



Roger John "Chev" Chiaverini

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“Chev” Chiaverini, age 84, went to his last practice October 19, 2010. He was born in Taranta, Peligna, Italy October 17, 1926 to John and Mary (Madonna) Chiaverini. He married the former Dorothy Trepel of Fort Wayne, IN December 19, 1953. SURVIVING him is his wife of 56 years, Dorothy “Dot”; his son Mark (Alyssa) Chiaverini of Muskegon; 7 grandchildren, Roger, Blake, Celine, Haylie and Brianna Chiaverini; and Patrick and Kyrie Watson of Brocton, IL; a sister, Theresa Oehmke of Iowa City, IA. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan Watson, and his younger sister, Sister Joanne Chiaverini. Chev coached football for fifty years (thirty-one as a head football coach). His teams were winners; just as he was with his family and friends. Chev loved the practice field as much as the game. He and his wife loved high school football. Chev was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and also the Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame in 1998. He was a lifetime member of the American Football Coaches Association. In accordance with his wishes, there will be no funeral service. A MEMORIAL VISITATION will be held Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at The Sytsema Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 737 Apple Ave 231-726-5210. In lieu of flowers, MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to the American Heart Association. Share memories with the family at their on-line guest book @www.sytsemafh.com.



Events


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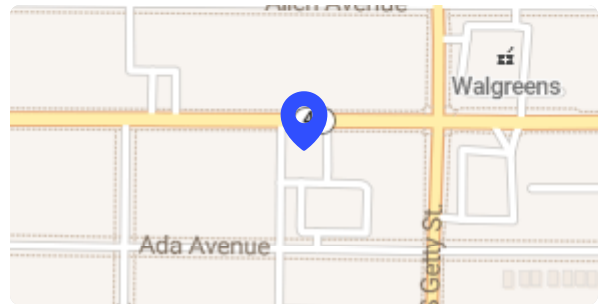
Visitation

 **Saturday**, October 23, 2010

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel**


737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



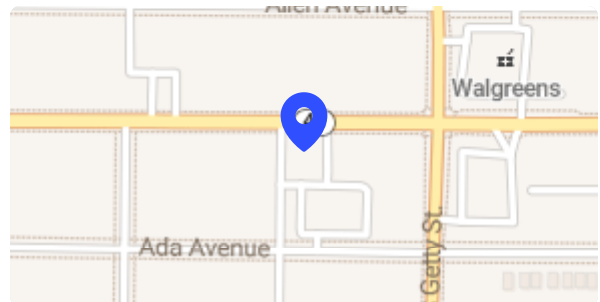
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Anonymous posted:

Please accept my sympathy for your loss. It seemed impossible that our coach from Adrian High moved to our area. I must confess I don't follow football, but I surely do remember the two of you. I graduated in '56, but I don't know when you left Adrian. What a small world but a great loss. I am so very sorry.##imported-begin##P.A. (Crist) Walker##imported-end##

November 2 at 5:29 AM



Anonymous posted:

Coach was one of my favorite customer's at Mr. Quick's. I always enjoyed bring him his white toast (dry) and his glass of water after he sat down. I can still hear him coming in the door and saying, "white toast dry please". He was always so kind and appreciative. I will forever miss seeing him coming in every day and will dearly miss his patronage. God Bless you Coach. Sincerely, Florence Mitcheltre at Mr. Quick's##imported-begin##Florence Mitcheltree##imported-end##

October 30 at 5:18 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dot, I just learned today -- I was so saddened to hear of his passing. The memories are indelible... he will be missed.Coach Chev was a character and a man of great character. He helped shape the lives of many in such positive ways -- mine included. I will miss knowing that I could stop by and chat on my all-too-rare trips back home. Best to your family in this time of loss -- Eric##imported-begin##Eric Van Camp##imported-end##

October 24 at 2:32 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Chev,You and coach are some of my fondest memories from high school. I know how lucky I have been to have your support and good wishes throughout all these years. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss from myself and my son Nathan. I will continue to think of you often with a smile. May your time of mourning pass quickly and your memories bring you peace.##imported-begin##Mary Wolff Deemer##imported-end##

October 23 at 5:06 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Coach Chev changed my life via football at Muskegon Catholic Central. He helped me learn how to trust and believe in myself and my teammates. He was hard on us for sure, but we all knew he really cared about all of us so much. He demanded much but gave more. So lucky I had him in my early life. Bob Blais MCC '73##imported-begin##Robert H. Blais##imported-end##

October 23 at 2:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mark, So sorry to hear of your loss. May God be with you and your family during this difficult time. You are in our prayers. Ken and Sheryl Start##imported-begin##Ken and Sheryl Start##imported-end##

October 23 at 12:43 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Chev family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Of all the mentors that I have experienced in my life time, Coach Chev has influenced me the most. I continue to coach today and give back a little of what he gave to me, while I played for him at Muskegon, 1965-1966. His integrity and convictions never wavered, he stood tall with pride and determination. The big growling bear had a big heart for all his players too. He always brought a smile to me when I would see him around town, at practice, at clinics or at Mr. Quicks. I will miss him also but he will always be with me when I am coaching and reflecting of the best times that I had in high school. May the Lords comfort at this difficult time be with all of you. Sincerely, Jim Boyle (class of 1967)##imported-begin##jim Boyle##imported-end##

October 23 at 10:24 AM



Anonymous posted:

I know who Coach Chiaverini is, but I don't personally know him. Many years ago my husband and I were at Uncle Ron's Restaurant and Coach was there with a table full of friends discussing present and past sports events. I heard him say, "It's funny how the older we get the better we were." That has always stayed with me and I have told that story many times when his name has come up. I'm sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Karen Hellman##imported-end##

October 23 at 9:15 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I've known Roger for 65 years, going back to our days at Western Michigan, He was a great guy and wonderful football coach wherever he went. His memory will live on. My condolences to Rogers' family. Sincerely, Bob White (BeMo)##imported-begin##Robert White##imported-end##

October 23 at 9:08 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mark and Family, so sorry for your loss. Mark, it's been a long time, haven't seen you in over 25 years. But I heard of your dad's passing today and wanted you to know I'm thinking of you and what you're going through...lost both of my parents in the last 6 years...and, I'll keep you in my prayers. Take care, Kim.##imported-begin##Kim Klobucher##imported-end##

October 23 at 7:27 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mrs, Chiaverini, Coach was a great person, in so many ways, who made a tremendously positive impact on the lives of others, from the moment we met him. The world is a much better place, for the many who were lucky enough to have known him. May God's comfort be with you. Coach will live in our hearts forever as we pass on his life, lessons and love to our children and others. With Heartfelt Thoughts & Prayers, Jon & Ann Bell##imported-begin##Jon Bell (MCC'72) - Iowa City, Iowa##imported-end##

October 23 at 7:00 AM



Anonymous posted:

My condolences to the family in their great time of need.##imported-begin##Teodoro Martinez##imported-end##

October 22 at 6:22 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Dot...We were so sorry to learn about "Chev"s passing. Whenever we were at your house for bridge, Chev would always come in and chat with us. He always was so genuine in wanting to know about our boys and what they were doing in their lives. He took such a great interest in his players, whether he coached them 10 years ago or 25 years ago! He had such a great memory when it came to high school football! He truly "lived it" and loved it with a passion!...a dedicated and inspiring coach. Thanks to Chev for all of his years of coaching and teaching our kids and for Dot who was ALWAYS by his side all of the way! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.....##imported-begin##Gary and Phila White##imported-end##

October 21 at 6:03 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Dot,Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, the family, and Chev. We certainly have fond memories of him and the various football activities. Friday nights were Special. We send our love to you and the family.Fondly,Greg & Kay Werner##imported-begin##Greg & Kay Werner##imported-end##

October 21 at 1:15 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'll never forget when my late brother Mark played for the Big Reds under Coach Chiaverini. He was all Mark talked about. I couldn't wait to play for him after hearing all the stories. He also coached my younger brothers then later on mentored and coached with my brother Dean. For all that he gave us and taught us he will live forever in our hearts. Tom Jewett, San Antonio, Texas##imported-begin##Thomas C. Jewett##imported-end##

October 21 at 12:30 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chev started out as Mr. Chiaveriniwhen I was at MCC, but the more Sue and I hung out together, he eventually became "Sue's dad". My condolences to the family. I will be at visitation on Saturday.##imported-begin##barb wehnes##imported-end##

October 21 at 11:15 AM



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Anonymous posted:

TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF COACH CHEVCOACH CHEV WAS A GREAT MAN. HIS STRONG, FRIENDLY, CARING SPIRIT WILL BE GREATLY MISSED, BUT I DO NOT THINK A SPIRIT LIKE THAT WILL EVER DIE...I THINK HE WILL CARRY ON STILL COACHING THE REST OF US...MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU ALLDEB TUFTS (72 CATHOLIC CENTRAL GRAD)##imported-begin##debtufts##imported-end##

October 21 at 10:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Dot and family:With sadness, we read of the passing of "Chev". We have fond memories of having coffee with the gang at "Little Meyers". You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless and keep you, and keep you in the hollow of his hand.....##imported-begin##Peter and Barb Veen##imported-end##

October 21 at 5:00 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Dot, Don and I send our deepest sympathy to you during this time of sorrow. We always enjoyed our talks with Chev at the football games and at Burger King. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Don and Mary Ann##imported-begin##Don & Mary Ann Scofield##imported-end##

October 21 at 2:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Roger John "Chev" by
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