



Michael A. Ferrero

July 13, 1951 - January 17, 2025

Michael A. Ferrero, age 73, passed away suddenly on Friday, January 17, 2025.

Mike was the owner/operator of Fat Jack's Comicrypt, which he operated for almost 50 years. It was his pride and joy and he devoted his life to the business. He gave 100% and more of himself to work and to bringing joy to those around him. Tens of thousands of people shopped at Fat Jack's over the years and he touched every one of them, day in and day out.

To say that Mike was one in a million is an understatement. He was a gentle and kind soul. His character was to treat everyone better than he ever expected to be treated. He was always there for his family, friends, and customers, who ultimately became family and friends.

Mike touched so many people as a true person, a true friend, and a true brother. His light shined from within and it was palpable. Mike was very private, but every one of his family, friends, and customers knew that he was always there for them no matter what.

Mike was preceded in death by his wife, Jonri J. (nee Bilyi); his mother, Catherine M. (nee Simpler); his father, Louis Ferrero; his brother, Thomas P. Ferrero; his brother, John J. Zebuski; and his brother-in-law, George J. Lord. Mike is survived by his sister, Carol A. Lord; his brother, Louis N. Ferrero; nieces, nephews, and many friends, all of whom loved him dearly. Mike will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and the entire community that he was a part of and dedicated his life to through Fat Jack's. There will never be

another person like Michael. God got a great one.

Relatives and friends are invited to his funeral service on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (Main Church), 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA. Visitation will be held in the Main Church from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Mike's memory to Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center, 125 County House Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012, (856) 401-1300, www.homewardboundnj.org

Arrangements by Dinan Funeral Home, Philadelphia, PA. Condolences may also be sent to www.dinanfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Rest in Peace Michael. My deepest condolences to your family and loved ones. Always a gentleman, a great friend and an honorable person, you made an impact in this world.*



Claudia - February 01, 2025 at 06:47 PM

BR

“ *I was his last manager at his NJ store. Michael's store was an an extention of who he was in life. A safe haven for people to escape the reality of life. A place where people came together from all walks of life but shared in the same passions he believed in. We all owe him the best memories we have whether it be our love for comics, meeting other people, or a love for cats, he will be missed and loved.*

Brian rappa - February 01, 2025 at 08:42 AM

DP

“ Knew Mike from 1976-77 when the first store started. He was honest, humble, and HELPED when people were in need. Raised his business to 5 stores and a voice for the public! Helped a number of small store owners get better deals for new books by starting a consortium with them. Helped create Delaware Con, gave a large number of people jobs over the years, still helped take care of his mom and his brother, survived a flood at a warehouse, and kept people working thru covid!! A lot of people owe Mike for all the help and difference he made in their lives ! His wife and fur kids also were just as fortunate to have had him enter their lives. If he could help someone He DID!



David in Phila - January 29, 2025 at 10:06 AM

GS

“ I am so sorry for loss of your brother Michael Lou Gerry Sposato

Gerry Sposato - January 28, 2025 at 01:09 PM

JR

“ Managed the Oaklyn Store in the 90's. Easily the nicest person I ever worked for and treated me fantastic always. Continued to visit over the years and it was always great to see him. He will be missed. Extremely saddened by this.

Jeffrey Rappaport - January 28, 2025 at 11:07 AM

JC

“ Mike was a saint. I owe my life to him. Honest to God, he was always there when I needed him and there was at least one time when I needed him badly and he came through. I was stuck in San Antonio, Texas, I had lost my job, He drove all the way from Philadelphia to San Antone and drove me and my belongings and my cat to New York, my hometown. He was a true friend and a boulder in a world with a hell of a lot of pebbles. His favorite movie star was John Wayne and I think I know why. Wayne played a man's man, someone who never flinched and for want of a better choice of words was a straight shooter. Mike was all those things and so much more, I'm reminded of a story he told me once about a kitten he had who used to jump on the bed Mike was laying in and hop on his tummy and roll off onto the floor and come back for more as if Mike was an amusement ride, That brought him joy, something I wish his life had flooded in. God knows he deserved it. We have lost a great guy, a truly great guy. one of the precious few I've ever had the privilege to know.
John Cochran

john cochran - January 25, 2025 at 10:54 AM