



Michael Yusko III

August 9, 1974 - September 6, 2025

Michael Yusko III, 51, died unexpectedly on September 6, 2025, at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital, NYC.

Mike was born August 9, 1974, to parents Michael and Maureen Gaschel Yusko. He was raised in Hudson, NY, graduating from Hudson High School in 1992. During his high school years, not only did he score high academically, but he also played sports, excelling in basketball and football; where he led the Varsity Football Team as their quarterback for two years. Moving on to Union College, he played football and took an interest in performing arts, graduating in 1997. After graduating, he set out on an adventure backpacking through Europe for three months. "What a great experience" he often said. Mike was an avid reader and interested in learning. He loved sports, was a huge Buffalo Bills and New York Knicks fan.

Meeting Audrey Reed changed his life, and they married. He moved to New Orleans and got into mixology. He and a friend opened a business, the Cellar Door, in New Orleans. He coached his son and teammates in soccer and baseball; and he was looking forward to this season coaching his son and others in flag football. He relished cooking for the family and entertaining. Mike considered everyone he met a friend. He cherished his time with his family and frequently said his greatest accomplishment was being a father to his children, Michael IV (M4), 7 years old and Sienna, 4 years old.

Mike also got into the film industry, writing scripts, producing short films and was looking forward to doing a documentary on his journey battling leukemia.

He was scheduled for a stem cell bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, time ran out.

He was predeceased by his mother, Maureen Gaschel Yusko; grandparents, Michael and Amelia Yusko; Frank and Maudie Gaschel; Uncle John A. Yusko. He is survived by his father Michael Yusko, Jr., (Donna Mulig); sister Amy Yusko Lund (Casey); his wife of 10 years Audrey Reed, Son Michael IV, Daughter Sienna Lee; In-laws Lindsay and Debra Reed, Sister-in-law Meredith Reed; Aunt Ann (Marchionne) Morrisson; Aunt Lucinda (Greene) Yusko, Uncle Robert and Aunt Gisele (Jornov) Yusko, Uncle Ronald and Aunt Barbara (Hawver) Gaschel; Niece Addison Lund, Nephew Hudson Lund and many cousins and wonderful friends. The family gives a special thanks to Mike's friend, Billy Dollard, who assisted Mike and his loved ones in navigating Mike's journey with leukemia.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Vigil Prayers offered by Michael's cousin Fr. Stephen Yusko will be Saturday October 11, 2025 at 8:45am. Visitation hours will be from 9:00-10:15am, followed by funeral prayers at 10:30am. Interment will be in Cedar Park Cemetery. All services will be from the Bates and Anderson -Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green St., Hudson, NY

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Blood Cancer United (formerly the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) by phone: 1-888-557-7177, or by mail: Blood Cancer United, Donor Services, PO Box 98011, Washington, DC 20090-8011, or online: <https://bloodcancerunited.org/about-us>.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Park

Hudson, NY

Previous Events

Vigil Prayers

OCT 11. 8:45 AM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am saddened to read this news but so glad that I had a small part in Michael's early education and the pleasure of knowing him. He was polite, caring and a diligent student. God bless you and your family, Michael.

Mary R Coond - September 27, 2025 at 04:56 PM

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“ Fly high above my dear friend. You will be greatly missed. God has a new Angel. Love ya my friend.

Courtney Zanghi - September 26, 2025 at 11:34 AM

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Michael,Bill and are so very sorry to hear about your son Michael's passing,we are not going to be here Saturday morning or we would be there. Our deepest sympathy to you and your whole family.

william c first - October 10, 2025 at 05:47 PM