



Michael Kotkin

September 16, 1940 - January 15, 2026

Michael Kotkin,

Age 85, passed away Thursday, January 15th, 2026 shortly after being diagnosed with cancer. He was born in New Britain, Connecticut on September 16, 1940 to Sima and Abraham Kotkin. Michael had a long and happy marriage to Peggy (nee Hans) Kotkin. He was the proud father of two children Rachel (Linze) and Joshua (Kristin) and two grandchildren, Shay and Kieran.

Michael practiced psychology for over 40 years in the Milwaukee area. He loved his work and continued his practice until shortly before his death. Michael played the baritone saxophone and was a member of several bands in the Waukesha area. He enjoyed folk dancing, puzzles and taking walks with Peggy and their dog Chewy. His many friends and family will miss his great sense of humor and kindness. Memorial donations can be made to Angels Grace Hospice in Oconomowoc, WI.

A memorial service will take place at Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha, 830 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188 at 1 PM on Friday, January 30th, 2026.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha
830 W. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, WI 53188

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Michael for many years. He was a sweet , caring and loving individual which I'm certain made him a great husband, father , grandfather , and psychologist. Mike was one of those guys you meet and never forget. He will be greatly missed. Joe Sectzer

Joseph Sectzer - January 20 at 06:04 PM

MC

Mike played in the New Horizons 55 and over concert band in Waukesha. He was a joy to all of us!! His humor was infectious!! We will miss his light heart very much!!

Mike Coffman - January 28 at 03:14 PM

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My condolence to Mike's family on his Jan 2026 passing. I am UWM Prof Emeritus Adrian Chan and Mike & I were grad students in the clinical & counseling psych program at University of Utah during the 60s. In 1968 I became a prof here at UWM Dept of Educ Psych Counseling Psych program. Around the 90s, I reconnected with Mike via aikido during his relocation in the Milw area, and asked him to teach an Essentials of Counseling course for us.

I remember Mike as a grad student being a fun loving, gutsy & outspoken person and enjoyed our grad school days jawing about diff topics. Little did I know that our paths diverged after graduation and reconnected again in Milwaukee. Glad to know that our paths crossed in life.

Adrian Chan (still active & causing trouble at 85)

Adrian Chan - April 18 at 10:29 PM