

In Memory of Michael Dahlberg (1990 - 2016)

Crescentia DeGoede
November 19, 2016



Name Michael Dahlberg

Birth Date January 19, 1990

Ascension Date November 13, 2016

Local Church Chicago Family Church

Joseph Michael Dahlberg was born January 19, 1990 and was known to everyone as Michael. He was the youngest of three, born to Michael and Kyoung Sim (Kay) Dahlberg. From his first breath, Michael was faced with an illness that grew in severity throughout his life. Born with DiGeorge Syndrome (immune and calcium deficiency) and Tetralogy of Fallot (heart defect), he underwent open-heart surgery at age one and experienced complications that contributed to and caused Chorea Syndrome (involuntary movement).

Despite all of this, Michael was an athlete and enjoyed all sports. He particularly loved baseball and the White Sox. He also played softball and was a designated hitter, and sometimes he could steal

bases. Another sport he loved was bowling, and he would bowl with friends every Thursday. In his highest game, he bowled a 178. Michael loved golf and enjoyed the times he would frequent the practice putting green with his mom or drive the golf cart for his dad, chasing geese up and down the fairway.



Michael loved visiting places, whether it was going to Hawaii with the Kids Wish Network, visiting family in South Korea, or taking a trip with his mom and dad to Ireland. He also loved to just get in the car and “drive a little bit” with his mom.

Another of Michael’s favorite pastimes was going out to eat. His favorite restaurants were Taco Bell and Chili’s, and he especially loved a good cheeseburger with fries.

Michael was a social butterfly and had many friends from all walks of life. He had a way of seeing the good in all and showed unconditional love with a big hug and his contagious smile. Michael would reach out to so many online and Facebook friends by saying ‘wutzup’.

Michael’s attitude in every moment was positive and he lived life to the fullest, each and every day, never taking it for granted. He enjoyed his life and taught his family so much through every precious moment. Despite his difficult situation, he never once complained and was always smiling.



After such a fulfilling life, Michael’s time ended peacefully at home surrounded by his loving and proud family. His dad put Michael’s battle into words, “God seemed to try to reel him in several times only to have Michael jump off the hook. God finally hooked his Angel Fish on November 13, 2016”.

Michael is survived by his parents Michael and Kyoung Sim, his sister Kory, his brother Tom, and his grandma Catherine.

Seonghwa Service

Michael's Seonghwa Service will be held on Saturday, November 19 at 11:00 AM at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Rd., Hillside, IL.

Rather than submitting flowers and gifts, the family invites donations to be sent directly to Kid's Wish Network, 4060 Louis Ave., Holiday, FL 34691 (kidswishnetwork.org).

Seonghwa Ceremony

Time: 11:00 AM

Date: Saturday, November 19

Location: Russo's Hillside Chapels: 4500 Roosevelt Rd., Hillside, IL