



## Michael Lee McGuire

September 23, 1950 - February 20, 2018

TRAVERSE CITY – Michael L. McGuire, beloved by family, friends, and colleagues alike, passed away peacefully at the Munson Hospice House on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the age of 67. Mike's loving wife, Nancy, cared for him throughout his battle with cancer. Mike served the Traverse City Area through 35 years of service at the Traverse Area District Library, retiring in 2009. He was well-respected and initiated great growth in the local library, including a move to the current location on Woodmere. In 2005 – 2006, he also served as President of the Michigan Library Association. Mike had an extensive book collection and was a member of the Miniature Book Society. He enjoyed gardening, watching old movies, collecting stamps and coins, and playing trumpet, french horn, and the piano. He also loved to travel and among his favorite trips was an adventure to Ireland with Nancy.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, Mike is survived by three children; son, Matthew McGuire; son, Daniel McGuire and his wife, Cheryl; and daughter, Erin McGuire. Mike was especially proud of his two wonderful grandchildren, Franklin and Calvin.

The family invites you to a visitation honoring Mike's life on Monday, February 26, 2018 at the Traverse Area District Library from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorial contributions in Mike's name to; Friends of Traverse Area District Library, 610 Woodmere Avenue, or Grand Traverse Area Children's Garden, 505 Riverine Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Traverse Area District Library  
610 Woodmere Avenue  
Traverse City, MI 49686

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ I met Mike at the hospital when he came to the oncology floor. He was a very nice man and I enjoyed getting to know him and his wife. I think of him often. I know he is missed by many. May he now rest in peace.



Kim F. - May 10, 2018 at 05:10 PM

PD

“ Mike was a dedicated public official and has left an impressive public improvement as his legacy.  
Peter Doren, former City Attorney

Peter Doren - February 26, 2018 at 03:39 PM

TC

“ Our deepest condolences from all who work with Matt McGuire at the Kiosk & Display Company.

The Kiosk & Display Company - February 26, 2018 at 12:29 PM

SK

“ I only met Mr. McGuire once before he passed, yet in just a few short words, he made me feel incredibly welcome. My grandmother was the head librarian in the town I grew up in. It is amazing to me to see all that Mr. McGuire did for the Grand Traverse Area Library and the Children's Garden.

Sharon Klocek-Ibbotson - February 26, 2018 at 10:42 AM

SK

“ Mike was one of the finest men I have ever met. I will miss him. He helped build the Children's Garden and served on the board. He will e deeply missed. Susan ad Richard Kuschell

Susan Kuschell - February 26, 2018 at 08:46 AM

BN

“ I first met Mike pre TADL days when I was director of the then new (1976) Leland Library and he was Director in TC. We would travel to conferences, or visit when I stopped by the Carnegie to browse free GTA (Grand Traverse Assoc) discards stashed down in Carol Hubble's Library for the Blind area --another era indeed. Martha and I agree, those were the best of times (Mike's back trouble being the exception). After getting a Library degree from U of M I was hired by TADL as Assistant Director (a position (and office) shared with Martha Vreeland.

*Mike was smart, personable and very creative, and he accomplished so much in his library career and in life.*

*All of his friends, loving family, and colleagues will greatly miss him.*

*My heartfelt condolences.*

*Barbara Nowinski*

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**Barbara Nowinski** - February 24, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ Dear Nancy,  
So sad to hear about Mike. Know you are very much in my thoughts and my heart.

*Bobbie Stevens*

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**Bobbie Stevens** - February 23, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JO

“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I grew up near him in Centerville, IN. My sincere condolences to Mike's family and friends during this difficult time. God Bless.

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**Jim Overturf** - February 22, 2018 at 11:01 AM

MB

“ It was a joy for me to get to know Uncle Mike in Galveston. I am very sorry for your loss. We really wish we could be there this weekend. Sending our love from Houston.

*Morgan Brown*

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**Morgan Brown** - February 21, 2018 at 09:34 PM

FP

“ Mike was one of the good guys. We will all miss him.

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**Fran Perkett** - February 21, 2018 at 08:36 PM