



Michael A. Dobbins

October 23, 1956 - June 30, 2025

Michael Allen Dobbins, 68, passed away on Monday, June 30, 2025, at his home in Lebanon, Indiana. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on October 23, 1956; a son of the late Richard L. and Lois Ann (Reese) Dobbins.

He was raised in Celina, Ohio and graduated from Celina Senior High School. He then attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio where he obtained both his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry. After graduation, he was employed by Eli Lilly and Company first in Lafayette and then Indianapolis, Indiana as a Research Chemist. He enjoyed a very long and successful career and was responsible for the development of many new medications. One of his proudest achievements was being named a Research Scientist of the year for his work on a major medication.

On June 15, 1979, he was married to Jane Marjorie (Ouellette) Dobbins in Mentor, Ohio. She preceded him in death on April 9, 2025. They were lovingly and happily married for almost 46 years.

After first living in West Lafayette, in 1992 the couple relocated to Lebanon, Indiana where they made their home for more than 30 years. They enjoyed traveling throughout the years. Multiple trips to Hawaii, cruises in the Caribbean, and the most enjoyable trip of all to Scotland to attend the wedding of the daughter of dear friends. Michael and Jane became members

of a resort group in Mexico between Cancun and Playa del Carmen in 2010. They would make two to three trips a year to the resorts where they befriended many of the guests and especially the resort's staff who became like family to them. In addition, Michael enjoyed golfing and scuba diving. He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include a sister, Antoinette "Toni" Dobbins of New Albany, Ohio; brother-in-law, William LaCourse of Sandusky, Ohio; sister-in-law, Lisa Dobbins of Silver Springs, Maryland; aunt, Ann Dobbins of Blacklick, Ohio; Jane's sister, Susan McConocha of Cleveland, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews along with many cousins.

In addition to his parents and beloved wife, Michael was preceded in death by a brother, Stephen Dobbins and two sisters, Kimberly LaCourse and Kathryn Crouch as well as his uncles, James Alan and Leonard Dobbins.

A memorial service celebrating both Michael and Jane is planned for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be directed in his memory to the Indiana Donor Network.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael A. Dobbins.* ”



November 06, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Toni, Ann and Jeff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael A. Dobbins.* ”

Toni, Ann and Jeff - November 06, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *May the thoughts and memories of Mike & Jayne provide some comfort for you at this time. I'm here for you, and sending lots of love your way.* ”



Danetta - November 04, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael A. Dobbins.* ”



November 04, 2025 at 02:07 PM

EZ

“ As a classmate of Mike's through I.C. and Celina High, I knew him as a good guy with a smart, funny personality. Sorry to hear of his passing; peace to his family and friends.
Liz (Hinders) Zolton

Elizabeth Zolton - July 10, 2025 at 10:25 AM

GH

“ *Barry Drive lost two good neighbors when Jane and Michael passed. God bless the family and give them peace.*

Gordon J Husk - July 09, 2025 at 01:52 PM

JF

“ *Dobbin's Family,
Such great memories we had on Grand Lake St Mary's growing up by each other. Tim Springer send His Condolences also.
Jeff Frysinger 260-443-2714*

Jeff Frysinger - July 09, 2025 at 01:02 PM

GO

“ *When Mike and Jane first moved to Lafayette they lived across the street from us. We were about 26/27 then. Now 71/72 and we were still friends, albeit through many different houses. Miss both of them.*

Georgia Olsen - July 09, 2025 at 11:56 AM

DC

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Michael Dobbins...a good friend and one man that I truly admired. Take care to all - Mike is where he wants to be. Sincerely, Donna Goode Crawford (Eli Lilly retiree)*

Donna Goode Crawford - July 08, 2025 at 05:31 PM

MC

*Great Guy, Will be Missed !
Mike Chapman, Ex- Co Worker at Lilly*

mike Chapman - July 08, 2025 at 10:48 PM

BB

Mike was the kindest soul and one of my favorite co-workers at Lilly. All comfort to his other friends and family.

Bruce Bowman - July 10, 2025 at 03:50 PM

AA

Mike was a kind person, excellent scientist and enjoyed a good prank. A former co-worker.

Anne Atzinger - July 11, 2025 at 09:05 PM

LS

*Yes Mike loved a good prank and many of us were recipients of those pranks. He was a great teacher and mentor. A joy to work with. He'll be missed!
A former co-worker.*

Leslie Snyder - July 20, 2025 at 06:04 AM