



Michael Aidan

February 8, 1952 - January 21, 2026

Michael Aidan, born February 8, 1952, in Carlisle, England, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2026, at his home in Benicia, California.

Michael devoted more than 50 years of his professional life as a labor negotiator with the local engineering union, where he was widely respected for his integrity, determination, and unwavering commitment to working people. His career reflected his lifelong passion for fairness, advocacy, and public service.

A proud graduate of Drexel University, Michael earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees there, building a strong foundation for a career that blended intellect, compassion, and practical leadership.

Michael had a deep and abiding passion for politics, both in the United States and in his native England. He was a devoted supporter of the British Labour Party and followed political affairs closely throughout his life. His love of sports was equally strong—he was an enthusiastic coach and lifelong supporter of Norwich City Football Club, along with many other sports.

Beyond politics and sports, Michael was a true lover of the arts. He was a fan of all forms of performing arts and especially loved music and live concerts, finding joy and inspiration in cultural experiences. A world traveler, he

delighted in exploring new places and connecting with people and cultures across the globe.

Above all else, Michael cherished time with his family, especially his grandchildren, who brought him endless pride and happiness.

Michael is survived by his son, Alex, and his wife, Erica; his sister, Angela Craft, and her husband, Graham Hutchinson; and his beloved grandchildren, Flynn and Imogen.

Services will be held at a later date.

Michael will be remembered for his passionate spirit, sharp mind, generous heart, and lifelong dedication to causes and people he believed in. He leaves behind a legacy of advocacy, culture, and deep love for family that will endure for generations.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *The members of the ULP of which Michael was a union member for many years would like to extend our deepest condolences to all who knew and loved Michael. Michael was a staunch and proud unionist whose dedication to and love for the labor movement was inspiring. He worked tirelessly to advocate for and advance the interests of working people. The labor moment is better for his efforts. May you rest in peace, our dear labor Comrade.*

meredith staples - March 10 at 01:38 PM

TR

“ *Rest In Peace Brother*

Tamara Rubyn - March 09 at 11:14 PM

BT

“ *5 files added to the album Labor Advocate*



Betsy Twitchell - March 09 at 06:07 PM

AL

“ A great guy , loved his football , I'll miss meeting up for a beer with him and sharing stories of Norwich city f.c and his travels to see his grandkids and family

Alex Lobban - February 12 at 10:51 PM

VB

“ Michael was my dear friend and classmate in the Ed.D. program. While I knew him, I had the honor and pleasure of watching him grow from a student into a scholar. I am so proud of his accomplishments and will miss him deeply.

Virginia Bagley - February 05 at 11:50 AM

SE

“ I was very sorry to hear that Michael has passed away. We were classmates in the Drexel Ed.D. program, and I truly enjoyed getting to know him. I will always remember his British dry humor. It was subtle, sharp, and always seemed to come at just the right moment, often making us smile when we needed it most. He could make serious conversations feel lighter, without taking away from their importance. I feel lucky to have known him and learned from him.

My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and loved ones. He will be remembered with respect and fondness.

Stephanie Echevarria - February 04 at 02:22 PM

DB

“Michael and I were classmates. I remember when we all introduced ourselves online to each other on the first day. Michael was "My name is Michael, not Mike or Mikey. Just Michael, just like it is spelled below my picture." We had a lot of back-and-forth fun. I would tell him that I didn't think the "Iron Lady" would approve of his idea, and he would go into how her opinion didn't count. Michael, you are sorely missed.

David Bloom - February 04 at 12:46 PM

RK

“I was a classmate in Michael's doctoral program and did a few group assignments with him! He often lightened the mood during times we were anxious, stressed and scrambling to understand assignments. His steady presence and very British sense of humor will surely be missed. My thoughts are with his family- he spoke of you often and had immense pride in you!

Ruthlyn K. - February 04 at 09:24 AM

BS

“Michael and I became officers for Labour International at the same time, and have worked closely over the past two and a half years. He was always supportive of my work and a friendly face on the Committee who could calm the waters in difficult situations. His passionate advocacy sparked Labour International's campaign for Overseas MPs, a testament to his commitment to justice and fairness. Labour International will be poorer without him, and I will miss him dearly.

Boyd Stephen - February 01 at 10:45 AM

GW

“ I first met Michael only six months ago and was struck by his drive, energy and passion for social justice. In the months since then, I appreciated his kindness and support in our various causes for Labour International. We will all miss his warmth, humour and generosity of spirit and send my condolences to his family who he spoke about so often with such love and affection.

Graham Ward - January 31 at 05:20 PM

HR

“ I was one of Michael's first professors in his doctoral program. He was well-loved by faculty and his peers, conducting fascinating research, set to be completed in a few months. We are in shock and can only imagine the impact of his passing on his beloved son and grandchildren. You were in almost every conversation he and I had. I know parents love their children, but he adored you, Alex.

Harriette Rasmussen - January 30 at 11:37 AM

KY

“ Michael was one of my students in our EdD program at Drexel University. I enjoyed our conversations so very much and am going to miss him dearly. He had such passion about his work and his loss will weigh heavy in my heart.

Kelly Young - January 30 at 10:37 AM

MM

“ Michael and I have the same first name and same passion for Labour and sports. Michael was a member and officer of the Labour International of the Americas . He was a wonderful friend and colleague who respected all . He was respected by all . I will miss him for his honesty for his integrity. And his friendship.

Michael Mitchell - January 29 at 10:19 PM