



Michael Paul Fleming

June 25, 1963 - July 1, 2020

Please go to the link below to view Mr. Fleming's Funeral Mass on Wednesday, July 8, 2020: <https://youtu.be/BCHDGVU552w>

On July 1, 2020, Michael Paul Fleming, beloved and highly regarded by all who knew him, unexpectedly passed away in Houston, Texas. He was 57 years old.

Michael was born on June 25, 1963 in Orlando, Florida, the second-youngest of eight children. He is survived by his wife and college sweetheart, Natalie, whom he married in 1988; his children, Shannon (Rohit), Nicholas, Patrick, Michael Jr., Eamon, and Celeste; mother Terry; siblings Patricia, Claire, Harry, Frank, Madeline and Siobhan; and many, many cousins, including George Fleming, Maura, Lawrence, and Sean Tracey. Michael also leaves behind Rudy, his affectionate golden retriever of 11 years. Michael is preceded in death by his father, Joseph, and brother, James.

Michael, who in addition to being strong in his faith, was gracious and honorable, brilliant yet humble, and always believed in people. He was known for his dry wit and humor, appetite for history and genealogy, and love of all things Ireland, having visited the country over 19 times and being a founding member of the Houston Irish Society. He completed eight marathons in his lifetime, including four in Dublin, Ireland alongside his wife and children.

Above all else, Michael was devoted to his family.

In 1984, Michael graduated from the University of St. Thomas in Houston,

Texas, where he later served on its board of directors for fifteen years. In 1987, Michael received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. He was licensed to practice law in Texas and New York, and was also licensed as a solicitor by the Law Society of Ireland. In addition, Michael was Board Certified as a specialist in Personal Injury Trial Law and Real Estate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. At age 33 in 1996, he was elected County Attorney for Harris County, Texas, and then re-elected in 2000. In 2000, Michael successfully represented the county before the United States Supreme Court. He later established his private practice, Michael P. Fleming & Associates, P.C., in 2002.

The Fleming family will be present to receive friends Tuesday, July 7, 2020 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM with a Vigil Service beginning at 7:00 PM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, Texas 77079. The Funeral Mass will commence Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Michael will be laid to rest at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery on Friday, July 10, 2020, in a private family ceremony.

The Fleming family wishes to express their deep gratitude for the outpouring of love and support from the community. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Funeral Mass will be live streamed Wednesday at 10:30 AM for family and friends that may be unable to attend due to concerns of the Pandemic. The family will schedule a Memorial Mass at a later date for a further celebration of his life. Please visit www.DettlingFuneral.com on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 to find the live streaming link. In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Mike's memory to St. Mary's Seminary at www.smseminary.org .

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery

12800 Westheimer Road
Houston, TX 77077

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Vigil/Rosary

JUL 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Funeral Mass

JUL 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Houston, TX 77079
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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Paul Fleming*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Michael Paul Fleming*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



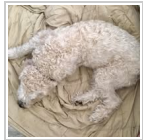
“ *Michael Paul Fleming*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Michael Paul Fleming*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I'm still stunned by this sad event. Michael was always a good friend to me, even if he was a brat when he was little. I miss knowing he was around & being funny. Hope you are doing well, Natalie & kids.*

Jerry Eberts - July 12, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Michael's wife and family. Also to Terry and Michael's siblings. He will forever be a significant memory to my family of the years spent on Belmont Ave in Vancouver B C .Maureen Pitman*

Maureen Pitman - July 17, 2020 at 08:05 PM

RM

“ Dear Natalie,

Our deepest condolences to you and your beloved family. May the memories and the promise of eternal life in the house of our Heavenly Father give you comfort in this difficult time.

Love, light and peace,

Ralph and Laura Martinez



Ralph and Laura Martinez - July 14, 2020 at 01:43 PM

LK

“ Dear Natalie;

I was so shocked when Lily called to let me know about Michael. I cannot begin to imagine what you and your family are going through. I know how close you all were and what a wonderful, caring, loving father and husband he was. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through these hard times.

Lynda Kroneman

Lynda Kroneman - July 09, 2020 at 05:20 PM

JF

“ Dear Natalie, We are sending our deepest condolences to you on the tragic and untimely death of your wonderful husband Michael. I pray for comfort and coping for you and your children during this time of sudden loss. May Michael Rest in Peace.

Eamonn and June Finnerty

June Finnerty - July 08, 2020 at 11:46 PM

MM

“ *My deepest condolences to each of you. Michael was an original for sure. He always cracked me up when I was hanging out with Siobhan.*

Maria Modelska - July 08, 2020 at 05:27 PM

JD

“ *Our condolences on Michael's passing. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*
John & Denise Donovan and family

John Donovan - July 08, 2020 at 04:02 PM

FF

“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Frank Fleming - July 08, 2020 at 03:13 PM

SF

“ *Scholefield Family lit a candle in memory of Michael Paul Fleming*



Scholefield Family - July 08, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ *Suma Philip lit a candle in memory of Michael Paul Fleming*



Suma Philip - July 08, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Laura lit a candle in memory of Michael Paul Fleming*



Laura - July 08, 2020 at 11:23 AM




“ *The family of Julia and George Williams extend prayerful condolences to each member of Michael's family. He was such a gentleman, loving and kind to whomever he met, and his fun-loving side was never easy to miss! May the love of God enfold you with the peace and lovinkindnesses only He can bring! Lamentations 3:22-23*

julia williams - July 08, 2020 at 10:56 AM

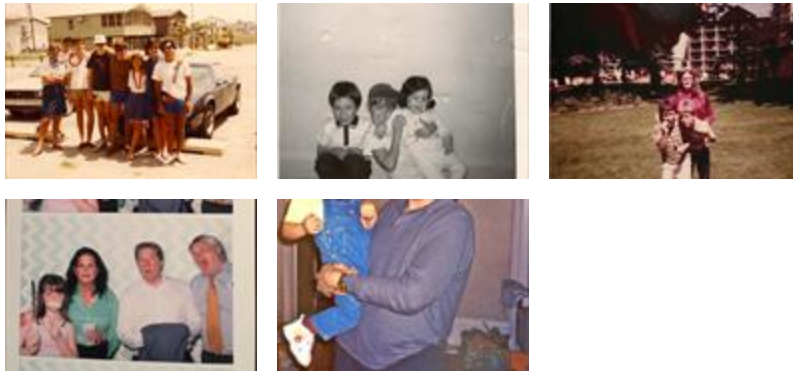
ML

“ Dear Natalie and family,
My heart is breaking for you at the death of Michael. My words cannot take away your pain; but I pray that despite the pain, you might feel God wrap his loving arms around you and just hold you. Michael will forever be with you and all those whose lives he made better. I remember Michael as always having the warmest smile and being by your side - perhaps with few spoken words within our conversation - but always with a Godly heart and genuine love for you and your kids that spoke volumes.
In this difficult time and this tumultuous world, I pray you find hope in God. And I hope you find some comfort through the love of friends and family who share in your grief and wish they could lift the weight off your shoulders.
With embracing hugs and prayers,
Marla Lafferty

Marla Lafferty - July 07, 2020 at 11:33 PM


Siobhán
Fleming

“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Siobhán Fleming - July 07, 2020 at 08:52 PM

AW

“ To the Fleming family,
Wishing that u r blessed with peaceful, loving, grateful & calming thoughts as u go through this time of great loss. Know that we care more than u know. May prayers, love & kindness surround u & your family....

Most sincerely,
The Willrich family,
Alicia, Stephen, Christian & Paula 🌹🍀

Alicia Willrich - July 07, 2020 at 07:11 PM

AN

“ Natalie, sweet old friend, Natalie,

I am so sorry for the loss of your Michael. So many good memories of the very early days of you two and your family. My heart breaks for you. Please know that I am praying for all of you.

Love,
Ann (Frank Holliday) Novak

Ann Novak - July 07, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DM

“ I met Mike in 2007 when I began working for him as his bookkeeper at his title office in The Woodlands. Throughout the 12+ years that I worked for him, I found him to not only be a wonderful boss, but also a brilliant attorney and a dedicated and devoted family man. Mike was very well known and respected in the legal community and will be missed, not only by his family and friends, but also by colleagues, clients, and employees. Condolences to Natalie and kids...my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Denise McGlinchey - July 07, 2020 at 05:38 PM

NO

“ *Natalie, Nicholas, Shannon, Rohit, Patrick, Mikey, Eamon & Celeste.*

My deepest sympathy to you, your extended family and friends. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Michael had many gifts. He was gracious, kind, generous, funny, a true gentleman. Devoted to you Natalie and all his children.

Michael also had a great devotion to his ancestral village of Castlemahon, Co Limerick. Ireland.

*Ni bheidh a leitheid ann aris
(We shall not see his like again).*

God Bless you all.

*Noreen O'Connor
Ireland*

Noreen O'Connor - July 07, 2020 at 02:14 PM



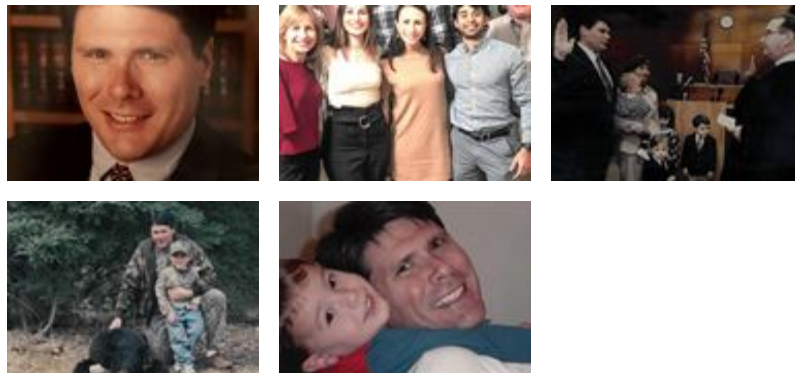
“ To dear Natalie and all the Fleming family. We were shocked and very saddened to hear of the untimely passing of our friend Michael. We in the Mahoonagh Parish of West Limerick have many fond memories of Michael's visits to his homeplace with his family and his so-obvious pride in his roots and genuine love of Ireland and the place of his ancestors. Michael was a gentleman - a man of the people and generous to the core. His love for you and his family was always very evident. Also, his love for Ireland was second to none. His generosity is manifested in his sponsorship of the Historical Societies' annual essay scholarship fund - A venture he eagerly anticipated seeing each year. We cannot begin to imagine your sadness and grief at this time and please be assured that, as you lay your beloved Michael to rest, we in Mahoonagh Parish will carry you all in our hearts and thoughts. God watch over you all and strengthen you at this most difficult time. Gerard Buckley on behalf of the Castlemahon/Feohanagh Historical Society, c/o Pat Normoyle, Castlemahon, Co. Limerick, Ireland



Gerry Buckley - July 07, 2020 at 11:28 AM



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Dettling Funeral Home - July 07, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MZ

“ Natalie, words cannot clearly express my sorrow for your loss. I will offer Mass at our parish, St. John Vianney, to ask that you and your family receive the needed comfort from our Blessed Mother.

Maggie Zamora - July 07, 2020 at 10:53 AM

MG

“ Dearest Fleming's:

I am truly shocked and deeply saddened to learn of your loss of your soul Mate, husband, father and friend. I remember when Natalie met Michael - such an adorable couple. What a lovely life you have had together and such wonderful things you have done not to mention your amazing family that you have raised. I know Michael is now with your abuela, your lovely dad and your mom.. Mrs Jackson. Michael will always be with each of you connected forever. I am sending my biggest hugs to each of you and will keep you in my prayers. Meggin Walsh-Gates

Meggin Gates - July 06, 2020 at 10:21 PM

AB

“ Natalie, we are so saddened to hear of Michael's passing. We have such fond memories of Michael, he always brought a smile to our face. A fine gentle man!

Know that you and the family are in our hearts and our prayers.

Love,

Bruce and Ann Biundo

Ann Biundo - July 06, 2020 at 09:40 PM

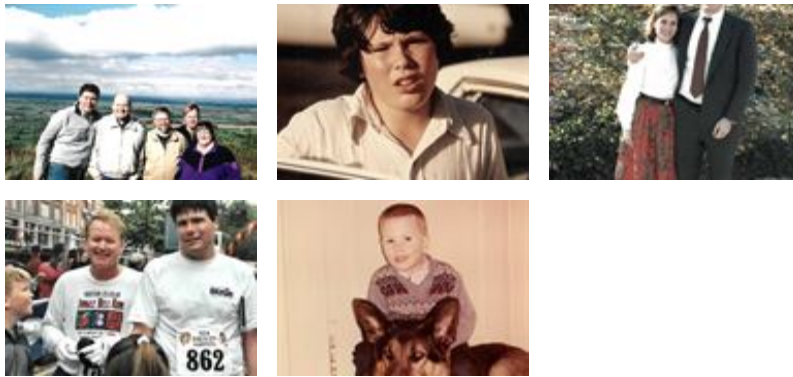
TH

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on Mike’s passing. He was a true professional and an over all nice guy. He will be missed and in our prayers.
Tim Horan and family.

Tim Horan - July 06, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ 169 files added to the album LifeTributes



Detting Funeral Home - July 06, 2020 at 06:51 PM

GM

So much LOVE and fun in all these photos!! God bless you all and may God hold you tight and surround you with his boundless love. The blessings you have shared will always be with you. Michael was a great husband, father, brother, son, cousin and friend. He will be missed. May he rest in God’s eternal peace.

Gisele Urrutibeheity Moran - July 07, 2020 at 06:53 PM

MP

“ *Mary Palacios lit a candle in memory of Michael Paul Fleming*



Mary Palacios - July 06, 2020 at 04:38 PM

TM

“ *To Natalie and Michael's Family,
I send my Deepest of Sympathy!
You all carry his love in your heart.
God Bless you!
Hugs and Prayers,
Trini Mendenhall*



Trini Mendenhall - July 06, 2020 at 03:44 PM

AM

“ *Natalie,*

Laura and I met you and Michael several years ago on one of Michael's political gatherings. We were so impressed with how you two worked together -- a truly beautiful couple.

I had an opportunity to be on a Harris County board with Michael and really learned a lot from his expertise. We will miss him and hope that you and your family know that Michael always put family first.

Warmest regards,

Laura and Art Morales

Art Morales - July 06, 2020 at 02:11 PM

PS

“ To family an friends of Michael.

May I extend my deepest sympathy to you on Michael's untimely death.

In my recent & brief engagement with Michael relation to our shared heritage and history. I found him to be so kind, engaging and helpful. A truly gifted and good man.

May he rest in peace.

Pat Scanlan, Ireland

Pat Scanlan - July 06, 2020 at 09:15 AM

KW

“ Dear Natalie and kids. We are so very sad to hear of Michael s passing. What a blessing he was in all our lives. He brought such Joy. Nothing made him happier than his family. Natalie we all hope to be blessed with a marriage like yours and Michael s, .To have a spouse that supports you, loves, and goes through life with you hoping and trusting in the Lord Always in our prayers Ben Kathy Katie Ben and Theresa Warner

Kathy Warner - July 05, 2020 at 05:29 PM

PN

“ *Natalie and all your family,
We were deeply shocked and sadden to learn of the passing of Michael so unexpectedly. We have many happy memories of the times he spent with us together in Castlemahon. The local history group will be forever indebted for all the support and encouragement Michael provided for many years.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm dílis

Pat & Agnes Normoyle and family

Pat & Agnes Normoyle - July 05, 2020 at 05:11 PM

CH

“ *Natalie and Family,
We are sorry for your loss. Sending you our deep sympathy and praying for all of you.
With love,
Hart Family*

Chris Hart - July 05, 2020 at 03:43 PM

FV

“ *So sad. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Francis, Amanda & Clarissa Vincent

Francis Vincent - July 04, 2020 at 03:11 PM

CS

“ Natalie and all the family. Words will never be enough to express my sorrow to you and just how much I will miss Michael. He was extremely rare a unique blend of wit, skills, charm, and honesty. While he was without equal professionally it was his kindness to me, his steady hand always helping me maintain the high road in life and business that sets him apart.. He guided my business and helped me personally such that I always felt safe even in the most challenging times that I will always remember.

His love of each of you showed in every facet of his life, virtually every conversation we had included a sharing of his family, know that he was so proud of each of his children. I feel privileged to have known each of you through his loving comments.

I know that no one will ever replace Mike in your lives, that his wisdom and guidance will be sorely missed by each of you. I hope you can take some comfort that he is with our Heavenly Father. I pray that each of you will stay strong and know that every life Mike touched was better for the experience.

Charles Von Schmidt - July 04, 2020 at 01:04 PM

JZ

“ Natalie - We are sorry for your loss.

Joe & Agnes Zarcaro

Joseph Zarcaro - July 04, 2020 at 12:52 PM

MW

“Natalie, so sorry to hear of Michael's passing. We know he is with our God and in loving hands. I remember the first time I met Michael. He was running for County Attorney and so was Mike Stafford. I was running for County Tax Assessor and was elected to the Houston City Council for a second term. Michael and Mike were so very shy; but I thought both would be good County Attorneys. I kinda took them under my wings and had them follow me to the front of rooms so when we were introduced we could turn around so all could see us. I encouraged Michael to shake hands with every person in room and to give that winning smile of his. He was a quick learner and won his election: selected Mike S. to be his second in command. I lost my election; but was happy to play a small part in a great American's political life. We will miss him and I know there is a hole in your heart that will take a long time to heal. I lost my husband at a young age and know how you ache. God will provide and give you comfort and strength.

Much love,
Martha Wong, Ed.D.

Martha Doyle Wong - July 04, 2020 at 12:17 PM

PE

“Natalie: To say I'm heartbroken would not fully describe my grief for you and your family or for me. I'm ever grateful for Michael's investment in me as his employee, a fellow attorney, and most of all as his friend. I hope his strength of spirit, kindness and generosity keep you and your family in peace. Love, Pam

Pamela England - July 04, 2020 at 10:20 AM

GE

“ To the Fleming Family, please accept our heart felt condolences for the loss of Michael. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. God bless.

The Gervasio-Aber Family - Gerry, Linda, Christopher, Nicole, and Lexi

Gerry - July 04, 2020 at 09:57 AM

LW

“ Michael was a very special person to me. First because he adored my little sister and always put her first. Second, because he loved every member of his family, most of all his children, nieces, nephews and their friends. Everyone was welcome at his house and he would have given the shirt off his back for any of us. Third, because he was a faithful servant of God. His devotion to his Catholic faith was commendable. I always enjoyed sharing a beer or scotch and discussing life events. I will miss his quick wit, his ability to analyze a problem and provide you with logic, always with a level head. He is irreplaceable and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Lilly Warden

Lilly Warden - July 04, 2020 at 09:27 AM