



Michael Anthony Myckowiak

May 21, 1924 - January 23, 2014

Michael A. Myckowiak's wish to be reunited with his wife, Phyllis, was finally granted on Thursday, January 23, 2014. He was born in Lowell, MI on May 21, 1924 to Michael F. and Florence (Darby) Myckowiak. The family moved to Grand Rapids and he graduated from Grand Rapids Central High School in 1942. He attended Grand Rapids Jr. College and graduated from Western Michigan University in 1946. He was in the U.S. Army at Ft. Knox from June 1946 to May 1947. He met Phyllis Sowers of Sturgis, MI at a dance. She went home and told her mother, "I met the nicest guy but he's so short!" They married on March 9, 1947. Michael taught woodworking, printing and drafting in the Grand Rapids public schools from 1947 to 1966. The family moved to Sturgis as he became the Vocational Dean at Glen Oaks Community College when it was founded. He was the Communication Educational School Director for Coldwater Public Schools beginning in 1969. Four years later, he and Phyllis moved to Battle Creek where he was Director of Continuing Education for Western Michigan University. He retired from WMU in 1983. He enjoyed woodworking, building furniture and other household items for friends and family. He knew how to spin metal and worked as a craftsman part time in a shop in Richland. Having been a shop teacher most of his life, you could identify him by the bow tie he always wore. Michael and Phyllis liked to travel and always made lifelong friends wherever they went. Michael was very proud of his '67 Mustang convertible and loved to drive it to get ice cream. He was very involved with the First Methodist Church in Battle Creek, singing in the

choir and serving in leadership roles. In 2003, they decided to downsize and moved to Charlotte to be nearer family. Michael's wife, Phyllis, preceded him in death. He is survived by one of his 5 siblings, Arlene Arkema, a daughter, Holly (Dennis) Mortlock, son Scott (Barb) Myckowiak, a granddaughter, Mindy, and grandsons, Bryan and Bob. There are 3 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, January 25, 2014 with Rev. David Augenstein officiating at Pray Funeral Home, 401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI. Visitation will be Friday, January 24, 2014 from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 pm at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Sensations Memory Care Residence, 511 E. Shepherd St., Charlotte, MI. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Anthony Myckowiak



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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Richard T. Burke - April 06, 2014 at 08:43 PM

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MB

“ Uncle Mike would say to protect & preserve fine wood, put tung oil on by hand rub in once a day for a week, once a week for a month, and once a month for a year.

Myra Bergman - January 27, 2014 at 02:46 PM

CD

“ I am the secretary at the Vergennes United Methodist Church in Vergennes Township just north of Lowell. I want to share with your family that I enjoyed Mike's visits to Vergennes Church several summers when he would drive over from Charlotte to drop off a monetary gift for the Myckowiak Memorial Fund. He was a kind, generous, and thoughtful man. We, too, loved it when he came over to do an oral history; and that visit introduced us to Mike and Nora Myckowiak who now attend our church on a regular basis. Our Vergennes UM Church send our condolences to your family on the loss of your loved one.

Carol Drenth - January 27, 2014 at 01:05 PM

LF

“ Scott, Barb, Holly, Mort and family: I am sorry I could not be with you during this difficult time. Remember the wonderful memories that were made. Now, our parents are all together again. My prayers are with you and the family.

Linda Fanning - January 25, 2014 at 05:55 PM

FB

“ We are so sad to say goodbye to Mike but also very pleased that he is now with his beloved Phyllis! They were wonderful neighbors and friends and we were blessed to know them!

Frank & Meg Ballard - January 25, 2014 at 12:58 PM

LT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Ford and Laura

Laura Topping - January 25, 2014 at 12:30 PM

CB

“ To Holly and Scott and families, I knew and love both Mike and Phyllis. I knew them from FUMC, and was Phyllis' dietitian for years and considered Mike my WMU counselor. They were the sweetest couple and I know they are missed. I am thinking of you prayerfully at this sad time.

Carol Barr - January 25, 2014 at 09:54 AM

DW

“ scott, what a wonderful person your father was. I will always remember the positive attitude that he brought

dave weaver - January 25, 2014 at 07:51 AM

RH

“ Scott, Barb and family, our prayers to you as you mourn the loss of your father. I always enjoyed talking with Mike. He had such a positive, upbeat outlook.

Rick Holderread - January 24, 2014 at 02:33 PM

SD

“ Dear Scott, Barb, Holly and everyone, I am so sorry to hear the news of your dad passing this week. Mike was a nice man and I remember both of your parents with great fondness. It's kind of a funny strange thing that my mom passed away two days earlier. It's amazing the connections that we humans all have. I pray that all of you find peace as he certainly has. God's blessings to all of you.
Scott

Scott Davidson - January 24, 2014 at 09:24 AM

JF

“ My heart is heavy tonight with the passing of a beloved & dear friend. Mike & Fidge are once again together. She was the love of his life. I will miss his little chuckle & the love he extended to me, my children and the whole Bogen family. Mike will remain in my heart forever with many wonderful memories.

Judy Farrand - January 23, 2014 at 08:32 PM

LF

“ Holly, Scott, Barb, and other family members...I am sorry for your loss. Michael was a good guy and we will miss him at Sensations. I pray for comfort for all of you; take care.

Lisa French - January 23, 2014 at 05:35 PM

MA

“ *Mark and I are thinking of you and your family at this difficult time.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Mark & Carolyn Armentrout - January 23, 2014 at 04:32 PM