



Michael F. Hobart

March 3, 1964 - December 20, 2025

Michael F Hobart passed away from colon cancer at age 61 on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at home surrounded by those he loved. Mike “Hoby” Hobart grew up in Rockwell City, Iowa and that farm boy stayed embedded in him for his entire life. He loved to remind us that “Farmers feed America!” He attended Iowa State University and earned his PhD in Mathematics, formed lifelong friendships, and met and married his soulmate, Laura. Together Hoby and Laura created a home of love wherever life took them. He worked as a chemical engineer, a college professor and data scientist but his joy came from being a friend, husband, and father. Hoby loved being a father to Fox and Bets and was happy to give his time in service to be a part of their lives from helping with fun fairs, driving the band equipment truck, or listening to their life goals. He made a point of meeting people where they were at whether it was mentoring them or just listening to their stories. He didn’t give unsolicited advice or push his opinions on people but just let each person be who they were. His sense of humor and puns made just about everyone groan and delivered with his dry sense of humor, not everyone even realized he was telling a joke. Having heard his jokes many times, Laura would just smile and tell him he was not funny. Hoby would just laugh and tell her she was wrong. Their love and friendship was the foundation of their lives. Hoby didn’t let a lot of people into his circle but those that he did, he loved fiercely. His love and presence is greatly missed but his love will live on in us forever.

He is preceded in death by his father, Pat Hobart and his parents-in-law, Harry

and Mariellen Kuehn. He is survived by his wife, Laura and children Bets and Fox (Miriam) along with a new granddaughter, Lydia. He is also survived by his mother, Maureen Hobart and sister, Catherine (Luis) Maestre.

Please join us in his celebration of life on Monday, January 5, 2026 at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church at 285 East Washington Street in Grayslake, Illinois. Visitation 11am, Service 12pm followed by a light lunch "In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church".

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
285 E Washington St
Grayslake, IL 60030-1133
(847) 223-4111

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Shephard of the Lakes Lutheran Church
285 E. Washington St.
Grayslake, IL

Luncheon to immediately follow after services at church.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I had no idea how well educated and talented a man Hoby was. What a life of dedication to others in all he did to make a difference for his beloved family, community and his profession. The Arnold's of SC send heartfelt condolences to all who were blessed by Hoby. I know he was surrounded by love and support on his final journey home. RIP. John and Colleen Arnold

colleen arnold - January 12 at 05:04 PM

RH

“ Richard H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael F. Hobart.

Richard H. - January 05 at 08:18 AM

RH

“ Mike and I were next door neighbors from 2001-2016, and he was a great neighbor and friend. I still tell people, "you wish you had a neighbor like mine." He was always there with a helping hand, not just for me but for the whole cul-de-sac. He was up and at it before everyone else on snow days with his snow blower clearing our walkways and driveways. There was never a tool I needed that he didn't have and readily lent, while also offering to help. We spent lots of times just standing in the yard and jabbering. Mike was never intrusive but open and collaborative when we talked. My prayers and Blessings to Laura, Bets, and Fox.

Richard Hill

Richard Hill - January 05 at 08:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael F. Hobart.*



January 04 at 12:50 PM



“ *Love, Shawn & Cindy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael F. Hobart.*

Love, Shawn & Cindy - January 04 at 12:50 PM



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January 03 at 11:35 AM



“ *Bill Rolli and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael F. Hobart.*

Bill Rolli and Family - January 03 at 11:35 AM

KL

“ *Kemper Pricing and Research Leadership purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Michael F. Hobart.*



Kemper Pricing and Research Leadership - January 02 at 01:56 PM

SR

“ *Hoby was the best! It was a great obituary!! Remember and share the good memories! With lots of love, Scott and Cindy Reed*

Scott and Cindy Reed - December 27, 2025 at 04:36 PM

MO

“ *Maureen and Owen. purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Michael F. Hobart.*



Maureen and Owen. - December 23, 2025 at 07:18 PM

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