



Michael E. Halligan

August 11, 1942 - November 10, 2012

Michael Edward "Mike" Halligan, 70, of Traverse City passed away Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Mike was born on Tuesday, August 11, 1942 to the late John and Frances (Warner) Halligan in Vienna Township, Clio. He married Gloria A. Schriener on Saturday, June 27, 1964 in Mt. Morris.

A husband, father and grandfather (papa) was surrounded with love from his family and friends. He was known for his quiet ways with many moments of dry wit. His desire as a young man was to have a family; he and his wife of 48 years had 4 children, Joe, Jack, Jill and John (deceased) and six grandchildren with another granddaughter expected in March. Being born at home, having polio and paralysis at the age of 10, and living often in poor conditions with 6 brothers and sisters, his life's journey was exciting, from being a supervisor in the oil and gas fields and traveling on the job, hunting for 35 years in Wyoming, a fishing trip with his sons to Alaska, and traveling the US with his wife and eventually settling with a second home in Arizona even surprised him. But ultimately it did come down to his family and his faith, and his friends - settling in that they are the most important gifts in life. Having experienced several heart problems, his unexpected death from cancer is devastating to his family.

He leaves behind his wife Gloria, children, Joseph (Jennifer) of Rockford, Jack M. (Janette) of Traverse City and Jill (Scott) Gregor of Ada; grandchildren, Madisyn and Clayton Halligan, Hillary Witkop, Ivy and Ella Halligan, Carson and Baby Girl Gregor; his father in law, William Schriener of Mt. Morris; siblings, Margaret (Joe) French, Susan (Reynold) Weiss, Daniel (Cindy) Halligan and Brian (Diane) Halligan; brothers in law Bob Wolfe, Bob VanTol, nieces and nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his son, John, who died in infancy, a granddaughter Taylor Halligan, his parents; his sisters, Mary Ann Wolfe and Judith VanTol.

Visitation for friends and family will be held from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Sunday,

November 18, 2012 at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with the Rosary being prayed at 5 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 19, 2012 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Inurnment will be in the Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Father Fred Heat Assistance Program or to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

Please share your memories, thoughts and photos on Mike's tribute wall/guestbook page found at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery

1720 Hannah Street
Traverse City, MI, 49686

Events

NOV 18 Visitation 02:00PM - 06:00PM
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

NOV 18 Rosary 05:00PM
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

NOV 19 Funeral Mass 11:00AM
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
308 Cedar Street, Traverse City, MI, US,
49684

Comments



“ Dear Gloria and family,
It is with real sorrow that I hear about the loss of your husband, dad and grandpapa. Although I didn't know Mike, I witnessed the influence he had on you, Gloria, as a calm and steady partner through the years. My heart goes out to you as you travel this very difficult part of life's journey.

With love,
Carolyn Belknap

Carolyn Belknap - November 19, 2012 at 09:32 AM



“ Dear Gloria and Family, I am so sorry to learn about Mike's passing. I hope that family, friends, and many wonderful memories will help you through this time. May you have peace and loving support.

Sam Cornelius - November 18, 2012 at 09:03 PM



“ Dear Gloria and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Mike. He was a great friend. I met Mike in 1959 working at Hamady Brothers on Coldwater Road and N.Saginaw St.. At first we were just friends and partners at work. After awhile of knowing each other we started hanging out after work. We would go to King Richards, a drive through restaurant in Mt. Morris. Mike knew a lot of kids from Mt. Morris St. Mary's. I remember he had his eye on a very pretty girl named Gloria. Mike and I did a lot of hunting and fishing together and camping with our families. We played lots of good card games with the girls.

I have lots of good memories of Mike. I would like to share one with you. After we left Hamady's I went to work for a glass contractor and Mike went to work for GM Fisher Body Plant. One day my boss sent me to Fisher Body to replace some broken windows on the Saginaw street side of the building. While I'm outside on a ladder working (it just happened to be in Mike's department) it wasn't long before Mike spotted me. We talked awhile and then he asked me to go across the street to a party store to get him a six pack of beer. I did and passed it through the window. He went back to his department with....Cold Beer! His work buddies couldn't believe it. Mike wouldn't tell them how he got the beer. Mike would collect money from them and I think I made two more beer runs. They thought Mike was magic. They couldn't figure out how he got cold beer in the shop. I don't think Mike ever told them. I have many memories of good times spent with Mike and Gloria. Thanks
Dan Breliniski

Danny Breliniski - November 16, 2012 at 07:59 PM



“ Dear Gloria, and family,

Bob and I were so surprised, and saddened to hear of Mike's death, and we send you our prayers and Blessing at this difficult time. We had not seen Mike in a very long time, but have wonderful memories of his kind and gentle manner. We are sorry we can not be there to celebrate his life on Monday, but you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. We hope all the great memories with Mike, will carry you thru this tough time, of your loss. Take care and if you are in town your always welcome.to stop by.

Hugs,
Bob and Mary Cousineau

Bob and Mary Cousineau - November 16, 2012 at 03:51 PM



“ Dear Gloria,

The picture was stunning, I always think of Mike as my big brother, I was the little sister, but was always bigger than him, he couldn't wait to be bigger, cause he was older after all. I guess that day arrived. He was always the biggest to me.

Love,
Margaret

Margaret French - November 15, 2012 at 05:29 PM



“ Dear Gloria and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mike. He was such a wonderful neighbor always willing to lend a hand. I remember the day he walked over as Ry and I tried to fix our lawn mower, our incompetence oozing from our pores. He was quick to lend a hand and helped us get the job done! May you and your family find peace during this difficult time.

Love,
Amy, Ry, Anna, Brad and Cam

Amy Muzzarelli - November 14, 2012 at 08:46 PM



“ Gloria and Family

Mike will be missed by many. I have many great memories of Mike over the years, but the ones that keeps going through my mind as I look back is the camping trips up north with my family and Uncle Bills. I remember the dune buggy Mike had on our first couple of trips and the many battles that Brian and I had vs Mike and my Dad in our many Frisbees battles. It was a real battle as Mike and my Dad would try to play mind games and Mike would lead the way in trash talking before and after the

games. What I wouldn't do to be able to have one more game with both Mike and my Dad for old time sake.

May God bless Mike and your family during this difficult time as well as all of our family members that have passed away over the years!!

Mark G. Schriener - November 14, 2012 at 07:22 AM



“ Mike will surely be missed, he is a great guy. I know that he loved being a dad and a grand father. His family was the most important thing in his life. I will miss that smile even more. God bless you Mike and your family in this difficult time!

Barb and Mike Lawnichak - November 13, 2012 at 08:20 AM



“ Dear Gloria, Jack and family,
We are so sorry to hear about Mike. His visit to deer camp will be missed this year. All the guys will be praying and thinking about "Old Dog", "Two Dogs", and "Half Dog" while they sit in their blinds. Peace and Safe Journey. Love, Brad & Denise

Denise Burnham - November 12, 2012 at 01:43 PM



“ Dear Gloria and family,
We feel so blessed to have known such a wonderful man. We will miss Mike deeply. We are priviledged to have called him neighbor, and especially, friend. Jim and Linda

James Schierbeek & Linda Wolgast - November 18, 2012 at 02:21 PM