



Mr. Michael James Fetkovich

March 11, 1933 - February 3, 2020

Michael James Fetkovich died on February 3, 2020 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

A Rosary will be on Saturday, February 8 at 9 am with Mass following at 10 am at St. John Before the Latin Gate church. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 12 to 8 pm and Friday, February 7, 9 am to 8 pm at Stumpff Funeral Home.

Michael James Fetkovich was born on March 11, 1933 in West Aliquippa, Pennsylvania to parents Michael Fetkovich and Anna Klacik Fetkovich.

He was married to Emily Ann Bischak Fetkovich who preceded him in death.

Michael received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and his Doctorate in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Trondheim, Norway.

His accomplishments include:

Authored/co-authored over 20 petroleum related technical papers, book chapters and/or technical articles

He was elected into the National Academy of Engineering

AIME-Anthony F. Lucas Award

Society of Petroleum Engineers-Lester C. Uren Award

Society of Petroleum Engineers-Reservoir Engineering Award

Society of Petroleum Engineers-Distinguished Member

A member of the University of Pittsburgh Distinguished Alumni

Winner of the ConocoPhillips Lifetime Achievement Award

Michael is survived by his children Michael Fetkovich and wife Soroush of Katy, TX and their children, Daniel, Samuel and Jason; Edward Fetkovich and wife Kelly of Owasso and his children, Nicole of Bixby, OK, Evin of Broken Arrow, OK, Jillian of Stillwater, OK, and Sophie of Stillwater, OK; Kit Pouliot and husband Duane of Woodbridge, VA and their children, Bridgette of Charleston, SC and Joe of Woodbridge, VA; grandchildren Michael Reeder of Bartlesville, OK, Jon Reeder of Katy, TX, David Reeder of Broken Arrow, OK and Matthew Reeder of Bartlesville, OK and 3 great grandchildren; brothers John Fetkovich of Pittsburgh, PA and Raymond Fetkovich of Monaca, PA. He was preceded in death by his parents Michael and Anna, wife Emily and daughter Laura Reeder.

In lieu of flowers, take a kid fishing!

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Visitation

FEB 7. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Rosary

FEB 8. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. John Before the Latin Gate
715 S. Johnstone
Bartlesville, OK 74003
<http://www.stjohn-bartlesville.org/>

Mass

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Before the Latin Gate
715 S. Johnstone
Bartlesville, OK 74003
<http://www.stjohn-bartlesville.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Michael James Fetkovich*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Mr. Michael James Fetkovich*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Eddie, Mick, and families, we are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. As you know better than anyone, he was a pioneer in and to the Reservoir Engineering Community and Discipline. I remember in a couple of his courses, and while consulting with him a time or two in Bartlesville, he was always very kind and willing to help young engineers. I was always so grateful that he never made me feel as inept in reservoir engineering, as I know he surely realized I was, based on my questions! You have many great memories to dwell on to get you through this difficult time. You are all in our prayers.*

James and Renita Rodgers

James and Renita Rodgers - February 09, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *Dear Mick & Eddie, I am so sorry to hear about your father's passing. My deepest condolences to you both and to your family. I was in such awe of Mike - not just his intellect (which was formidable) but how he combined it with such practicality and common sense. Such a rare combination of talent. I felt so honored to have worked with him during my career at Phillips and am so glad to have had that opportunity. Sharon Hurst*

Sharon Hurst - February 09, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ 21 files added to the album Flowers



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - February 07, 2020 at 04:55 PM

MH

“ Dear Mick, Eddie, Kit and families - we extend to all of you our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your father, grandfather, patriarch and friend. How inspiring it is to read so many wonderful comments about your Dad - what a blessing he was to all of you, to his co-workers and to his friends! He left behind quite a legacy in the petroleum industry, but his most important place was at the head of your family. We hope that the love that you shared will give you comfort in the days ahead, and that the many memories you have made over the years will make you smile with love and pride. Eternal memory and blessed repose, Mick - you will be missed.

*With love and sympathy,
Your cousins, Adam and Mary Ellen Horniak
Aliquippa, PA*

Mary Ellen Horniak - February 07, 2020 at 01:44 PM

MK

“ Like a lot of people who shared their memories with Mike, I learned a lot from him and enjoyed numerous technical discussions. Unlike my friends who wrote, I did not work for Phillips. Mike's influence on Petroleum Engineering far exceeds Phillips. Fetkovitch Type Curves as enlightening as they are, serve as only one example of his contributions.

As an active member of SPE, I invited Mike to give lectures to our members in several locations, he always accepted and the audience was always the largest we get in a given year. I am not a fisherman like Mike, but I enjoyed the evenings that he used to come to Tulsa and we attend the Gaslight Dinner Theater performances. Mike's love for humor was evident, one line he jokingly used when giving lectures and being asked repeatedly was "I can explain to you but I cannot understand for you".

Until we meet again Mike,

Med Kamal
Chevron Emeritus Fellow

Med Kamal - February 07, 2020 at 01:35 PM

JP

“ James and Pam Painter purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.



James and Pam Painter - February 07, 2020 at 09:55 AM

DZ

“ Dear Mick, Eddie and Families -- So very sorry to hear of Mike's death and passing. He was a truly unique individual and outstanding engineer. He was so dedicated to Phillips and to honoring field data and that always impressed me. He was so highly recognized and honored by our industry. I thought it was really so cool and unique when you two co-authored a technical paper with Mike! I would loved to have done such with my dad and son.

Sorry I will not be able to make the funeral on Saturday. We are living in Edmond these days right next door to two granddaughters (7 and 12 yrs old). I do get to take them fishing periodically and you can bet I'll remember to take them fishing in Mike's honor next chance I get!! He would have liked that suggestion no doubt.

Good luck to you and all of Mike's family. It is never easy, we know, but wishing you all the best of luck in these tough times.

Hang Tough!!

David and Cynthia Zornes
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Edmond, OK 73003
David.R.Zornes@gmail.com

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David R Zornes - February 06, 2020 at 08:43 PM

GR

“ *My sincere condolences to the Fetkovich family. I was blessed to provide programming support for Mike as well as Wayne Allen and Kent Thomas. Mike was a brilliant reservoir engineer with a keen sense of humor who never seemed to over react in critical situations. He used his analytical skills and applied them to his fishing; he taught me the best times to fish for bass on Lake Hudson, where to fish, and which lures. One day, we left work a little early and before 5pm, I managed to hook Mike's eyelid with a humpback rebel. I was scared to death, but I drove him to the emergency room with the lure taped to his forehead. Mike was his usual cool self and it turned out well with no damage to his eye---whew! Rest in peace, my friend.*



Gary Reheis - February 06, 2020 at 05:53 PM

EF

Thanks Gary. I clearly remember the lure incident.

Eddie Fetkovich - February 06, 2020 at 08:21 PM

MV

Dear Mick, Eddie and family, so sorry to hear of Mike passing away. He was a good friend and mentor. Audrey and I convey our deepest condolences. As a young engineer I was privileged to work for Mike in Bartlesville and must say they were some of my most enjoyable and instructive years as an engineer. Mike had a unique and unparalleled ability to grasp reservoir engineering fundamentals in reservoir and well performance and apply what he learned to other seemingly disparate situations.

Mike's cutting edge breakthroughs in production decline curve, gas well analysis, and reservoir performance have stood the test of time. His ground breaking rate and pressure transient analysis methods laid the foundation for the development of Ekofisk and the surrounding fields in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea to say nothing of the Hewett gas field in the UK sector of the North Sea.

As an engineer and engineering manager for Phillips Petroleum Company, Mike was extremely passionate and methodical in his work. He was truly an engineer's engineer! He is deeply missed and again we convey our deepest condolences.

Mike and Audrey Vienot

Mike Vienot - February 07, 2020 at 01:33 PM

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Fetkovich Family,

In regard to your Dad's sense of humor; I remember taking a bunch of "yunz guys" out to the giant Rogers Ohio Flea Market.

Once we got there I mentioned that we needed to set up a place and time to meet for the trip home and your Dad said "how about now"! Apparently he wasn't too impressed with the place! ha ha !

He will certainly be missed!

Love, Ralph Bischak

Ralph Bischak (Nephew) - February 08, 2020 at 04:39 PM



Hey Mick,

Sorry to hear about your dad. He was a nice man. He helped me with the topic of my Petroleum Special Projects Course, Decline Curve Analysis. During that time I met with him personally on several occasions to massage my data. I got to know him pretty well (no pun intended) during that time. Seriously though, he is a beautiful person.

Bruce Patterson - February 19, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Your Exploitation Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.*



Your Exploitation Family - February 06, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Kent & Kayleen Thomas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.*



Kent & Kayleen Thomas - February 06, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.*



February 06, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JG

“ Jeff Galvin purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.



Jeff Galvin - February 06, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.



February 06, 2020 at 10:37 AM

EH

“ Mick, Eddie and family, it is with such a heavy heart I express my condolences at the passing of your father. He was such an inspiration to so many of us young engineers back in the day and we all became better engineers as a result of his teaching and mentoring along with the personal and professional time he dedicated to publishing the vast body of work that is now and will always be his legacy. God bless you and your family Dr. Fetkovich.

Elliott Hough

Elliott Hough - February 05, 2020 at 08:53 PM

EF

Thank you Elliott

Eddie Fetkovich - February 06, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.*



February 05, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *Cimarex Production Team purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.*



Cimarex Production Team - February 05, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ *Love, Jennifer Bischak Sullivan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.*



Love, Jennifer Bischak Sullivan - February 05, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *Sending you all my love and deepest sympathy.*



Jennifer Sullivan - February 05, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.*



February 05, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *Mick and Eddie, I offer my sympathies to you and your entire family for your loss. I think it is safe to say that Mike's family extends to the company he worked for and the industry as a whole. Through the practical methods he pioneered he shed light and opened our eyes to what the data could reveal. We celebrate having been fortunate enough to have had him lead the way as a great mind and inspiration that many of us continue to admire. Courage to you all during this difficult time. Steve Rigatos*

Steve Rigatos - February 05, 2020 at 11:27 AM



Thank you Steve.

Eddie Fetkovich - February 06, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ *Eddie and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I know he was much respected by you, and in the industry. May God hold you all in the palm of his hand as you walk through this loss. My thoughts and especially prayers are sent out as comfort in this trying time. May God bless you all. Gary Smith*

Gary Smith - February 05, 2020 at 09:50 AM

AY

“ My condolences to the Fetkovich family! A legend and an inspiration who kicked me early on when at college!! God bless you for ever!!!!!!

Alfredo Yaguaracuto - February 05, 2020 at 09:47 AM

BA

“ I want to pass on my heartfelt thoughts to Eddie and family on the loss of Michael. I know words can't fill the void, but I want to pass on some thoughts.

I was always so proud to say I worked for a company that was anchored by industry renowned experts in their field like your dad. His impact to our company, and me personally is immense and really can't be quantified. We will all miss him greatly.

I have a lot of memories of your dad during all the lectures he gave on reservoir engineering when most of us were only catching half of his wealth of knowledge. But the fondest one of all was when we were fly fishing outside of London and your dad came along to watch us snag a few trout. He never stopped smiling that entire evening and I've never forgot that and never will. Your father always did and always will have a special place in my heart.

My thoughts and prayers are for you and your family.

Bill Arnold

Bill Arnold - February 05, 2020 at 06:42 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.*



February 05, 2020 at 05:11 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Fetkovich family. Mike was a true legend of Reservoir Engineering at Phillips and it would be difficult to think of any other reservoir engineer who has had such a major impact in our industry. Rex.*

Rex Owen - February 05, 2020 at 04:54 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael James Fetkovich.*



February 04, 2020 at 04:40 PM