



Michael Robert Shay

February 8, 1941 - July 14, 2008

Shay, Michael, age 67 of Plymouth, July 14, 2008. ♦ Loving husband of Beverly. ♦ Proud father of Scott (JoAnn) and ♦ Jolie, Jennifer (Brian) Sturkie and Christine (Dean) Royson. ♦ Beloved grandfather of Justin and David. ♦ Also survived by his faithful pet Sammy. ♦ Michael was a school teacher for 31 years in the Plymouth/Canton school district at West Middle School. ♦ He also coached basketball at West Middle School and Canton High School for over 30 years. ♦ Visitation will be Tues 5-9 and Wed. 1-4 and 6-9 with a Prayer Service at 7PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btw Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. ♦ Funeral Service will be Thurs 11AM. ♦ Memorial contributions may be made to Educational Excellence ♦ Foundation or Habitat for Humanity. ♦ To share memories, visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Robert Shay*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Dear Family of: Michael Robert Shay. Deep Condolences to each of you. May you find peace and comfort in God's loving invitation to "throw all your anxiety upon him because he cares for you.-1Peter 5:7. Also, God...will wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain.-Revelation 21:4.- Contemporary English Version.*

Valerie Brannon - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ *Mr. Shay was my 6th grade teacher at West back in 1967...I still to this day remember him. He was a very gifted teacher and I will never forget what I learned so many years ago.*

John Kindree - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ *Mr. Shay was one of the most engaging and inspiring teachers that I had at West Middle School. He created an amazing connection with his students. He will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to his family.*

Katey Boak McPherson - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

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“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to Mike's family. I recently heard of his passing and was very saddened. I was a member of the basketball team at Canton H.S. and have nothing but fond memories of Coach Shay. He was a great teacher and coach and will be deeply missed.

Nkechi Okwumabua - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

DS

“ The world is better place because of the contributions made by Mike Shay. I have nothing but great memories of Mr. Shay and will always hold him in the highest regard. Mike will be missed.

Daniel B. Smith - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

ET

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I was fortunate to have been coached by Mike Shay at Plymouth Canton High School. I will never forget the fun memories of being on his team and the lessons I learned in the process. He was a great man and will always be remembered. My condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed by many.

Elise Thornell - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

KT

“ Kathy and I want to send our condolences to Mike's family. Our daughter Elise, was on the JV Basketball team at Canton High School when Mike was the coach. He was a great mentor and Elise enjoyed playing for him a great deal. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Kathy & Chuck Thornell - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

TF

“ My son is a better person and basketball coach today because of the foundation given to him by Mr. Shay and we thank him for that. Plymouth has lost a great educator and basketball coach. Our deepest sympathy.

The Nimmerguth family - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

CE

“ Scott. I am sorry to hear of your fathers sudden passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. It sounds like he was a very kind man and made a his mark on here on earth.

Even though we don't think it's emough time God has other plans for him and our loved ones. I lost my mother two years ago and still have a hard time with it. But God knows best.

*Think of you today!
Cathy Elias :-)*

Cathy Elias - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

PS

“ We had the pleasure of getting to know M/M Shay through our son Brandon. Brandon coached basketball with Mr. Shay for many years. As it has been mentioned by others, we also will say what a kind and caring person Mr. Shay was. His passion for teaching and coaching was a great influence for Brandon...and I am sure Brandon will pass on these attributes as Mr. Shay did. He was a wonderful mentor and Brandon is a better person for that. Both M/M Shay treated Brandon as a son...how wonderful is that. Our hearts go out to you Mrs. Shay and to your family and Brandon. He will miss him dearly.

Paul/Debbie Szwejkowski - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

JA

“ Mike was a great coach and friend. I was on one of his many undefeated West basketball teams, the 1975-76 team. He taught us good basketball and let us have fun playing the game as well, making it a very memorable experience. The wins and laughs were numerous. I was also one of his student assistants. Mike was great to us. He always gave us room to be ourselves, as he was a great educator in addition to being a great basketball coach.

My deepest condolences.

Jim Anderson

James Anderson - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

RP

“ I was heart broken to hear of Michael passing away. Jolie and Scott, I am so sorry for your loss. Your father will forever have a place in my heart as a kind, generous, loving man. He will be missed!! My love and support goes out to Beverly and her family as well.

All my love,

Richard Petrucelli

Richard Petrucelli - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

KN

“ I can speak for all of Mr. Shay's students, he gave us wonderful, fun guidance and always greeted everyday with a huge smile. He kept abreast of all of our successes and stories through high school and on into our adult lives. He remembered details of my life that amazed me. Jolie- I am so sorry for the loss of your dad! I know you have many wonderful stories- I know I do with you guys. I hope you and Scott are doing okay. My prayers and thoughts are with you both-
Katie Norris

Katie Norris - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

JS

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Coach Shay through the Plymouth-Canton Middle School Basketball League. As a first year coach, I was welcomed by him and enjoyed the competition between us. It was evident that his players respected Coach Shay and enjoyed playing for him. In just one observation, it was apparent that he was passionate about coaching and cared for his kids. These attributes make a lasting impression upon his players, as well as colleagues. I will truly miss seeing him on the sidelines. Please accept my deepest condolences.

Jason Slaughter - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

NC

“ I had the pleasure of having Michael as a father figure during ten years of my life while he and my mother were together. As such, Scott and Jolie have been like a brother and sister to me and I have many fond memories from that period in my life. I was very saddened to hear about the passing of Michael and my heart aches for Scott, Jolie, and Beverly, as well as the extended family and circle of friends. While I had not seen Michael in a couple of years Scott always kept me informed of Michael's travels and it sounded like he was thoroughly enjoying his retirement, which he most certainly deserved. As I reflect back, Michael influenced me in many ways and I am very grateful to him for that.
All my love,
Nancie

Nancie Walden (Petrucci) - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

KC

“ I have had the pleasure of being friends with both Jolie and Scott, and knew Mr. Shay throughout my school years at West Middle School. My deepest condolences go to your family. Please have Jolie contact me so we can stay in touch and I can give some support. Much Love, Kerry

Kerry Cowan - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

AN

“ I read the news of Shay late last night in an email from Bob and Wendy and was deeply saddened. Although I hadn't seen Shay in years he was part of some of my happiest high school memories in that he was an elder in the Canton High School basketball family. Shay was always incredibly kind and a great man and teacher that will indeed be missed by many.

I send my deepest condolences to Shay's entire immediate family and indeed to his basketball family. You all will be in my thoughts during these next few days.

*Fondly,
Alyson*

Alyson Nouné - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

DF

“ We have fond memories of Mike as a teacher of our 4 children - Craig, Dana, Mark and John and a great basketball coach. He touched many lives -- far more than you possibly imagine.

Dan and Sharon Flower - December 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM