshire Police Association, historical and genealogical research, taking pictures, watching Jeopardy, and quoting Mr. Rogers and The Blues Brothers. He knew all the back road shortcuts, police and fire station scanner codes (listening in when his lieutenant son had a shift at the Dover FD), and, as the former Vice President of the Seacoast NH chapter of Parrot Heads, the lyrics to every Jimmy Buffett

song.

He was always reading newspapers local to him and publications covering his childhood home (Nahant), where he lived most of his life (NH), and his favorite place (Key West).

Michael was most content when he could just sit with the people he loved, all within his view, in the same room at the same time. His wife and children were together with him when he passed peacefully.

Missing his warmth, wit, and protective presence are the love of his life, wife Carol Golding (of Hendersonville, NC), his three children, of whom he was so proud, Kimberly Golding (of Rome, Italy), David Golding (of Barrington, NH), Kurt Tomcavage (of Philadelphia, PA), his daughter-in-law Anne Golding, and three grandchildren Cole, Aidan, and Parker Golding. Hamlet, his canine sidekick, also feels the loss of his favorite walking buddy.

Due to New England winter weather (a phenomena he liked following at a distance) and in respect of all current public health directives, a service will be held at a later date this summer in Nahant, MA. Michael will be buried at Greenlawn Cemetery, alongside his mother Helen Niosi (and her husband Joseph), his father David A. Golding, and his grandparents Thomas and Mary Prendiville.

In lieu of flowers, Michael would appreciate support of the Nahant Historical Society: <https://nahanthistory.org/>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Green Lawn Cemetery
195 Nahant Road
Nahant, MA 01908

Celebration of Life

AUG 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

Nahant Knights of Columbus, Council 4682 Function Hall
17 Relay Road
Nahant, MA

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael D. Golding*

October 09, 2023 at 01:52 AM



“ *Michael D. Golding*

October 08, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Michael D. Golding*

October 24, 2022 at 11:11 PM



“ *I haven't met your father, but I just wanted yo share condolences to you and your family Kim, I hope and wish you are doing fine in this difficult moment.*
Michele

Michele Bertero - April 11, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Shared many moments with Mike as teenagers in Nahant. He was always the calming influence in our little “gang.” Condolences to the family on the loss of our friend.*

Arthur Fay - March 10, 2021 at 04:15 AM



Thank you, Arthur. He was the “calming influence” as a Dad too.

Kim Golding - March 11, 2021 at 04:19 AM

SA

“ We were very sorry to hear of Michael's passing. We wish we had the magic words to help you heal. We know how happy he made our beautiful cousin, Carol.

All our love,
Cousin Teri and Sandy

Sandy - March 09, 2021 at 12:59 PM

KG

Thank you, Teri and Sandy. 

Kim Golding - March 11, 2021 at 04:18 AM

LH

“ Kim and David: I worked with your dad when you were very little and he was at Durham PD. I'm so very sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person and a good friend.

Leigh Hansen

Leigh Hansen - March 08, 2021 at 07:34 AM

KG

Thank you, Leigh. I remember you. Thank you for your kind words.

Kim Golding - March 08, 2021 at 10:23 AM

SH

“ Mike was such a wonderful person. I am thankful for having met him at McIntosh and again at GBCC. He was so engaging and made you feel like talking with you was the most important thing in the world. He is missed.

Sandy Ho - March 06, 2021 at 06:35 AM

KG

Hi, Sandy. What you shared is so true. I talked to my father every day. Thank you.

Kim Golding - March 07, 2021 at 05:11 AM

 Brenda Kim

“ *Im so sorry to hear of this, your dad and I exchanged pics and stories of my parents from Emerald Rd days (The Kelleys, Frank and Mary "Babe" Driscoll Kelley) He will be missed*

Brenda Kim - March 05, 2021 at 11:29 AM

KG

Thank you, Brenda. I'll be in Nahant mid-month. I'll be sure to visit Emerald Road. 🍀❤️

Kim Golding - March 05, 2021 at 03:38 PM

SH

Very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I was very for of Him.. He was a very nice guy. Sue Hosker

Suzanne Hosker - March 05, 2021 at 07:30 PM

TC

“ *I am very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We worked together while he was in Durham and I in Dover PD. He was everything you would want in a police officer. Kind, smart, and friendly to all. Very sorry to the Golding family.*

Tony Colarusso - March 04, 2021 at 03:33 PM

KG

Thank you, Tony.

Kim Golding - March 04, 2021 at 06:09 PM

LM

“ I was on staff first at McIntosh College when Mike was there, then at Great Bay Community College, where it was great to see Mike again when he came on board. He connected so well with everyone with his great smile, his good nature, humor, and his wonderful stories -- all of which were part and parcel of who Mike was. Everette and I send our sincere condolences to his family.

Laura Mitchell

Laura Mitchell - March 03, 2021 at 11:15 PM

KG

Thank you, Laura. You really capture the essence of who my dad was, personally and professionally.

Kim Golding - March 04, 2021 at 04:24 AM

WA

“ I was president of Great Bay Community College when Mike came to work there. What most impressed me about this wonderful man was his patient and gentle nature. He loved the students and for that I'm deeply grateful. His family is in my thoughts.

Will Arvelo - March 03, 2021 at 07:54 PM

KG

Thank you, Will. My Dad loved working with you and the students at Great Bay.

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 08:11 PM

JG

“ I am so sad and sorry to hear about Mike’s passing. He was such a wonderful man. We worked together at Great Bay Community College during the evening shifts. He had some great stories. We have always kept in touch and I always loved hearing from him. He was always compassionate and caring and thought of everyone around him first. He will truly be missed and I send his whole family lots of thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Gervais - March 03, 2021 at 04:06 PM

KG

Thank you for being such a great colleague to him and for capturing the essence of my Dad.

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 06:29 PM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss. I worked with Mike at Great Bay Community College, and in my youth I occasionally ran into him in Durham NH. Mike was an awesome man and I enjoyed the hours of stories he had of his past experiences. Mike and I had many common acquaintances and he had a great story for each of them. Rest in peace Mike.

Mike McNeil - March 03, 2021 at 11:59 AM

KG

Thank you, Mike.

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear about Mikes passing . We worked together at McIntosh College and Great Bay Community College .. We have kept in touch over the years.. always a great friend . Please know I have many fond memories of "Mr. Golding".. hugs and prayers to you all.

Kim Dugal - March 03, 2021 at 11:28 AM

KG

Thank you, Kim.

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ John Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Michael D. Golding



John Caldwell - March 03, 2021 at 07:04 AM

KG

Thank you, John. ✨

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 09:54 AM

TC

Very sorry to hear about Mike's passing. I worked with him very often while I was at Dover PD. He attended the holiday parades and always yelled out to me with a big smile. He will be missed! My thoughts to all of you in the Golding Family. Tony Colarusso

Tony Colarusso - March 04, 2021 at 10:34 AM

MC

“ Shared many memories with Mike growing up in Nahant. He loved this Town. Starting on Emerald Road and then moving to his grandparents house on Maolis Road. Great memories of playing, at the time, in the open field on the corners of Highland, Tudor and Pond Street. Mike was a really nice guy. Will miss him.
Fond Memories
Mark Cullinan

mark cullinan - March 02, 2021 at 08:57 PM

KG

Thank you for sharing the images of playing in open fields. Best, His Daughter Kim

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 12:58 AM



RIP My Brother, you were the best

John Caldwell - March 03, 2021 at 07:05 AM

GP

“ Just saw this. So sorry. I recently communicated with Mike via email, so I found this shocking. Mike was someone who was very helpful to me when I started as a young police officer in Nahant. He played a true role as a mentor back in the 70's. Socialized with him quite a bit while living on Emerald Rd and later when he lived in Nottingham, NH. Great guy. My sincere condolences to his family. He was a real Nahanter.

Gerry Perry

Gerard Perry - March 02, 2021 at 07:17 PM

KG

Thank you, Gerry. He loved being a mentor to you. Best, His Daughter Kim

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 12:59 AM

JT

“ *Michael was a true Nahanter. He was a great supporter of and contributor to the Nahant Historical Society, the most precious contributions being his memories of Nahant. I will personally miss our correspondence by email relating to these memories. He had such vivid stories to share and a wealth of knowledge. He will be greatly missed. Julie Robinson Tarmy, fellow Nahanter, Executive Director, Nahant Historical Society*

Julie Robinson Tarmy - March 02, 2021 at 08:35 AM

KG

Thank you for creating a platform that brought my dad so much joy and a medium for him to share his stories and knowledge. He was a proud Nahanter - as am I (originally), 4th generation. My brother David and I will carry on his passion and commitment to the Nahant Historical society.

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 01:03 AM

AM

“ *I worked with Mike over the and years. His infectious smile and sense of humor were always present. Mike was a professional and respected by all. Words rarely compensate for the pain in losing a loved one. We can only hope he has passed to a better place to await his family and friends. Please accept my condolences.*

Aidan Moore - March 02, 2021 at 07:04 AM

KG

Thank you, Aidan. So glad you got to experience that humor. Best, His Daughter Kim

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 01:05 AM

BG

“ Always a gentleman. Michael was with Durham PD when I was a reserve officer for UNH PD. He was always very kind and friendly to me. Had great experiences with him through the NH Police Association over the years when I was with Salem PD. He always took the time to reach out with positive comments. My condolences to his wife & family.

Bill Ganley - March 02, 2021 at 02:23 AM

KG

Thank you, Bill.

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 01:06 AM

JY

“ A proud and dedicated Law Enforcement officer whom I am proud to have served with! Wishing his family and friends peace and comfort during this time! RIP Captain.

James Young - March 02, 2021 at 12:22 AM

KG

Thank you, James.

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 01:06 AM

BM

“ Mike, Going to miss you my friend! You are and will always be in my fondest memories. You were a great police officer who cared about everyone Always ready and willing to listen to everyone and you would go out of your way to help those in need. Rest in the peace of the lord my friend! Brian Miller

Brian C Miller - March 01, 2021 at 10:37 PM

KG

Thank you, Brian.

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 01:06 AM

PM

“ *Mike was a great guy we all had too much fun during the NH police assn outings back in the day. Condolences to his family*

Phil Miles - March 01, 2021 at 09:49 PM

KG

Thank you, Phil.

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 01:07 AM

AG

“ *We miss you grandpa Mike!!*



Anne Golding - March 01, 2021 at 07:05 PM

KG

At his happiest with his three grandsons 🍀🍀🍀

Kim Golding - March 03, 2021 at 01:09 AM

SH

Mike was such a wonderful person to work with at McIntosh and GBCC. He always had great stories and wisdom to share with all of us!

Sandy Ho - March 03, 2021 at 06:50 PM