



Michael Hart Sr.

January 5, 1956 - June 12, 2025

Michael Hart Sr., 69, of Logan, Ohio, passed away suddenly Thursday, June 12, 2025, at St. Ann's Hospital with his loving family by his side. An Ohio native, Michael was born on January 5, 1956, in Lancaster to his parents Robert Hart and Mary Husk. Michael lived large, well, and passionately. He ultimately wed Melissa Tillett who stood by him and his beloved family as if they were her own. To cherish his memory, Michael leaves his beloved wife of 36 years Melissa Hart; son Michael Hart Jr.; daughters Rebecca Montgomery, Nancy Good, April Hart, Valarie Gaskill, and Crystal Hart; son-in-laws John Gaskill Jr. and Jerry Cook; daughter-in-law Veronica Dale aka Hart; grandchildren Katelyn, Trajanus, Ava, Hadrian, Quintus, and Augustus Hart, Mya Scott, Michelle and John Gaskill III, Jakob and Celine Montgomery, Bradley and Jordan Good, and Nicolai Boring; great grandchildren Brantley and Hazel Montgomery, Lillith and Sylus Smart and Grayson; and his dear friend Lou Crockett. Michael joins in rest his parents Robert and Mary (Husk) Hart and his son Rusty Montgomery. He will be dearly missed.

By all accounts, Michael was a wise and loving man. He considered anyone who needed family to be a part of his own. He was as quick with his wit as he was with his insight. He loved to talk about football, especially the Texans and OSU Buckeyes. He was an avid WWE fan, particularly Smackdown. The high energy nature of these fandoms illustrates his passion for life and the lighthearted fun that brings a soul joy. Michael's love of a fun, high-octane life

was also displayed in his love of muscle cars, especially his 1964 Mustang.

The true nature of Michael's character was best displayed by his love of people, especially those he considered family. He was a phenomenal father, grandfather, and an even greater great grandfather. As his family said, "He LOVED them babies." His favorite days were spent with his ever-growing family and beloved wife, to whom he was a devoted husband. Michael had a way of viewing the world and breaking it down into simple words of wisdom that were profound and served as answers to countless problems as they arose. One of his favorite quotes being, "If you take care of your car, it will take care of you!"

Michael was taken from us far too soon. He leaves in his wake an unfillable space that causes those who loved him to feel a sense of seemingly unanswerable grief. However, through his favorite quote, he provided the solution. Michael would ask us to cherish that which we have, nurture it and tend to it as the gifts that they are. Just as he cared for his cars, he cared for his people. The grief that tries to fill his absence is but the response to the great love of a man who truly understood that when we face breaking down, those relationships are what will arise to take care of us and help us get to where we need to go. Simply put, "Take care of your family and your family will take care of you and each other." Just as Michael devoted his life to doing.

Final arrangements will be handled by Day Funeral Service in Gahanna. A memorial service will be held at Rising Park (1100 N High St, Lancaster, OH 43130) Sunday, July 6, 2025, at 1 PM. All are welcome to attend. To place condolences, please visit www.dayfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rising Park
1100 N High St.
Lancaster, OH 43130

Tribute Wall



“ *Lou lit a candle in memory of Michael Hart Sr.* ”



Lou - June 20, 2025 at 12:48 PM