



Mr. Melvin "Mel" Wayne Pikaart

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Mr. Melvin "Mel" Wayne Pikaart, age 81, ran into the arms of Jesus on Friday morning, February 15, 2013 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was an extraordinary man, devoted husband and father; a true friend to all who knew him. He loved the Lord and Mel is now resting strong in his faith and love of the Lord. Mel was born May 4, 1931 in Muskegon, MI to Leonard and Gertrude (Boeskool-Ridderman) Pikaart and grew up in the Lakeside neighborhood. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served as a sergeant in the Korean War. Mel worked as a product engineer for Howmet Corp. and retired in 1992 after 35 years. On March 30, 1972, he married the former Darlene "Dar" Theile in Muskegon and she survives him. Mel was a devoted member at Prince of Peace Catholic Church where he was a 1st Degree Knights of Columbus in the newly formed Council #15337. Mel was also very active in the Cursillo and DeColores Encristo Community in Muskegon. Mel was also involved with the Howmet Credit Union where he served on the Credit Committee. He was an avid golfer and member of Lincoln Golf Club for many years. Mel enjoyed woodworking, photography, gardening and spending time with his family and many friends. During his retirement years, Mel and Dar spent many winters in Texas where they made a home with many new friends. Mel was loved by all who looked for his embracing hugs and will be deeply missed. SURVIVORS include his wife of 41 years, Dar Pikaart; his 4 daughters all of Muskegon, Tracie Deets, Tamera (Dave) Gramza, Terri (Carl) Grimm, Amy (Chris) Hargrove; his beloved grandchildren, Jessica (Larry) Ward, Jared (Chevonne) Grimm, Jennifer Gardner, Justin Gramza, Adam Grimm, Michael Gramza of Colorado, Joy (Eric) Fazakerley, Stephanie Deets, Derek Gramza, Cheyenne Deets; his great-grandchildren, Jonathon, Skiler, Cooper, Gracie and Ellie; his brothers, Lester (Evelyn) Pikaart of Oregon, Eddie (Phyllis) Ridderman of Florida; his sister-in-law, Ruth Walker; his brother-in-law, Tom (Lynda) Theile of Hesperia; sister-in-law, Deb



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(Steve) Huggins of Spring Lake; many nieces, nephews, and special friends including Doug Horsfall who was like a son. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings: Geraldine Weaver, Lorraine Near, Dorothy Smith, Florence Medema, Phyllis Walker, Delbert Pikaart, and Merton Pikaart. MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be celebrated 11:00 AM Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Anthony M. Pelak as celebrant. INTERMENT will take place at Laketon Township Cemetery. Military Honors will be offered by the Muskegon County Council of Veterans. VISITATION will be held 6-8 PM Sunday and 2-4 PM & 6-8 PM Monday at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey Street, (231) 798-1100. The Rosary will be prayed at 6:00 PM Sunday evening. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS in lieu of flowers may be directed to Harbor Hospice or Prince of Peace Catholic Church Memorial Fund. Sign the guestbook on-line at www.sytsemafh.com




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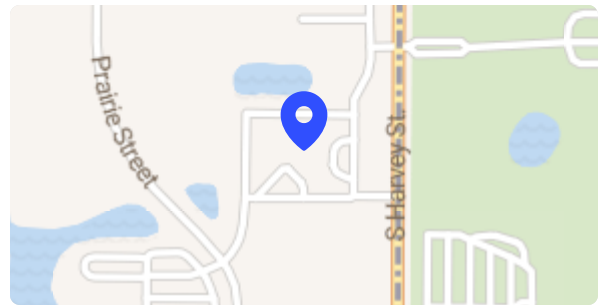
Rosary Service

 **Sunday**, February 17, 2013

 6:00 PM ET

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

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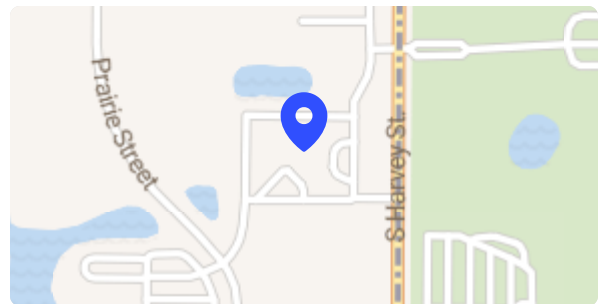
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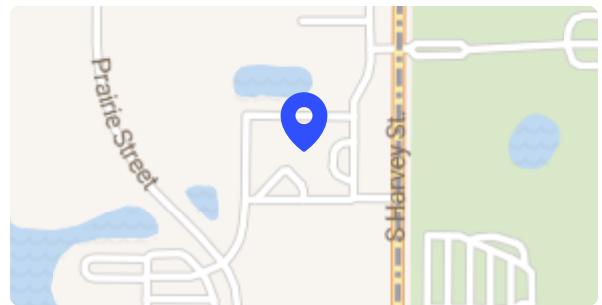
Visitation

 **Monday**, February 18, 2013

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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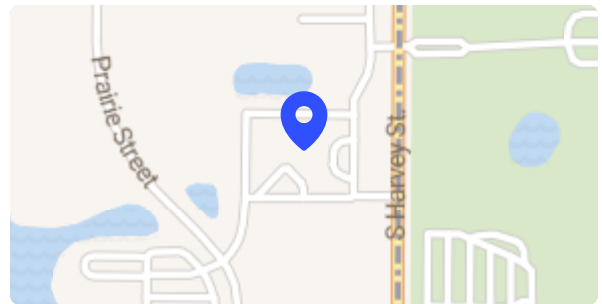
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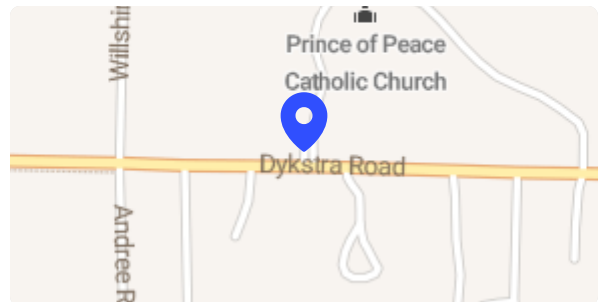
Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

11:00 AM ET

Prince Of Peace Catholic Church

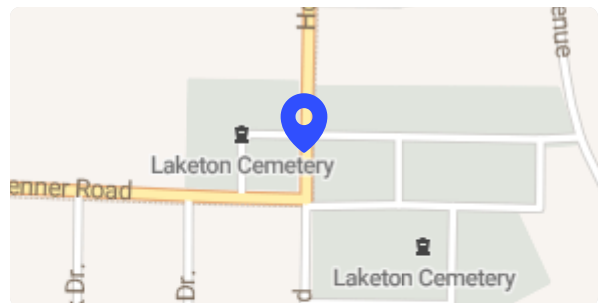
1110 Dykstra Road, North Muskegon MI 49445



Cemetery Details

Laketon Township Cemetery

620 Horton Road, Muskegon MI 49445





Tribute Wall

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Ed Kesteloot, Jr. posted:

So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. He was a great guy. I was his partner at Bent Pine Golf course. It is my hope that your fondest memories will help you in the days to come. Sincerely, Ed Kesteloot, Jr.

February 23 at 3:41 AM



Harbor Hospice posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. We are here to support you in your time of loss – today and for as long as you need us. – The Staff of Harbor Hospice.

February 19 at 8:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pikaart family.



February 19 at 5:33 AM



Scott Mcneill February 19 at 7:01 AM

Darlene, You and yours have our deepest sympathy. Scott and Toni McNeill



Bill And Herm Simmons posted:

Dar and Family; So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Thoughts and prayer are with you and your family. May you find peace in your time of sorrow. Bill & Herm Simmons

February 18 at 5:09 PM



Joe Labiak posted:

Love you, Mel. You inspired us with your determination and persistence to "Keep on keeping on". I was honored to be a golf partner for the past several years and to watch your putting skills that did not weaken with age. Enjoy eternity and prepare a welcome for all of us. Joe Labiak

February 18 at 3:21 PM



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TW

Todd Wever posted:

Dar ,Amy and family,So sorry to hear your loss. Mel was the greatest no doubt. With Sympathy and Love.Todd Wever

February 18 at 8:56 AM

GA

Greg Ayotte posted:

Amy,Sorry to hear about your loss. I still remember Mel stopping in to the Golf Place. He was a great man. With Sympathy,Greg Ayotte"Euke"

February 18 at 8:28 AM

JD

Julie Dratz posted:

Dear Tamera, Dave and family,So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. May you have many good memories of him to cherish as you go through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!Paul and Julie Dratz

February 18 at 7:16 AM

JB

Jim Bartkowiak posted:

Dar and Family,Just a brief note to let you know that we are sorry for the passing of Mel and that we will not be able to attend the funeral since we are out of the area. However, rest assured and know that Barb and I are praying for you during this time of your loss of Mel.May Jesus Christ ,the same one that comforted the both of us during our time of need, provide you that same comfort and direction. May He surround you with His Love and lead you through this valley of grief and mourning ---- for it is He who said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."Once again, rest assured that we are thinking of you and the entire family.LoveJim and Barb Bartkowiak

February 18 at 4:59 AM

TM

Teresa Moore lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Dear Amy and family,So sorry to hear about your father's passing. May all the great memories give you strength to get through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.Teresa, Eddie, Derek and Taylor Moore

February 18 at 4:18 AM





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Jill Gould posted:

Dar & family, Mel will be greatly missed, I can see his wonderful smile & feel his genuine love when he would give a hug. I've had this picture of Dad & Mel & all the other lost friends getting together in heaven having a wonderful time. My deepest sympathies, may you all be given peace. Love, Jill & Chris Gould

February 17 at 4:10 PM



Muriel And Dick Nash posted:

Dar, we are many miles south and we send our sympathy to you and Mels family. We will truly miss him at our Friday Dinners when we get back up North. . Dick and Muriel Nash

February 17 at 3:29 PM



Lois Meyers posted:

Dar, I was sorry to hear of Mel's passing. I have been in Texas since Dec. so was unaware that he was ill. I will miss his warm smile and hello at church. I will pray for both of you. My deepest sympathy. Lois Hogan Meyers

February 17 at 1:04 PM



Nancy Hegedus posted:

Dar and Family: Andy and I are so sad and shocked to hear of Mel's passing. We both thought the world of him. He was such a endearing person, one could never forget meeting him. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Sincerely Andy and Nancy Hegedus.

February 17 at 10:39 AM

FK **F Ben Kautz** February 18 at 7:08 AM

Dar and Family: So sorry to hear about Mel's passing. I have many great memories of the old days at Howmet with Mel, and all those meetings painting De Colores crosses. I really enjoyed his sense of humor. It is so encouraging to know he is with Jesus.



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February 17 at 10:35 AM



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Jim Devries posted:

Dar, Please accept my condolences. Mel was a great guy and a pleasure to play golf with. I admired the way he lived and demonstrated his Christian faith. I remember many enjoyable conversations with him and also remember the smile he always had when he talked with anyone. May God comfort and keep you. Jim DeVries

February 17 at 4:57 AM



Marsha lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



February 16 at 4:16 PM

MB **Marsha Berg** February 16 at 4:23 PM

Will always remember the hugs and love he showed for family and friends. So happy for time time we spent in Texas 2 yrs ago with you guys. Prayers and love. Marsha Berg



Mary Topp posted:

Oh! Dar, So very sorry that Mel is gone from all of us. He was a fine man & he will be greatly missed. Msry & Dick Topp

February 16 at 2:56 PM



Walt And Molly Hayes lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



February 16 at 1:52 PM



Emily Mccoy lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Papa Mel had the softest heart and biggest arms. You could get lost in his hugs. He was a fine man, wonderful father, and so much more.



February 16 at 1:40 PM



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TL

Tammy Lawton lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

February 16 at 11:07 AM



JG

Jacqueline Gokey February 17 at 6:38 AM

Dar, Mel was a really nice guy and the world is less bright with him gone. I'm so glad you and he got together so many years ago and had this time together. Jackie Gokey

EM

Eva Mccoy lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Mel was one of the best men I have ever known. He also gave the best hugs ever! He will truly be missed.

February 16 at 11:00 AM



DT

Diane Tennant lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Dar, my mother, Gloria Stockwell, thought so highly of Mel. He was her foreman, and according to her he was a great one. She always had a kind word of him. His sweet smile will be missed. Sending hugs your way.

February 16 at 9:59 AM



FD

Fred Dabrowski posted:

Dar and family, We are praying for all of you. Mel was a special man and a great friend. We will miss him but we know that he is with Jesus. Fred and Cindy Dabrowski

February 16 at 9:37 AM

JC

Jennie Chipman lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

February 16 at 9:36 AM





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ML

Margie And Rich Lower posted:

Dar, Mel will be missed here in Texas. Sending our prayers to you and family

February 16 at 9:32 AM

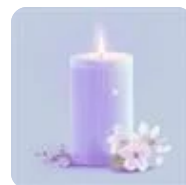
CP

Carmen Potter February 16 at 11:53 AM

Aunt Dar, I just so sad over this I just feel like I did not get enough time with him. Love you so much

LH

Lisa Hopper lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



February 16 at 9:08 AM

SA

Sue Allen February 16 at 11:06 AM

Mel was a very kind and gentle man, with a beautiful smile. He will be missed. I'm so very sorry for your loss.

DO

Donaldhenry posted:

he was a wonderful man loved everyone I worked a lot of decolors weekends with him I will miss him trumendously

February 16 at 9:06 AM



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Amy Hargrove lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



February 16 at 9:02 AM



Keith Kuzins February 16 at 9:41 AM

Amy & Chris Barb & I are in shock. He was such a part and inspiration in our lives. Love you all Keith & Barb



Colleen Robbe February 16 at 9:17 AM

So sorry for your huge loss Amy.... Sending love to you, Chris and your Mom!



Amy Hargrove February 16 at 9:10 AM

I love you, Dad. You will forever be in my heart.



Gwen Luke posted:

I have such Good Memories of when we meet. John and I were making a Curislo and You both were also. So many years ago. Mel was such a Huggie Bear with his big smile. John thought so much of him. Happy Memories become a Treasure. DeColores Gwen Hladki~Luke

February 16 at 8:58 AM



Karen lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



February 16 at 6:34 AM



Lisa Johnson lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



February 16 at 4:03 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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