



## Michael "Mike" R. Mefford

July 13, 1951 - December 24, 2020

Michael R. "Mike" Mefford, age 69, of Valparaiso (formerly Lake Station), passed away peacefully on December 24th, 2020. Mike was born in Huntsville, AL on July 13, 1951, and graduated from River Forest High School in 1969. He most recently worked at Cardinal Health Systems over the last 16 years. Mike began his career at U.S. Steel Gary Works in 1969 and retired from the energy division after 34 years of service. He was a devoted, supportive, and loyal husband and father. Mike enjoyed fishing and camping. He will be remembered as hard-working, caring and helpful by his family and friends.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Valerie Joyce (Petruska); sons: Kerry M. Mefford of Hobart, IN. and Christopher M. (Angela) Mefford of Winona Lake, IN.; beloved granddaughter Lorelei Elizabeth; brother David (Vanessa) Mefford of Lake Station, IN.; sister Jamie C. Cain of Sun City AZ.; sister-in-law Vicki Ray of Lake Station, IN. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents JD Mefford and Nettie Ruth Mefford and in-laws Albert and Geraldine Petruska.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 from 2-6:30 p.m. followed by a short prayer service at 6:30 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St, Hobart IN. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Burns (Hobart). Rev. Mark Pflughoeft officiating. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Portage IN. Contributions may be made to [stjude.org](http://stjude.org). ww

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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## Prayer Service

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## funeral

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EZ

“ Valerie, my condolences to you after learning of the passing of Michael. I have very fond memories of you both from our time together at River Forest High School. Mike and I played together on the varsity golf team. Freshman season I played my first practice round with Mike and his brother David. We quickly became good friends. We had a great team our senior year and Mike and I teamed up together as match partners that season. You learn alot about the character, ability to handle adversity, sense of humor, and winning spirit of a man playing competitive golf. Mike had all of those attributes and many more. I remember how proud and excited he was to be dating you at the time. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Warm regards, Eric Zalas, Carmel, IN.

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**Eric Zalas** - February 09, 2023 at 05:04 AM

KO

“ So sorry to hear about Mike's passing. I am Mike's first cousin. His daddy and my daddy Homer Mefford were brothers. I have fond memories of Mike of our times together through the years. My most deepest sympathy. Kathy Mefford Ogle

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**Kathy Mefford Ogle** - January 06, 2021 at 07:58 PM

MS

“ our condolences to the family of Mike. our prayers are with with you. the Sibincic family.

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**mary and jerry sibincic** - December 31, 2020 at 06:15 PM

LM

“ Valerie, John and I send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Mike was such a good person and a wonderful neighbor. He was always there to lend a hand if needed. We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.



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**Leslie Miskulin** - December 30, 2020 at 07:01 PM

TD

“ The Demo's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.



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**The Demo's** - December 30, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JP

“ I enjoyed having Mike as a student in my English class. I am so sorry to learn of his passing .

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**Judy Price** - December 30, 2020 at 10:27 AM

TK

“ Valerie, all my sympathy to you and your family. Big hugs from me. Sorry I could not be there in person but I am praying for you at this time.

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**Theresa Kolczak** - December 30, 2020 at 12:36 AM

BC

“ Valerie, Bill and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family. We remember the fun we had at RFHS way back when... Hugs and sympathy to you from FL.



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**Bill and Deb Choate** - December 30, 2020 at 12:15 AM

WB

“ Worked with Mike and Dave at Cardinal Health for several years. Just an old fashioned great, friendly guy. I will forever be greatfull for knowing him...Warren Benko.

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**Warren Benko** - December 29, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.



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December 29, 2020 at 05:04 PM

KK

“ Worked with Mike for many years. My condolences to the family. He was a great person .

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**Kevin Kubiszak** - December 29, 2020 at 03:33 PM

RM

“ I worked with Mike many years at Gary works in the Energy Div. Electrical Dept. He was a dependable and helpful person especially when there were outages in the power system. He also became a trust worthy load dispatcher and we also shared a lot if hunting stories together. Sorry to hear of his passing.  
*Mike Millikin*

R. Michael Millikin - December 29, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.



December 29, 2020 at 12:52 PM

EB

“ Joyce; I am so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. Spent many years with Mike at Gary Works. The best times were hunting with him and Rich Fields down at Snow's farm. Ed Brown

Ed Brown - December 29, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.



December 29, 2020 at 08:20 AM

KR

“ *My condolences to Valerie and her family. Karen Whiteley Rainford*

**Karen Whiteley Rainford** - December 28, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.*



December 28, 2020 at 07:30 PM

MC

“ *So sorry to hear about Mike. We worked together for many years. He was a great friend.  
Mike Chentnik*

**Mike Chentnik** - December 28, 2020 at 07:04 PM

JC

“ *Joyce, I was so sad to hear the news from Bob Zivic. Jess really admired Mike and enjoyed working with him. Jess passed away a little over four years ago. I know he was there to greet Mike and resume where they left off! My deepest condolences!  
Jane Cox*

**Jane Pylat Cox** - December 28, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.*



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December 28, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ *I just heard from Karen Whiteley about Mike. Although I haven't seen him or Valerie in to many years, I was very fond of him. I grew up with Valerie.*  
*Sincerely, Sylvia Rodriguez Catherman.*

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**Sylvia Catherman** - December 28, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.*



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December 28, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ *Friend*

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**rich fields** - December 28, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Mike was a such a kind soul. His smile was contagious. May your memories bring you peace and the love of family and friends surround you and give you comfort.

*Carmen Hanna and Dani*

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**Danielle Clark** - December 28, 2020 at 11:24 AM

NP

“ Joyce, Kerry and Chris - we are so sorry to hear about Mike. He was a very special man and we have wonderful memories of him and the entire family. He was so kind and caring, I think that is what I will remember the most. We will be thinking about you as you go through this difficult time. Love, Harry and Nancy

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**Nancy and Harry Petruska** - December 28, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.



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December 28, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.



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December 27, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.*



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December 27, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.*



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December 27, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Mike's passing...My sincere condolences to his family.*

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**Char Morris Cantrell** - December 27, 2020 at 08:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of this passing.....my prayers are with Valerie and family....we were all Ingots together Louveta (McBride) Moore....class of 1969*

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**Louveta Moore** - December 27, 2020 at 06:47 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Joyce and her family. Mike was a great man, father, neighbor and friend.*

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**Carol Baker (Rice)** - December 27, 2020 at 06:00 AM

BW

“ Val & family we are sending Our sincere condolences to you & your family. Mike was a great guy. You are all in our prayers. Hugs my friend 🤝🙏💔

Ben & Sis Williams - December 26, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Mefford.



December 26, 2020 at 08:47 PM

PO

“ My heartfelt condolences go to this man's family. Mike, I don't know you well, but I know your sister and brother very well. I have heard what a wonderful person you are. You have to be because Dave and Jamie both are great. Sleep in peace and fly with God's angels.

Pam Kresnocky Ogorzaly  
Williamsburg, VA

Pamela R. Ogorzaly - December 26, 2020 at 04:32 PM

LS

“ Mike was truly a swell guy. Fond memories of playing golf with him at the "Gov's" annual event in Warsaw, IN. Rest in peace  
L. Stath

leon stath - December 26, 2020 at 04:07 PM

SA

“ Mike was a wonderful man to all us Lillie leaguers back in the day. He was a very understanding standing person. We always had good conversations Mike will surly be missed watch over all of us sir. Fly higher

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**sam** - December 26, 2020 at 03:00 PM