



Michele Paul Sipala

February 24, 1946 - March 13, 2025

Michele Paul Sipala passed away peacefully at his home in Rock Hall, MD on March 13, 2025.

He was born in Chestertown, MD on February 24, 1946, the son of the late Edith and Paul Sipala. He graduated from Chestertown High School with the class of 1965, many of whom he kept in touch with over the years. After graduating high school, he attended University of Maryland where, much to his pleasant surprise, he was accidentally placed in the girl's dorm during his first semester. He later started working with his father at Paul's Shoe Store and eventually took over the business himself. He became a Chestertown staple, known for having every possible type of shoe at his store and for always having a dog or two working with him.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and hunting with his friends, taking several trips to the Midwest and South America. In later years he also enjoyed weekly sporting clay shoots with friends. He traveled twice to Sicily to visit his father's homeland and meet his Italian cousins. He enjoyed numerous car and motorcycle trips up and down the east coast; ultimately going west with Liz where they visited multiple national parks. Along the way he indulged his wife by stopping at every historic marker and point of interest, often venturing off the beaten path. A dream came true when he moved to Piney Neck on a small farm in 2016, enjoying and preserving a piece of his beloved Kent County on the Chester River.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased in death by a sister, Marianna

Quigley.

He is survived by his wife, Liz Sipala; children Jennifer Sipala, Michele Sipala, Matthew Sipala and Andrew Sipala and wife Nicolle (Castro); grandchild, Kathryn McDonald; and sister, Paulina Wolfe.

Services will be held on Friday, March 21 at 4:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown. A visitation where family and friends may gather for drinks and shared memories will be held from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Animal Care Shelter for Kent County at (<https://acskc.org/support/general-donation/>)

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 20, 2025 at 11:15 AM

JT

Will truly be missed by class of 1965 and class mate Jimmy Thompson

Jimmy Thompson - March 24, 2025 at 02:14 PM

RC

“ *RHONDA JUSTICE CATALDO lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



RHONDA JUSTICE CATALDO - April 10, 2025 at 01:13 PM

JH

“ *Jack Heinefield lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



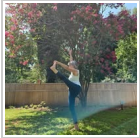
Jack Heinefield - April 06, 2025 at 09:42 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Brenda Beaver - March 24, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ *Liz, Joe and I are very sorry for your loss*



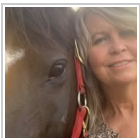
Mavis Jones - March 23, 2025 at 05:58 PM

KC

“ *Kathy And Greg Clark lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Kathy and Greg Clark - March 23, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ *Liz,
We are so sorry for your loss of your husband. He was a really nice man I was his barber for about 3 yrs. I really enjoyed talking to him.*



Susie Jackman - March 22, 2025 at 10:07 PM

FP

“ Our condolences to the Sipala family. Mike came to my home in Rising Sun MD to see the Covette he purchased brand new back in 1966. I am currently the third owner of that car. With Mike in the drivers seat...had a nice ride chatting about Corvettes and Harley Davidsons.
Frank Pyle



frank pyle - March 22, 2025 at 08:27 AM

SQ

“ Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Sara & David Quinn - March 21, 2025 at 04:27 PM

LS

“ Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Liz Smith - March 21, 2025 at 08:16 AM

PW

“ Paulina W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Paul Sipala.

Paulina W. - March 21, 2025 at 07:37 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele Paul Sipala.



March 21, 2025 at 06:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michele Paul Sipala.

March 21, 2025 at 06:38 AM

IF

“ Dear Liz and Family,
You have our deepest sympathy and prayers.
Celeste, Iris and Family



Iris Carter and Family - March 20, 2025 at 08:33 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



June Clark - March 20, 2025 at 01:34 PM

JC

Dear Paulina,
So sorry to hear of the passing of your brother, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
June

June Clark - March 20, 2025 at 01:36 PM

CW

“ Cliff Wilson lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Cliff Wilson - March 19, 2025 at 10:30 PM

BS

“ In addition to selling shoes, he made braces as prescribed by Doctors for children's foot corrections. Forty four years ago he made a brace for my now forty five year old Daughter who is not pigeon toed thanks to his talents!
A kind and caring Gentleman!
Barbara Stockton

Barbara Stockton - March 19, 2025 at 08:16 PM

MH

“ With heartfelt condolences to Liz and all of Mike's family and friends. We will always cherish the good memories of Paul's Shoe Store.



Mark & Tammy Hall - March 19, 2025 at 05:41 PM

JW

“ Joy and James Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michele Paul Sipala.



Joy and James Williams - March 19, 2025 at 05:33 PM

DG

“ Donna Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Donna Gibbons-Neff - March 19, 2025 at 03:33 PM

DG

My deepest sympathy to Liz and the family.

Donna Gibbons-Neff - March 19, 2025 at 03:35 PM

DB

“ *David&Stefanie Blyman lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



David&Stefanie Blyman - March 19, 2025 at 02:02 PM

DS

“ *Liz, my deepest condolences. Deb Silberg*

Debra G Silberg - March 19, 2025 at 11:14 AM

CC

“ *My deepest condolences Liz.*



Chris Clough - March 19, 2025 at 08:48 AM

PD

“ *Liz
So sorry for your loss. Hugs & prayers for you
and your family*



Patty DiRocco - March 19, 2025 at 08:44 AM

TL

“ *The Legg's lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



The Legg's - March 19, 2025 at 05:13 AM

DB

“ *Donna Blackiston lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Donna Blackiston - March 19, 2025 at 03:07 AM

DN

“ *Dawn Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Dawn Nordhoff - March 19, 2025 at 01:01 AM



“ *Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Marilyn Ford - March 19, 2025 at 12:25 AM

JH

“ *Joan Horsey lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Joan Horsey - March 18, 2025 at 10:46 PM

YG

“ *Your friends at the District Group purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michele Paul Sipala.*



Your friends at the District Group - March 18, 2025 at 09:04 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis Hudson Brown lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Phyllis Hudson Brown - March 18, 2025 at 08:48 PM

BM

“ *Betty Jean Morris lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Betty Jean Morris - March 18, 2025 at 08:22 PM

RT

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to his family* ”



Roni Lynn Thomas - March 18, 2025 at 08:18 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala* ”



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - March 18, 2025 at 07:12 PM



“ *Mike was a great mentor and boss. Working with and for him for 10 years was a great time and experience. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.* ”



Kelley Elliott Yiannakis - March 18, 2025 at 06:31 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala* ”



John M Larrimore - March 18, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michele Paul Sipala.*



March 18, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michele Paul Sipala.

March 18, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *Barney & Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Barney & Kaye Barnes - March 18, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ *Tara Peace lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Tara Peace - March 18, 2025 at 01:13 PM

DS

“ *Our deepest condolences.*



Dwayne and Lisa Sewell - March 18, 2025 at 01:03 PM

CS

“ *Carolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Carolyn Smith - March 18, 2025 at 12:29 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Debbie Dalrymple - March 18, 2025 at 12:19 PM

DT

“ *David Thompson lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



David Thompson - March 18, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michele Paul Sipala.*



March 18, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *Sandy Dulin lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Sandy Dulin - March 18, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *Jennifer & Gene Teat lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Jennifer & Gene Teat - March 18, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - March 18, 2025 at 09:36 AM

SM

“ *Sandy McClary- lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Sandy McClary - March 18, 2025 at 09:29 AM

CN

“ *Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - March 18, 2025 at 09:21 AM

CC

“ *Chestertown Cardiology purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Michele Paul Sipala.*



Chestertown Cardiology - March 18, 2025 at 09:12 AM

GS

“ *My condolences to the families.*



George Short - March 18, 2025 at 09:11 AM

RH

“ Prayers to you and the family



Robin Hawthorne - March 18, 2025 at 08:10 AM

HO

“ To Liz and family, my sincere condolences, with love, Holly Johnson

holly - March 18, 2025 at 06:54 AM

JJ

“ John D Edwards Jr lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



John D Edwards jr - March 18, 2025 at 06:10 AM

NC

“ Nancy Centofante lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Nancy Centofante - March 18, 2025 at 06:06 AM

LP

“ *LORI BUTLER PERRY lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



LORI BUTLER PERRY - March 18, 2025 at 05:16 AM

LP

“ *Lee Phillips lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Lee Phillips - March 18, 2025 at 01:01 AM

CL

“ *Cindy Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Cindy Lloyd - March 17, 2025 at 10:57 PM

CB

“ *Liz,
I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Christine Brice - March 17, 2025 at 10:25 PM

AN

“ Anne North lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Anne North - March 17, 2025 at 09:40 PM

ST

“ Sharon Truitt lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Sharon Truitt - March 17, 2025 at 09:35 PM

LF

“ Love, The Roe Family purchased the Enduring G race for the family of Michele Paul Sipala.



Love, The Roe Family - March 17, 2025 at 08:09 PM

LF

“ Love, The Roe Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michele Paul Sipala.

Love, The Roe Family - March 17, 2025 at 08:09 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Calder lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Barbara calder - March 17, 2025 at 04:44 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Calder lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Barbara calder - March 17, 2025 at 04:43 PM

LM

“ *Louie Nicholson And Lynn McLain lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Louie Nicholson and Lynn McLain - March 17, 2025 at 04:35 PM

EL

“ *Edgar & Nancy Legg lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Edgar & Nancy Legg - March 17, 2025 at 04:18 PM

SF

“ Liz , and family sending you thoughts and prayers !!



shirley Foster - March 17, 2025 at 04:13 PM

CC

“ Chestertown Cardiology lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Chestertown Cardiology - March 17, 2025 at 03:10 PM

MU

“ Mary Ellen Unruh lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Mary Ellen Unruh - March 17, 2025 at 03:06 PM

KL

“ Katherine Langenfelder lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Katherine Langenfelder - March 17, 2025 at 12:35 PM

LB

“ *Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Larry Beck - March 17, 2025 at 11:45 AM

BN

“ *Barbara K Nelson lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Barbara k Nelson - March 17, 2025 at 10:52 AM

SW

“ *Sherry Williams lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Sherry williams - March 17, 2025 at 07:58 AM

BC

“ *Our condolences to Mike's family.* 🙏
John & Billie Carroll



Billie Carroll - March 17, 2025 at 07:34 AM

MH

“ *Marty And Jennifer Holden lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Marty and Jennifer Holden - March 16, 2025 at 06:38 PM

NT

“ *Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Nancy Toy - March 16, 2025 at 05:07 PM

MU

“ *Liz, my deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*



Marie Usilton - March 16, 2025 at 03:30 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Denny and Judy Hickman - March 16, 2025 at 03:17 PM

DN

“ *Debbie And Bob Nockerson lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Debbie and Bob Nockerson - March 16, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ *Sandy Green lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Sandy Green - March 16, 2025 at 09:58 AM



Mike was a very nice person. My condolences to the family

Sandy Green - March 16, 2025 at 09:59 AM

JN

“ *Joe And Sue Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Joe and Sue Nickerson - March 16, 2025 at 07:34 AM

BG

“ Liz, please accept my prayers and hugs for comfort n peace.
With love, BettyAnn Glenn



Bettyann Glenn - March 16, 2025 at 01:04 AM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - March 15, 2025 at 08:02 PM

KM

“ Kim McSorley lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



Kim McSorley - March 15, 2025 at 07:42 PM

TF

“ The Ruehrmund Family lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala



The Ruehrmund Family - March 15, 2025 at 07:31 PM

MA

“ *Maryann lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Maryann - March 15, 2025 at 07:26 PM

MA

My first and fondest memories of living "here" and raising a son include Mike, Liz and Andrew .. who were so welcoming and were my "local" family members at the time. My heart is broken at the news of Mike's passing. We've drifted so far apart but send my unconditional love and hugs to his family.

Maryann - March 15, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MH

I have many fond memories of Mike and his red van! I met him my first year of Chestertown High School (which would have been 7th grade) when I arrived from Kennedyville Elementary School. I always looked forward to seeing him at reunions. He had a wonderful sense of humor. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Mary Hankins - March 16, 2025 at 10:06 AM

FD

“ *Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Frankie & Jane Dill - March 15, 2025 at 02:03 PM

SC

“ *Condolences to the family*



Sandra Crawford - March 15, 2025 at 12:16 PM

LS

“ *Don and Lynne Stkes*



Lynne Stokes - March 15, 2025 at 10:42 AM

MW

“ *Marian Walbert Wyble lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Marian Walbert Wyble - March 15, 2025 at 10:38 AM

DW

“ *Debbie Wiest lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Debbie Wiest - March 15, 2025 at 10:31 AM

DS

“ *Dave And Donell Smith lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Dave and Donell Smith - March 15, 2025 at 09:53 AM

BL

“ *Brenda K Lyons lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Brenda K Lyons - March 15, 2025 at 09:43 AM

CT

“ *Carroll & Carol Thompson lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Carroll & Carol Thompson - March 15, 2025 at 09:36 AM

LW

“ *Louis And Betty Wheat lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Louis and Betty Wheat - March 15, 2025 at 09:05 AM

LW

Sending our Love and Condolences to Liz, Andrew and family.

Louis and Betty Wheat - March 15, 2025 at 09:11 AM

NG

“ *Nancy Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Nancy Greenwood - March 15, 2025 at 09:03 AM

PW

“ *Patti Webb lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Patti Webb - March 15, 2025 at 08:20 AM

BB

“ *Barney & Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Barney & Kaye Barnes - March 15, 2025 at 07:52 AM

DH

“ *Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Donna Hollett - March 15, 2025 at 07:26 AM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Jeanette Stubbs - March 15, 2025 at 05:44 AM

KC

“ *Kelly And Carol lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Kelly and Carol - March 14, 2025 at 08:04 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Michele Paul Sipala*



Sharon Crew - March 14, 2025 at 04:31 PM



My sincere condolences for Liz and the family

Sandy Green - March 15, 2025 at 05:54 PM



Mike was a great guy

Sandy Green - March 15, 2025 at 05:55 PM



Liz, Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. Curtis & Alana Powell

Alana Powell - March 16, 2025 at 10:45 AM



I can see him fitting my children's first shoes even now! I am so sorry to hear this. Sending prayers for your peace, Liz and family.

Libby Rice - March 20, 2025 at 05:58 AM