



## Michail Zeleniak

October 18, 2022

Zeleniak, Michail

May 10, 1952 – October 18, 2022

Mike passed away peacefully, at Princess Margaret's Palliative Care Unit, on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the age of 70 years. His wife, Cathy (née Cruttenden), was sleeping by his side. Over the past weeks, his beloved sons, Alex and Eric, and their wives, Mary and Zuyen, were a constant source of support to Mike and Cathy. Dido will be greatly missed by his grandchildren Lia, Mia and Mason.

Mike's career in the mining industry started at the Cominco Product Technology Centre. As the company evolved, Mike eventually assumed the role of IT manager in the downtown Toronto office of Teck Metal Sales. He retired from that position in 2020. Mike appreciated the many lifelong friends he made during his 41 years with the firm.

A few years ago, Cathy and Mike were fortunate to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a gathering of treasured family and friends. We will gather again for a celebration of Mike's life on Sunday, November 6, 2022, between 11am and 2pm at Swansea Town Hall, 95 Lavinia Ave., Toronto. Please join us in remembering Mike while sharing pyrohy and patychky, as he would have enjoyed.

The family would like to sincerely thank the nurses and doctors of 5A and 6E at Toronto General Hospital for the care Mike received. We are also grateful for the exceptional care Mike and the family received from the doctors and nurses of Princess Margaret's Palliative care unit. They truly made a very difficult time a little easier to bear. Donations in Mike's name can be made to PMH Foundation (<https://thepmcf.ca/>) or the UHN foundation (<https://support.uhnfoundation.ca/>).

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mary Cruz lit a candle in memory of Michail Zeleniak*



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**Mary Cruz** - May 10, 2024 at 12:50 PM

CA

“ *Cathy lit a candle in memory of Michail Zeleniak*



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**Cathy** - December 05, 2022 at 09:37 PM

BY

“ *Bonnie Young lit a candle in memory of Michail Zeleniak*



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**Bonnie Young** - November 06, 2022 at 12:47 AM

BA

“ *Bashar lit a candle in memory of Michail Zeleniak*



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**Bashar** - November 05, 2022 at 04:17 PM

NB

“ *Cathy, wishing you, alex and eric and their families the best through this tough time. Mike lived a great life and will be greatly missed but not forgotten. My thoughts are with you all.*



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**Nicole Burling** - November 04, 2022 at 09:13 PM

WL

“ *Hi Cathy, so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of the antics we got up to in our youth at the Model Airplane Club, the Villa Riders and Jon Oosterman's farm in Streetsville, the Friday Night Club, the camping trips, the parties, etc. God Speed Mr. Z!*

*Wayne Lewis*

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**Wayne Lewis** - October 30, 2022 at 05:41 PM

RP

“ *It is a sadden loss of Mike and our condolences to the family. Prior to Mike meeting Cathy Mike was part of our family throughout his early years.He spent many days and hours with us whether it be sharing our family dinners, vacationing with us us at Wasaga Beach, catching his first fish fishing, riding endlessly on our bikes exploring new adventures throughout the city and abroad creating heartfelt lifelong memories. He will be missed, but we're sure he is resting peacefully. Lucy, the late Michael, Robert. ( Bob ) and Roman Pawlowsky .*

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**Roman Pawlowsky** - October 30, 2022 at 03:09 PM

VM

“ Dear Cathy and Family. As former FNC'ers, we crossed paths with Mike and Cathy in the 70's! Sam and I have great memories of our Friday nights (sitting around listening to 70's music, dancing, dodgeball), the sleep overs and camping\cottages excursions. After, the FNC, we shared many milestones, our weddings, and our children. We are sorry to hear of Mike's passing but know that his wisdom, and kindness lives on in the memories and hearts of Cathy, the boys, his family and friends.

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**Vicki and Sam Moretti** - October 28, 2022 at 08:36 AM

SS

“ Sophia Sun sent a virtual gift in memory of Michail Zeleniak



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**Sophia Sun** - October 25, 2022 at 09:42 AM

JO

“ Joanna lit a candle in memory of Michail Zeleniak



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**Joanna** - October 24, 2022 at 08:43 PM

TJ

“ This is truly heartbreaking to hear of Mike's passing and my condolences to Cathy and the family!

*Mike made significant contributions not just at Teck but to people's lives he worked with. Personally, Mike was my mentor and I worked for him when he brought me on as a coop in 1993 to 2012 when I transferred to Calgary office. He always took good care of me and my family. I appreciated everything he had done for me over the years and he will be missed. My 2 daughters also pass on their condolences as they always enjoyed their time with him when they came for the different parties at PTC and the children's Christmas parties. Take care, Tom Joyce*

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**Tom Joyce** - October 24, 2022 at 11:32 AM

MA

“ Mary lit a candle in memory of Michail Zeleniak



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**Mary** - October 21, 2022 at 08:44 PM

MA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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mary - October 21, 2022 at 06:07 PM

TK

“ Dear Cathy and family,

*I was so sad to hear the news today about Mike's passing. I worked with Mike since 2007 when he hired me. Mike had a truly kind, caring personality and a great sense of humour. I learned so much from Mike not just about work but also about life and making each day special. He was a wonderful friend and I will miss him dearly.*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Hugs to you all,*

*Tracy Klingbeil*

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Tracy Klingbeil - October 21, 2022 at 05:09 PM



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Tracy Klingbeil

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**Tracy Klingbeil** - October 21, 2022 at 04:32 PM

MM

“ Mike was one of the most kind and caring people I have known and he always made me feel special. We shared a lot of natural health remedies with each other at work that really helped others as well. Mike welcomed Allen and I into his Retiree group and we would go to lunches together that we would all look forward to. Rest in peace old friend!

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**Maryan McMaster** - October 21, 2022 at 02:03 PM

MU

“ My dear friend Mike, my accomplice in talking and enjoying cars, racing, F1. I remember many such interesting and enlightening conversations. Rest in Eternal peace my friend.

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**Mumtaz** - October 21, 2022 at 11:41 AM

MC

“ Dear Cathy and family, having shared my working life with Mike for 7 years we became good friends and he always there with words of wisdom and knowledge of life. We sat beside each other. He will be missed, my deepest condolences to you and the family.  
Marco Costa (Teck)

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**Marco Costa** - October 21, 2022 at 10:01 AM

PK

“ *Deepest sympathies to Cathy & your extended family. Mike always inspired his colleagues at Cominco and now Teck. I had the privilege to work with Mike since 1986, we had many road trips where Mike demonstrated his innovations in die casting technology many years ahead of its time. His spirit lives on with the many colleagues he coached over decades. regards, paul kolisnyk*

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**paul kolisnyk** - October 21, 2022 at 10:01 AM

FB

“ *\*Like my brother Robert , when I think about Mike the first thing to come to mind is those days riding motorcycles. Rob hooked up with the group first and then introduced me to: Mike, FK, WL, Ed, Larry, and Frank E. Some were lost forever and some just lost. Over time we shared parties, camping, cottaging, holidays, weddings, family gatherings birthdays, mile stones and same aged children. You will be missed. Rest in Peace.*

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**Frank Burling** - October 21, 2022 at 08:54 AM

MH

“ *Dear Cathy and Family,  
Mike often chatted about Lia, Mia and family with genuine happiness and loving voice. May you receive heavenly comfort, knowing that he is in a far better and perfect place now.  
Marianne Ho (Teck)*

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**Marianne Ho** - October 21, 2022 at 08:36 AM

VL

“ *Valeska Lugo lit a candle in memory of Michail Zeleniak*



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**Valeska Lugo** - October 21, 2022 at 08:18 AM

JO

“ *How lucky were Mike and Cathy to meet decades ago through the Friday Night Club? We were just high school kids who hung out together every Friday night in the company of Miss Marion Crocker — the FNC founder/facilitator and friend to us all. I'm so glad they continued their adventures and created a wonderful life together. Mike has left Cathy and those loved him too soon. Yet he will live on forever in their hearts. Sending Cathy and family my condolences. May his memory be blessing to you all. Love, Joan*



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**Joan** - October 20, 2022 at 09:05 PM