



## Michael James Geoghegan, M.D.

May 19, 1936 - May 5, 2020

Michael James Geoghegan, M.D. passed away on May 5, 2020, surrounded by his beloved family. Born on May 19, 1936 in Detroit and proudly raised by Irish immigrant parents, Mike was the youngest of six children. He graduated from Colgate University (NY) and Wayne State University School of Medicine. After completing his orthopedic residency at Detroit Medical Center, Mike served in Vietnam and earned a Bronze Star. Upon his return, he trained many orthopedic residents studying at Wayne State, to mutual benefit. He married Leslie Joanne Luke in 1974 and raised two children, Michael Edward and Daniel. Mike enjoyed a 40-year career in orthopedic surgery, primarily serving at Oakwood Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents Michael and Margaret; and siblings Thomas (Patricia), William, Daniel, and Joan Van Riper. Mike will be deeply missed by his wife Leslie; sons Michael (Rebecca) and Daniel (Christine); grandchildren Seamus, Daniel, Michael, Joseph, Catherine, Anna, and Clare; sister Rita (Paul) Jeakle; sister-in-law Margaret Geoghegan; and countless nieces, nephews, and friends. A private funeral service will be held for his immediate family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Loyola High School of Detroit 15325 Pinehurst Ave., Detroit 48238. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael James Geoghegan, M.D.*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I was an ER midnight shift Orderly at Oakwood Hospital 1961 - 1970. During all that time I was in pre med and then med school at Wayne State. I encountered "Mike" as he wanted me to call him so many times. He was always so quiet and unassuming and was so kind to me and all his patients. He always listened to them. He was never rushed. He was so inspiring to me that I wanted to be like him.*

*During med school and rotations I never saw him again and wanted to tell him my thoughts. Because of him I planned on an orthopedic residency but ended up as a neurosurgeon. I just read about his passing in WSU Alumni News. The community has lost a great man. Slainte Mike*

*Dennis C Szymanski MD*

Dennis C Szymanski MD - May 14, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *In 1972 my foot was crushed in a motorcycle accident. Oakwood Emergency thought they might have to amputate. They called in a top orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Geoghegan. My father begged Dr. Geoghegan to save the foot. Because of his great skill and expertise, I have been able to live a full and active life. That was 48 years ago and Dr. Geoghegan's name and his wonderful work live on. I thank God for Dr. Geoghegan.*

*Mark Archer  
Dearborn Michigan*

Mark Archer - May 12, 2020 at 10:42 AM

SE

“ +We have just read about Dr. Geoghegan's passing. He was a fine man and a caring doctor. May you be consoled by your many happy memories together.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God give you peace and Dr. Geoghegan, great joy, for a life of love and service.*

*Sister Marie and Sister Elena*

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**Sister Elena** - May 11, 2020 at 06:01 PM

KV

“ Dear Leslie -

*It has been over 20 years since I had the pleasure of working with you and Mike to keep the IRS away from your door. You were both among the clients that I treasured to work with. Mike impressed me as a gentle and compassionate person. At one of our tax meetings, I mentioned a problem that I was having with my shoulder over the prior two years and consultations with several doctors. Mike said that he would send me some exercises to do. Knowing that Mike was a very busy person, I figured that he might not remember to send the exercises. Two days later, there were the exercises in the mail. And, unbelievably, THEY WORKED IN A COUPLE OF DAYS. I represented Mike several times on IRS audits. We were successful each time.*

*Mike's passing will leave pleasant memories for those people who knew him.*

*I wish to extend my condolences to you and your family at the passing of Mike Geoghegan, a man who I had much respect for.*

*Ken Volk*

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**Ken Volk** - May 11, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Sorry this is so long. Dr. Michael Geoghegan was one of the kindest men I have ever met. In 1968 I was injured in an Army training accident at Fort McLellan, Alabama. I was taken to the hospital and Dr. Geoghegan was my surgeon. He did a procedure where he wired my ankle together. As we spoke, we found out that we were both from SW Detroit. (He grew up on Wendel and I on Springwell street.) Doc took great care of me and we became friends. After our tours were over, we both returned to MI. I was injured in an accident in the Ford Steel Division, circa 1978 and needed knee surgery. Since it was a compensation case, FOMOCO sent me to Dearborn Orthopedics and to my surprise, Dr. Geoghegan was once again my doctor. Not only was he my doc, we shared stories of our times in the Army and how we ended up together again. For many years and many surgeries, he cared for my injuries. I cannot tell you how sad his passing is to me. He made me feel as though I was his buddy and I did what ever he told me to do. The world has lost a husband, father, surgeon and a kind soul. God Bless you Doc. I'll never forget you. (BTW the 1st surgery on my ankle that was supposed to good for 5 years has lasted 52 years.)

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**Randy Ferguson** - May 10, 2020 at 06:41 PM

MA

“ Dear Leslie and family.  
Our condolences to your family from the Borg family. Words fail us. The kindness you showed us will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace. Borg family.

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**Mary** - May 09, 2020 at 08:58 PM

DD

“ Dear Leslie and family,  
Sending condolences to your family from the Donahue family. Michael and I were the same age and grew up next door on Wendell street in Detroit. Classmates at St Gabriel grade school during the WW2 days. Also Michael took great care of my mother Catherine with a hip replacement in her 80's. Rest In Peace.  
Don Donahue  
Margaret Boland (deceased)



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Don Donahue - May 09, 2020 at 07:10 PM

TB

“ Dearest Leslie, My deepest sympathies and condolences for your difficult loss of such a wonderful gentleman in Dr. G. His touch gave my Mother two wonderful knees almost 18 years ago and his support and encouragement help support many of my own knees and hip. The last time I saw you both was a hello and conversation we shared at the Beverly Hills Grille on Southfield when he was so gracious and humorous about my orthopedic question during dinner. Please never hesitate if I can be of service at anytime in the time ahead. Your family will be truly your comfort and the glow of an Irish smile should offer warmth and love to surround you always. God Bless You, Leslie and may God embrace Dr.G as he welcomes him in the green and rolling hills of the Shamrock corner of Heaven.

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Timothy M. Briody - May 08, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ *Mary Jo and I will miss our many interactions at the DCC over the past many years...on rare occasion I was able to beat Mike at golf. What a nice man and colleague!*

*Lawrence R Crane MD*

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**Lawrence Crane** - May 08, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ *I had the great honor to work with Dr G. For many years at Dearborn Ortho- He was a great Dr. & all his patients loved him but even more so he was a wonderful man- He was truly one of a kind - My condolences to his wife & family - RIP Dr G - heaven will never be the same with you & Bob Jones up there together*



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**Carol Mardyla** - May 08, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Geoghegan, Children and Grandchildren,  
My sincere condolences on the passing of your Husband, Father and Grandfather.  
I worked with Dr. Geoghegan at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn as an Operating Room RN (1992-2000). He was always kind and respectful to the Nurses and Staff; had a caring and quiet countenance, one that garnered my absolute respect. I will always remember his great contributions in the field of Orthopedic Surgery. Rest in peace, it was a privilege to witness your work, Dr. Geoghegan.  
Emma Bowser, NP*

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**Emma Bowser, MSN, ANP-BC** - May 08, 2020 at 01:20 PM

CD

*I was a patient of this great doctor. He put me back together after a horrific car accident. I will never forget the handsome caring Dr Geohagen*

Cheryl Dobrovic - May 08, 2020 at 08:57 PM

MO

*“ Both of my parents were orthopedic patients of Dr. Geoghegan, decades ago. While I appreciated his surgeries, I especially appreciated his concern for my mother. Leslie and family, you are remembered by those of us who remain in Sacred Heart Parish.*

Mary Beth Oravec - May 08, 2020 at 09:28 AM

TT

*“ I met Mike when his sons attended Sacred Heart Elementary. I also knew him as "Dr. Geoghegan", my orthopedic surgeon. His kind and caring ways as a parent and as a physician were consistent. I will always remember his kindness with my own father when he had his surgeries. Dr. Geoghegan was a remarkable human being. My thoughts and prayers go out to Leslie, Michael, Dan and his grandchildren for their loss. Always a "Shamrock"! Love & peace, Ms. T*

Therese J Terns - May 08, 2020 at 08:55 AM

GO

“ Leslie, Mick and Dan,

*We were so saddened to hear of Mike's passing. We so enjoyed our visits and dinners while visiting the Detroit area. You both made us feel like family. Mike was always fun to talk with about sports and traveling. It just will not be the same when we come up to visit now. The memories will last forever. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Leslie we cannot wait to give you a hug. Mike is at peace now looking down on all of us.  
Love you*

*Ged and Cathy*

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**Ged Oconnell** - May 08, 2020 at 07:55 AM

BB

*leslie and family: we are so sorry to hear of mike's passing. what a great guy. also, a great orthopedic md. he certainly took care of me, my son bill and daughter shawn. our prayers are with you during this difficult time. bill and mary ann bannon*

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**bill bannon** - May 08, 2020 at 01:57 PM

MB

*Dear Leslie and family - I was so saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I will always remember him as a kind, considerate, really caring doctor and an honored member of his profession. I know that my Ed scheduled a tee time in Heaven when he learned of Mike's imminent arrival. Mike is in the "palm of His hand".  
Love and prayers - Millie Bovich*

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**Millie Bovich** - May 08, 2020 at 03:07 PM

WR

*Dear Leslie, Mick, Dan and family,*

*I worked closely with Mike for more than 40 years. He was my go to orthopedist for all of my patients. Never did I receive a single complaint from the hundreds of people that I referred to him for orthopedic care. I considered him a close friend, and he will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to all of you. The world has lost someone very special.*

*Warren J. Ringold, M.D.*

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**Warren Ringold** - May 08, 2020 at 04:05 PM

CH

*Dear Leslie, Michael, Daniel, & Families,*

*I am saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. Geoghegan. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. I remember your family well from my time teaching at Sacred Heart. Know that I hold you all in my heart and prayers.*

*Love to you all,  
Cindy Hudson*

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**Cindy Hudson** - May 08, 2020 at 09:53 PM