



Michael Franklin Goyette

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Mr. Michael Franklin Goyette, age 84, passed away Friday, July 2, 2021 at his home in Norton Shores, Michigan. He was born in Menominee, Michigan on February 23, 1937 to Jerome and Agnes (Ahearn) Goyette and was raised in Marinette, Wisconsin. Michael graduated from Northern Michigan University and received his Master's Degree from University of Michigan. For more than 25 years, he was employed by Oakridge Public Schools and served as a teacher, principal, and interim Superintendent. Michael was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and the Muskegon Vikings Linne Lodge #57. He loved to sing and was involved with various local catholic church choirs and was a member of the barbershop quartet, The Four Bids. He was a loyal Green Bay Packers fan and shareholder. Michael enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, boating, and traveling. On May 28, 1960, Michael married the former Eleanor "Onie" Kleman in Marinette, Wisconsin and she preceded him in death in 2016. He is survived by his daughters, Melissa (David) Strait and Elizabeth (Errol) Pearsons and grandchildren, Geoffrey Goyette, Carrie (Samm) Woods, Michael (fiancee, Maddie Sforzo) Strait, and Andrew Strait. In addition to his wife, Michael was preceded in death by his son, Peter Goyette; parents; and brother, Jerome Goyette. A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, July 8, 2021 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic church (2929 McCracken, Norton Shores, MI 49441) with Rev. Charles Hall presiding. VISITATION will be from 6-8 PM Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at The Walburn Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon, MI 49441 and from 10-11AM Thursday at church. A CELEBRATION OF LIFE OPEN HOUSE will be held from 4-8 PM Thursday, July 8, 2021 at Hagars Hideaway (3156 Lakeshore Dr, Muskegon, MI 49441). Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. You may sign his online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com



Events

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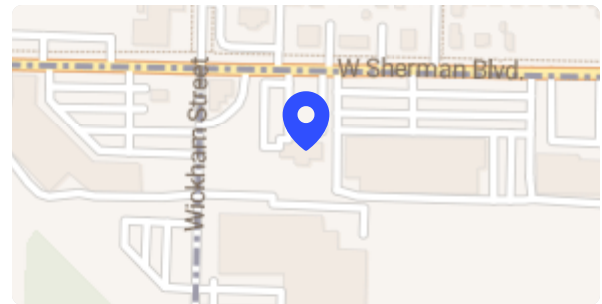
Visitation

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel

1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon MI 49441



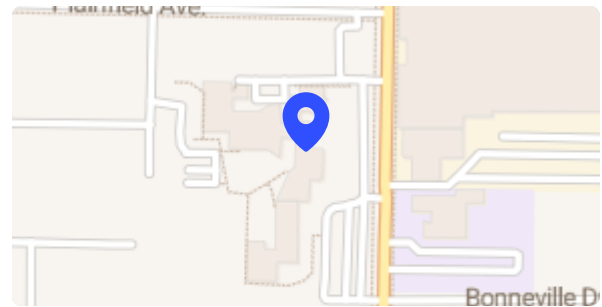
Visitation

Thursday, July 8, 2021

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

2929 McCracken, Norton Shores MI 49441



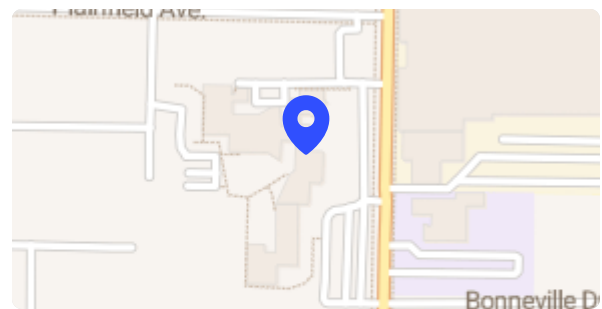
Funeral Service

Thursday, July 8, 2021

11:00 AM ET

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

2929 McCracken, Norton Shores MI 49441



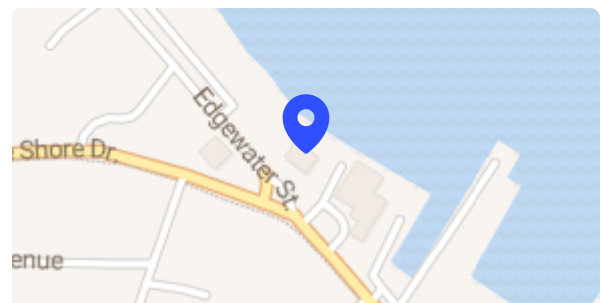
Celebration of Life Openhouse

Thursday, July 8, 2021

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Hagars Hideaway

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Debra Vescera posted:

You were my uncle I only met you once but you seemed larger than life. I appreciate how kind you always were to my mom- Jean Wilson onies sister. You could Always make her laugh and you sent her Wisconsin cheese and Green Bay packer year books. She looked forward to your phone calls and jokes. You seemed like a wonderful man. Rest In Peace. Debra Vescera

July 11 at 3:03 PM



Marge Robinson posted:

Sorry to hear of Mr. Goyette passing. He was my principal in high school. I saw him way too much for the wrong reasons. I respected him so much. I remember he was tired of me going to his office he raised his voice but as he talked to me he apologized for it. He was a great role model. When I worked at the hospital I saw him one day he told me how proud he was of me. What a great gift he was to Oakridge High School. My condolences to his family I will always remember him fondly.Marge Robinson

July 11 at 7:05 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Goyette family.



July 8 at 7:44 AM



Mary Lynn Meissner Hall posted:

Sorry to hear of Mike's passing...Followed Mike and the other members of the Four Bids for all of their high school years whenever and wherever they sang...they were so professional and we all loved the music they provided. My condolences to his family. I believe he also was involved in the golf tournament held for a number of years to assist Marinette Catholic Central. Mary Lynn Meissner Hall...LHS class of '56

July 7 at 10:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Goyette family.



July 7 at 7:43 AM



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Kim Brush lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. The parish families at St. Francis de Sales Church

July 7 at 6:20 AM



PG **Pamela Gunsolley** February 23 at 3:51 AM

Mike was a wonderful person who treated everyone as an important person. He taught me and many others, taught us to drive, and taught us to care about the world around us. I will still think of him often. He will be an angel 😊 to many who knew him. His presence will be near us!



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Goyette family.

July 7 at 5:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Goyette family.

July 7 at 3:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Goyette family.

July 6 at 2:12 PM



The Spencer Stuart Team sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Goyette family.

July 6 at 7:13 AM





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Anonymous sent a Written in the Stars to the Goyette family.

July 5 at 2:43 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Goyette family.

July 5 at 2:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Goyette family.

July 5 at 12:54 PM



CS

Casey & Stephanie Sentell sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Goyette family.

July 5 at 7:34 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Goyette family.

July 4 at 12:25 PM



VM

Vonny (Pfhistner) Murphy posted:

Mr Goyette was principle. when I was in school. He was always smiling and spoke to every one he passed in the hall. What a great memory of a great man.

July 4 at 6:09 AM



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RS

Richard Schultz posted:

A great teacher and respected by his students, you always stayed awake and paid attention in his class, he had some amazing stories. Memories of him as one of my teachers always brings a smile to my face. I always picture him with that smile.

July 3 at 4:18 PM

VF

Virgle Foster posted:

Mr. Goyette was my favorite teacher by far. He is still the only teacher I address as Mr. because I had more respect for him than any other I had. He treated every student fairer than any teacher I every had. He taught me to treat people not equally but fairly. I surely will miss him except on Mondays after the Packers lost on Sunday!

July 3 at 3:20 PM

GC

Gary Card posted:

So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a tough disciplinarian (needed at the time (1960's) and appreciated later) but fair. My occasional touches over the years found him to be a teacher, role model and friend. A listener without judgement, perhaps instead some wise advice. They sure don't make em like that anymore. Peace, my old friend!

July 3 at 3:10 PM

JG

Jim Goyette posted:

JimJim Goyette6 minutes agoMy uncle Mike was a wonderful man who will be missed by many. There are many childhood memories but I especially remember playing in the dunes across the street from his house as a child and conversations with him about everything under the sun as a young adult sitting on his back deck. I was so pleased he was able to attend my wife's celebration of life in 2017. Unfortunately, I was not able to be with him for his wife's celebration of life in 2016. My wife's decline in health prevented me from seeing him then. Love and Light to Uncle Mike and his family.

July 3 at 2:18 PM



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JM

John Mcdaniel posted:

Mr. Goyette was my Principle for two years in middle school, and 4 years of high school. I'm sure I contributed some gray hair and high blood pressure. He could be tough, but he always treated me fairly. I last saw him at my 45th high school reunion. It was a pleasure to have known you Mike. My sincerest condolences to the family.

July 3 at 1:21 PM

MJ

Mark Jastrzemski July 7 at 2:49 PM

One more heavenly voice to join with his fellow passed deceased members of the St. Michael's Men's Choir of which he was so proud. Sing it to the heavens, Mike.

KJ

Kevin Johnson July 5 at 12:39 PM

Mr. Goyette was my Middle School Principal for two years and then my High School Principal for four years. He was very fair and respected by all. Recently after his wife passed away I would stop by his house and give him a Green Bay Packer shirt, because everyone knew he loved his Packers. Last spring during Covid we shared some conversation with a beverage at his house, while sitting outside socially distanced.. Mike was a great guy and will be missed.. My sincere condolences to his family..

KJ

Kevin Johnson July 5 at 12:33 PM

Mr. Goyette was my Junior High Principal for two years and then my High School Principal for four years. He was always fair and respected by all that knew him. Recently I would stop by his house and give him a Green Bay Packer shirt after his wife passed away. We shared some conversation and a beverage during Covid in the spring of 2020 at his house, socially distanced.. My sincere condolences to the family. Mike was a special person and will be missed..

MD

Marilyn Andrews Deater July 3 at 3:31 PM

Roger and I are deeply saddened by Mr. Goyette's passing. He truly was a good man.

JC

Judy (And Dave) Cowden July 3 at 2:17 PM

I have very fond memories of Mike. He was a special friend of myself and Miles Olsen. He spoke so kindly of Miles when he passed away. Mike was a gracious man and was considerate of all those he came in contact with. He will be missed. Many condolences to his family and friends.

JG

Jim Goyette July 3 at 2:12 PM

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Deanna Quinn Fodrocy July 3 at 2:08 PM

Mr. Goyette was my high school principal. Even as a kid, I had the utmost respect and admiration for him; as he gave the utmost respect to his students. He was very welcoming and inspiring. My deepest sympathy to his family. Heaven now has another gem.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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