



## Michael Franklin Goyette

February 23, 1937 - July 2, 2021

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 <http://www.sytsemafh.com>

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel  
1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon, MI, US, 49441

**JUL** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
2929 McCracken, Norton Shores, MI, US, 49441

**JUL** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
2929 McCracken, Norton Shores, MI, US, 49441

**JUL** **Celebration of Life Openhouse** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Hagars Hideaway  
3156 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon, MI, US, 49441

# Comments

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“ 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

debra vescera - July 11 at 07:03 PM

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“ 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

Marge Robinson - July 11 at 11:05 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



July 08 at 11:44 AM

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“ 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

Mary Lynn Meissner Hall - July 07 at 02:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



July 07 at 11:43 AM

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“ 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



**Kim Brush** - July 07 at 10:20 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



July 07 at 09:29 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



July 07 at 07:43 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



July 06 at 06:12 PM

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“ The Spencer Stuart Team purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



**The Spencer Stuart Team** - July 06 at 11:13 AM

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“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



July 05 at 06:43 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



July 05 at 06:19 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



July 05 at 04:54 PM

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“ Casey & Stephanie Sentell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



**Casey & Stephanie Sentell** - July 05 at 11:34 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Franklin Goyette.



July 04 at 04:25 PM

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“ 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.

**Vonny (Pfhistner) Murphy** - July 04 at 10:09 AM

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“ 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.

**Richard Schultz** - July 03 at 08:18 PM

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“ 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 then 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!

**Virgle Foster** - July 03 at 07:20 PM

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“ 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!

**Gary Card** - July 03 at 07:10 PM

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“ Jim

Jim Goyette

6 minutes ago

My 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 Lightght to Uncle Mike and his family.

**Jim Goyette** - July 03 at 06:18 PM

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“ 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.

**John McDaniel** - July 03 at 05:21 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.

**DeAnna Quinn Fodroczy** - July 03 at 06:08 PM



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**Jim** - July 03 at 06:12 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.

**Judy (and Dave) Cowden** - July 03 at 06:17 PM



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

**marilyn andrews deater** - July 03 at 07:31 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..

**Kevin Johnson** - July 05 at 04:33 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..

**Kevin Johnson** - July 05 at 04:39 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.

**Mark Jastrzembki** - July 07 at 06:49 PM