



Arthur C. Urban

May 4, 1951 - September 24, 2017

Arthur Clement Urban, 66, of Traverse City, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, September 24, 2017 in Thompson, Michigan.

Art was born on May 4, 1951, in Rogers City to Clement J. and Mary Jane (Smolinski) Urban. He attended school in Rogers City, graduating in 1969. He then continued his education at Central Michigan University, earning his bachelor's degree in biology. He completed a medical technology internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw.

He moved to Traverse City in 1975 to begin his 38 year career at Munson Medical Center Laboratory. It was there he met his wife, the former Mary Ann Schaub, and they married on October 15, 1977 at St. Mary's Church in Lake Leelanau.

Art was a true outdoorsman and athlete. He loved being outside, tending his vegetable garden, 4-wheeling, cutting and chopping wood, and riding his bike, which he rode to work whenever possible. He excelled at many sports including basketball, softball, football, and tennis, and was extremely competitive at all of them. He prided himself in beating his son Jim in sets of tennis. He coached his children's sports teams over the years. Art appreciated the forest, planting about a thousand trees over the years, and enjoyed watching them mature. He took pride in his garden (and wouldn't let anyone else pick the first ripe tomato). Art will be remembered as a mechanically gifted man, sharing that gift with his son Jim and his grandson Jasen. He had a very compassionate, gentle spirit.

Art is survived by his beloved wife Mary Ann; children, Jim (Erin) Urban of Lakeville, MN; Julie (Johnny) Patubo of San Angelo, TX; and his cherished grandchildren, Jasen and Karina Patubo. Art is also survived by his mother, Mary Jane Urban of Rogers City; his siblings, Robert (Susanne) Urban of Manistique, Eileen (Dave) Asam of Traverse City, Marian (Al) Sabourin of Clare, Carolyn (Dave Welch) Urban of Fenton, Steve (Amy) Urban of Whitehall; his mother in law Jean Schaub and his brothers and sisters in law, Mark Schaub, Dennis (Kim) Schaub, John (Mary Lou) Schaub, Laura (Gordon) Gottfried, Ray Messick and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Clem

Urban, his father in law Francis X. Schaub; his goddaughter and niece Kerri (Urban) MacPhail, a sister in law Susan Messick, and her son Evan.

Visitation for Art will take place at The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home this evening, Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 6 until 8 p.m. with the rosary being prayed at 7 p.m. Deacon Rene Hoenscheid will preside.

The Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 1:00 PM Thursday Sept. 28 at St. Francis Catholic Church with visitation one hour prior to the mass. Father Ken Stachnik will preside. Burial will be in Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery.

Contributions to honor Art's memory may be directed to the St. Francis Catholic Church Development Fund or to mass intentions.

Cemetery

Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery

1720 Hannah Street
Traverse City, MI, 49686

Events

SEP 27 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

SEP 27 Rosary 07:00PM
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

SEP 28 Visitation 12:00PM - 01:00PM
St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US,
49684

SEP 28 Mass of Christian Burial 01:00PM
St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US,
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Comments



“ I just learned of his death today and it really makes me sad all his brothers and sisters and me played together when we were young we were across the alley neighbors and I will never forget all the fun we had I will cherish those memories. I send prayers to your wife and family, mother, and brothers and sisters. I know you are in heaven next to god. See you when I get there. REST IN PEACE AND GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

Mary Witulski - November 10, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ Art was my baseball coach for several years. He took time out of his schedule to help me improve on my batting skills on several occasions. He really wanted us kids to learn the game well.

I also remember seeing him in the chemistry lab at the hospital. He always had a warm smile and was always happy to talk to me and others. It brings tears to my eyes just now thinking about him and recalling those memories.

I look forward to seeing him again in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Heaven has gained a compassionate and gifted man.

Kyle A. Howard - October 06, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ Mary Ann,

It's been such a long time since we've seen each other, but every time I drive down 641 from our house to yours, I always look for you guys! I don't even know if you still live there! That's the trouble when children grow up and move on! Remember all the times Matt and Kimi played with Jimmy and Julie? I remember when Art coached Matt on a couple of baseball teams also and Kimi and Julie played with all the kittens at your house and ours! Art, Jimmy, and Matt would take a lot of bike rides together also. Darn those kids for growing up and us parents losing touch with our children's friends, parents, and neighbors!

Ken and I send our deepest sympathies to you and your family and want you to know we are thinking of you with fondness and kindness.

Sincerely,

Ken and Barb Gibson



Barb Gibson - October 05, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ Mary Ann, Art was always helping me at 4 am when the hospital was rocking and a rolling and the tube was dropping 3 tubes at a time. He always had a smile and a kind person. I know how hard it is to lose a best friend. It's hard but time is a good healer but takes time

I saw Sue Cork a few weeks ago, she lost her husband Gary a few years ago and we have a lot of the same stories. Like dreams, and when I wake up in the morning, thinking he is already up. I pray that your faith gets you through this



Bethlyn Babel - September 29, 2017 at 08:37 AM



“ Cyndi Lautner Elsholz lit a candle in memory of Arthur C. Urban



Cyndi Lautner Elsholz - September 28, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ Mary Ann, news travels like lightening, I would've been there if I could. I want you to know that you and your family are in my prayer's, I was heart broken for you when I received the news. We know your strong, God be with you and your family.

Cyndi - September 28, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ Sheryl Irving lit a candle in memory of Arthur C. Urban



Sheryl Irving - September 28, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ Mary Ann; although personally I only met Art a couple of times at the lab, but Deb knew him quite well. My sincerest sympathies for your loss. I am sure they are catching up right now. Prayers for your peace and healing now in your time of sorrow.
Sincerely,
Sheryl Irving

Sheryl Irving - September 28, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ So sorry to hear this Mary Ann, He was still so young. Love and prayers Barb Lentz

Barbara Lentz - September 28, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ Mary Ann & Family: Art taught us so much as I interned and we worked together but he also taught us the importance of family and friends. Art was one of the happiest persons I knew, probably because of the great Family at home. He was also one of the most competitive athletes as we traveled Northern Michigan playing softball or racing down the Bball courts chasing Jimmy. My Father and Brother were also saddened to hear of Art's passing, they remembered him well. We will always remember Art and your Family is in our prayers.

Lane & Tania Putala

Lane - September 28, 2017 at 06:34 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Mary Ann and family.

Deborah Schmuckal - September 27, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ Art was truly one of the good ones♡ So sorry for your loss, Mary Ann. Here is a photo that Kathy took that I wanted to make sure you had. May he rest in peace.



Rachel(Gauthier) Straughen - September 27, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ Art was truly one of the good ones ♡ So sorry for you loss, Mary Ann.



Rachel(Gauthier) Straughen - September 27, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ Mary Ann, I am heart broken for you, your kids and those wonderful Grandkids. I will pray for you every single day. God, please hold them all in the palm of your hand.

Suzy Alpers - September 27, 2017 at 12:35 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Ann - September 27, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Ann - September 27, 2017 at 10:51 AM



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Mary Ann - September 27, 2017 at 10:41 AM



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Mary Ann - September 27, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ I am so sorry MaryAnn and family for your loss. I just love Art's smile or smirk, shall we say. He was always a prangster at work and filling up test tubes with water or other to make me jump or get some reaction. In real emergencies in the lab, he was so cool and calm, as he watched me being stressed, with that light-hearted smile on his face. I hurt with you and have you all in my prayers. Amy Powell

Amy Powell - September 26, 2017 at 12:48 PM