



Michael Arthur DeMita Jr.

January 18, 1933 - May 17, 2026

Michael Arthur DeMita, Jr. was born on January 18th, 1933 in Sunnyside Queens, New York to Italian immigrant parents Michael and Rachel DeMita. He passed peacefully at his home in Marietta, Georgia after a short illness on May 17th, 2026 at the age of 93.

Michael Jr. is survived by four living children, Michael DeMita III, John DeMita, Regina DeMita and Christopher DeMita, 8 grandchildren and his 98 year-old elder brother, Frank DeMita. He was pre-deceased by his daughter Catherine, the former wife and mother of his 5 children, Helen Elizabeth Wynne, from Hawkinsville, Georgia, his brother Johnny DeMita and his sister Florence Duban.

Michael Jr's father and mother were from Nusco, Italy, a mountain town in the province of Avellino, east of Naples. After migrating to America, his father opened a shoe repair shop in Queens and instilled a hard work and educational ethic in all of his children.

Michael Jr's education included obtaining an undergraduate degree from NYU and a J.D. from St. Johns University in NYC where he majored in tax law while raising his two infant children in Sunnyside. After working as a senior tax counsel for Philip Morris in NYC, he moved the family first to Valley Stream, L.I. and then onto Greenwich Connecticut, where his 5 children were raised.

Michael Jr. rose in the Philip Morris organization to become a senior Executive V.P. in charge of their Washington office and was very much a part of the Washington political scene in the 1980's as head of Washington relations for the firm, all while commuting back and forth from Greenwich to D.C.

He was and will always be loved and remembered by his children, their spouses, his grandchildren and his many nephews and his nieces. He will be sorely missed.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held in the chapel at the Northside Chapel Funeral Directors home on May 24th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The chapel is located at 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA 30075 and can be reached by phone at (770) 645-1414. His choice was to be cremated, so there will be no graveside service.

The family would ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Tunnel To Towers, <https://t2t.org/> or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/>.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Brother Mike had a successful and distinguished career as a lawyer. The three brothers John, Michael and Frank frequently teased each other about their chosen professions Banking, Law and Education but always concluded we enjoyed what each of us did.*

Paramount to life was raising a good family. He accomplished that by virtue of their successful careers too.

With much love Mike. Rest in peace, brother Frank

Frank De Mita - May 29 at 06:27 PM

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“ Uncle Mike meant a great deal to me. Raising five accomplished children of his own should have been enough for anyone, but he always took an interest in what his nephew was up to in life. I loved being around him, his sense of humor, his urbane sophistication.

Of course he enjoyed a good martini, and we partook of many during my years lawyering in DC, He introduced me to titans of the DC legal world, people he knew through his work. He didn't have to do that, but he seemed to genuinely enjoy our meeting for a meal and sharing the inside dope about DC, the Hill, 'Potomac Fever', and the exalted circles in which he travelled. I remember his office was something straight out of a Bond film, and come to think of it I thought of him as a sort of Bond-like character, crossed with the insider humor of a Rat Pack member.

Compared to fatherhood, being an uncle is easy, but he clearly took the role seriously. For that I shall be forever grateful. I shall miss his gentle ribbing, his laugh, and the unshakeable sense that - for reasons I'll never fully fathom - his nephew mattered to him. And likewise, he meant a great deal to me.

With much love, always, Francis Jr.

Frank De Mita - May 23 at 09:14 AM

BF

“ As 30+ year friends of Michael III, The Cobb family wants to extend heartfelt sympathies to the entire DeMita family. We wish for you, a peace that exceeds all understanding. Forever Friends, Meg, Lisa, and Bryan Cobb

Bryan Cobb Family - May 22 at 05:13 AM

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“ I will always have wonderfully fond memories of my Uncle Michael. He was such a kind and caring person. I spent so many summers and holidays at my aunt and uncle’s house, surrounded by family gatherings, laughter, and wonderful memories. We traveled up and down the East Coast visiting amusement parks, and I still remember a special trip he arranged, including visiting the White House and the Philip Morris headquarters.

Growing up with Uncle Michael in our lives was simply a fun and happy time filled with love, holidays, games of Cuckoo , and moments I will cherish for the rest of my life.

One thing that always stayed with me was his kindness after my dad passed away. Uncle Michael continued to call and check on my mom and me for quite some time, just to make sure we were okay. That meant more than words can express.

He truly was one of the good ones. Heaven has gained an angel, and I will deeply miss him.

With Love,
Michelle DeMita

michelle demita - May 21 at 03:30 PM

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Michael A DeMita - May 20 at 07:27 AM