

MICHAEL N. SKOUBIS

Michael Skoubis had a great love for family values, an unwavering dedication to his Greek Orthodox faith and a fervent passion for the game of basketball. Through his decades of involvement in Church youth programs, Michael instilled his values, dedication and passion in the children he coached.

His accomplishments were many:

- Basketball Coach---St. Demetrios Chicago
- Attorney
- High School Class Valedictorian
- Varsity Football Player
- University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana -- BS Accounting
- DePaul University School of Law -- Juris Doctor
- Board Member -- Illinois Capital Development Board
- President -- United Hellenic American Congress (UHAC)
- Delegate -- World Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE)
- Board Member – National Hellenic Invitational Basketball Tournament (NHIBT)
- Board Member -- Greek Orthodox Athletic League (Chicago)
- Committee Member -- Greektown Redevelopment Project (Chicago)
- Legal Advisor -- Brotherhood Achladokambiton
- Chairman -- Hellenic Heritage
- Co-Chairman -- Hellenic American Parade (Chicago)
- Member -- International Orthodox Christian Charities
- Parish Council Member and Athletic Director -- St. Demetrios Chicago

But, aside from his many personal accomplishments, none were more important to him than the everlasting relationships he forged with his family, his friends, the Hellenic community in the U.S. and abroad, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago and the hundreds of men, women and children he coached and mentored in basketball and in life.

Michael treated everyone—young and old, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, the powerful and the not-so-powerful, with the same utmost dignity and respect. He knew and cared about everyone. He was a brother, a son, an uncle, a friend, a counselor, a mentor, a father figure and a coach to all of us. His impact can only be measured by the number of lives that he touched and positively reinforced.

Although his heart betrayed him and couldn't go the distance, his spirit and memory will forever be eternal, binding all who knew him through the love we all share for him.