



Mr. Michael W. Curtin

March 5, 1950 - September 19, 2025

With great sadness, the family of Michael William Curtin, 75, announces his passing on Friday, September 19, 2025. Mike died peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones.

Born March 5, 1950, in Malone, NY, Mike was the son of Peter Curtin and Mary Marcella Spellman. He attended Chateaugay Central School and went on to Harper College (now The State University of New York at Binghamton), earning a degree in sociology.

In 1973, Mike met the love of his life, Judy Peacock, an acquaintance from Chateaugay, while in San Francisco. Judy was living with her brother, Gary, when the two were introduced. They married at City Hall in San Francisco in 1976 and eventually settled in Ukiah, CA. In 1979, Mike began his long career with the Social Security Administration as a Claims Representative - a career he dedicated himself to for 47 years.

Their first years of marriage were spent in Mendocino County, an idyllic corner of Northern California, where Mike and Judy enjoyed exploring world-class vineyards. In 1986, shortly after the birth of their first child, Graham, they returned to the East Coast to be closer to family. There they raised three children - Graham, Mary, and Madora - their greatest pride and joy.

Music was one of Mike's deepest passions. As a teenager, he even played in Chateaugay's first rock band, The Glass Menagerie! Over the years, his love of music never waned. Though he appreciated many genres, Bob Dylan remained his favorite.

Mike shared this love as a Music Critic for The Post-Star, reviewing concerts throughout the Adirondack and Capital Region for more than 20 years. His favorite venue was the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC), where he covered hundreds of performances, often bringing Judy and the kids along. Mike also adored the community that music created. His weekends were often spent at Record Shows, where he sold pieces of his vast collection of vinyl and CDs. These gatherings were more than a hobby - they were a way for Mike to share stories, make connections, and celebrate the art form he loved most.

For over three decades, the Curtin family gathered at Chateaugay Lake, nestled in the Adirondacks, where they created countless cherished memories with family and friends. From dancing to Frank Sinatra, to fishing and kayaking, and walking their dog, Jazzy, along the Sand Bar.

An avid runner, Mike found both discipline and joy in the miles he logged over the years. He particularly treasured the Burlington Marathon weekends, which became a beloved family tradition.

Traditions also included trips to Ogunquit and Sunday River in Maine, Lake Placid, visits to craft breweries with his son, Graham, and travels to Boston and Pittsburgh to spend time with his daughters.

One of the most meaningful moments of Mike's final year came when he proudly walked his daughter, Madora, down the aisle in The Village of Saranac Lake, NY - a town where he and Judy had once lived as a young couple.

Mike lived life fully and with joy - always taking the scenic route. He valued experiences, embraced the people he loved, and found beauty in music, travel, and the simplest traditions.

Mike is survived by his wife, Judy Curtin; and their children, Graham Curtin of Queensbury, NY, Madora (Joseph Siniscalchi) Curtin of Boston, MA, and Mary (Steve Reid) Curtin of Berne, NY; his brother, Brian Curtin, of North Bangor, NY; as well as many beloved family, Sally & Walter Farrell, Gary & Barbara Peacock, Robert Peacock & Pam Poindexter, and Terri Curtin Thienpont &

Chuck Theinpont; and many beloved nieces and nephews: Mackenzie (Michael) Monaco, Ryan (Kamie) Curtin, Jessica (Patrick) Tryon, Christopher (Maria Barnes) Farrell, Elizabeth (Aaron) Firman, Valerie (RJ Puntoni) Peacock and Ben (Renee) Peacock.

Mike was predeceased by his brother, Peter Keith "PK" Curtin; Sister-In-Law, Bonnie Curtin; and his parents, Peter & Marcella Curtin.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Friday, September 26, 2025 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Family remarks will immediately follow at 4 p.m.

Donations in Mike's memory may be made the Chateaugay Revitalization Committee.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

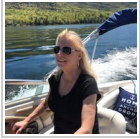
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ I was so saddened to hear of Mike's passing. We had great music discussions back in the 90s when he was with the Post-Star and I reviewed for the Chronicle. He supported me when I produced the Glens Falls Blues Festival. My last contact with him was two years ago when I needed to contact Social Security, and was happy that he was the person who returned my call. Much love to Mike's family at this sad time. The world has lost a good one. - Linda Ellingsworth

Linda Ellingsworth - October 01, 2025 at 09:03 PM

MS

“ I met Mike when I was interning as an Arts reviewer for the Post Star back in 1987. Mike had exceptional taste in music and wrote beautifully about it. He was always ready to help me — generously sharing his expertise and advice. I was so happy to run into him last year at a record show in Ithaca, NY. After 37 years he remembered me and was just as kind and generous of spirit as he'd been those many years ago. May he rest in eternal peace. Mario Scarselletta, Horseheads NY

Mario Scarselletta - October 01, 2025 at 05:44 AM

MM

“ Judy and family, Tom and I are so sorry for your loss. I loved working with Mike for so many years at Social Security. And I REALLY appreciated he took on the burden of being Union Rep- a thankless job!
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. Rest in peace Mike. Michele Mayer

Michele Mayer - September 25, 2025 at 08:35 AM

DG

So sorry for your loss Judy & family--he was a great hard-working guy.

doris gomez - October 07, 2025 at 05:55 PM

SH

“ This obituary is a beautifully written journal of Mike's life. Our few memories include seeing his passion for music and talent for writing reviews about some famous groups. He was such a kind and devoted dad. We send our sincere sympathies to Judy and family. Sue and Mark

Susan Hewes - September 23, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JS

“ Judy & family please accept my condolences at this sad time. I met Mike over 30 years ago at a record show somewhere. We became record show friends instantly. When I started promoting my own shows Mike supported them religiously. As you know he had a tremendous amount of knowledge about music under that white hair. He was highly liked and respected in the record collecting community. He was one of the top guys I could go to when stumped on something to do about music & records. My favorite memories of Mike are the dinners with a few guys after getting set up at a show. We would swap record buying/selling stories and exchange info about our families. Of course there was beer involved. We got to know “something” about each other. When Mike couldn't attend we all agreed it was much better when he was there. Those conversations are burned in my memory for life. He is and will be missed by many, many of us. I'm very glad I had the opportunity to get to meet and know him.

jack skutnik - September 23, 2025 at 09:23 AM

DP

“ I started doing record shows with Mike around 2009. We'd meet up for events in Albany, Ithaca, Binghamton, Rochester, and back in Northampton Mass too. It got to be like a club pretty quick, the repeat guys you'd always rely upon to be there. Mike was reliable, stoic in his own way. Took forever to load and unload the car— oh wait, there's another box of CDs. Maybe now he's finally set up. He'd make fun of himself, we'd goof on him for his habit of leaving his wallet on top of his car. As it said, it quick became a club or regulars. He was upbeat pretty much every time I saw him, a truly good spirit. It was an honor to know him and his family, to share a beer with him, and oh so many stories and laughs. He will not be forgotten.

Dean Proserpio - September 22, 2025 at 08:44 PM

SP

“ Judy and family, I am saddened to hear of Mike's passing. We were classmates at Chateaugay and Mike always had a smile and was so enjoyable to talk to.

Sue Leach Plasberg

Sue Plasberg - September 22, 2025 at 02:35 PM

EB

Sorry to hear of Mike's passing and condolences to those affected. I spent time with Mike backstage at SPAC in the 1990s as we waited for main acts to perform. He was an excellent music writer not afraid to add dry wit to his reviews, the most memorable being his mention of the revelation of one of Phish's "shortcomings" after Jon Fishman disrobed during a legendary concert in Glens Falls. In Saratoga we would rendezvous at the Parting Glass after our deadlines to make sure the Guinness was fresh. Always a pleasure to be in his company.

*Ed Burke
Saratoga Springs*

Ed Burke - September 25, 2025 at 09:06 AM