



## Milton L. Thackaberry

March 8, 1954 - October 20, 2008

Thackaberry, Milt, suddenly October 20, 2008 age 54 of Canton. Cherished husband of Cindy for 30 years. Fantastic father of Mike and Andy. Dear brother of Virginia. Dear son-in-law of Howard and Betty Wikel.

A graduate of Southfield Lathrup High School, Milt went on to earn his Bachelors degree from Western Michigan University, where he was a member of the Sigma Pi Fraternity. He earned his Masters Degree of Physical Therapy from Indiana Central University. He worked as Physical Therapist for TRACC for 20 years, and was Athletic Trainer for Indianapolis Pacers. He worked later as a Real Estate Agent, and with GMAC. Milt was active in local youth sports organizations, and was President of the PCJBL, and President of Salem Hockey Boosters and Salem Baseball Boosters for a number of years. He was a hockey referee, and also coached youth sports for years. He was also a builder and handyman. With his nephew Pete, Milt rebuilt a house in downtown Plymouth. He was a great friend to many, and he will be missed. Funeral Friday 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 4-8 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Canton Community Foundation (for Youth Sports), 50430 School House Road, #200, Canton MI 48187; or to Habitat for Humanity, 638 Starkweather, Plymouth MI 48170.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Milton L. Thackaberry*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I haven't seen Milt since I was a kid, but he was a great friend to my brother Paul Jacobs when both were at Southfield-Lathrup. I ran across this randomly and it stirred a lot of memories. So sorry for your loss.*

*Bill Jacobs*

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**Bill Jacobs** - February 13, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Cindy, Mike and Andy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Milt was a wonderful husband and father and I know you will surely miss him.*

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**Pat Hedges** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ *Sorrow and a void descended when I read of young Milt's death. Tell Virginia that I can only think of a sister's crushing loss of a beloved brother....the neighbor*

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**Duncan MacLeod** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

BM

“ *Cindy, Mike, and Andy:*

*Cindy, I couldn't believe it when I read in the newspaper that Milt passed away. I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Barb, Rich and Andy Macek*

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**Barbara Macek** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

EM

“ *Dear Cindy, Mike and Andy:*

*I was saddened to read Milt's passing in the newspaper. He will be deeply missed by many.*

*Cindy, I met you on occasion with Milt while walking your dog in our subdivision or dropping off work at my home on Candlewood. I worked with Milt at TRACC for six years. I will always remember him as the person who gave me my first "big break" into the rehab field as an occupational therapy assistant. It wasn't easy changing careers later in life and I have always appreciated him for believing in me and giving me the opportunity.*

*The funeral last Friday was a beautiful celebration of Milt's life. I learned so much about his life outside of work. He has touched so many lives and will be deeply missed.*

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**Eve Muscat** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

DW

“ Dear Cindy, Mike and Andy,  
I am saddened to hear about Milt's unexpected passing. His dedication to the youth of our community sent a positive message to many, myself included. Milt was an outstanding role model to my son and many others.

God Bless,

Dave Wiinter

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David Winter - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

MC

“ Cindy, Mike and Andy,  
We were so saddened to read of Milt's passing. We remember when Milt coached Steven in baseball and how we enjoyed getting to know your family. Steven and Andy have been together at GVSU as well. Our hearts go out to you all as Milt was a wonderful and giving man and surely will be missed.

The Coxford Family

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Mike, Peggy & Steven Coxford - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

KP

“ Mike, Andy, and Mrs. Thackaberry,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless,  
Kristin Patrona

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Kristin Patrona - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

BC

“ Dear Cindy, Andy and Mike,  
We were deeply saddened to hear that Milt succumbed on Monday and wish to extend our sympathy. Such losses defy understanding. Although we did not know him well, we did have the pleasure of meeting and spending time with him on a few occasions. Yet, we felt as if we knew him much better thanks to Stefanie's MANY stories! Our hope is that you will continue to surround yourself with good friends and the pleasant memories of a very special man. He will forever live in your heart.  
We share your sorrow at this time and you remain in our thoughts and prayers.  
Please accept what little comfort these words can give you. If we can help in any way, do not hesitate call.

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**Bob and Lenore Carpenter** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

CM

“ I was saddened when I heard about Milt and will be keeping your family in my prayers. I worked with Milt at TRACC in the mid 1990's and really respected him as a boss and as an individual. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed by many.

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**Cathy Mila** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

JR

“ Cindy, Michael and Andy, You know how sorry we are and how saddened we are. We loved Milt and will miss him deeply. We will see you at the Funeral.  
We love all of you!!!

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**Jim, Annamarie and Rachele** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

NR

“ *Dear Cindy,  
How we loved hearing the stories Steve and Jennifer would share episodes that our grandsons Zander and Josh would experience with Milt and you. When we first heard about how the two of you would keep the boys overnight so that their parents could have a date night, we thought " Are they nute? " We're priviledged to have witnessed Milt's goofy sense of humor at Josh's birthday parties: the gift of an empty box because when Josh asked what Mr. Milt was going to get him for his birthday, Milt said "Nothing." And that's exactly what Josh got! We all laughed sooooo hard. At the last BD party in August, Milt showed us his skills at marshmallow archery. Thank you both for being such an awesome, terrific couple. As Josh so beautifully wrote on that napkin: Mr. Milt, I miss you a lot! We who have had the honor of knowing Milt feel the same way.  
Love and prayers,  
Nick and Barb (aka Grandpa and Grandma Goofy )*

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**Nick and Barb Rudelic** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

RB

“ *To the family and friends of Milt.  
I was only fortunate enough to have met him when he decided to be a Realtor in our office in the last year. I remember thinking why would anyone start a new career when they normally be retiring? Well, he was inspiring to say the least.  
He will be missed and loved by many, I wish all of my prayers and thoughts to you and your family.  
Rhonda Browne*

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**Rhonda Browne** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

GZ

“ Cindy, Andy and Mike:  
Juli and I just learned of Milt's passing this Thursday evening. We can't tell you how saddened we are to learn of your loss. Our memories of Salem baseball will always include Milt and his generosity of his time and good humor which were a gift from him to all he touched in the baseball community we knew all of you from. God Bless you all especially during this most difficult time.

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**Giles and Juli Ziolkowski** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

PP

“ His dedication to the PCJBL is appreciated. His work helped keep it going. So sorry for your loss. As I drove north on Morton Taylor I wondered why so many cars were parked at your home and sadly I found out why.

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**PCBJL Participant** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

JK

“ Just wanted to say how sorry we were to hear of your loss.

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**John and Jill Kraemer** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

MT

“ Cindy,  
I want to express my deepest sympathy to you and your sons. I worked at TRACC with Milt back in the early 90's. I enjoyed each day with his funny remarks. He was a very professional and dedicated man. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Marge

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**Marge Tober** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

KF

“ Cindy,  
*I was so sad to hear that Milt had died. It has been a long time since we've seen each other at SKI, but please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kristine Fink** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

TF

“ Dear Cindy, Mike and Andy...

*We were so VERY saddened to learn of Milt's premature passing. Our association and friendship with your family, arising from Brian's most fortunate association with the 'Cannons' baseball team, certainly left us with many fond memories of Milt; and a GREAT appreciation for the generous contribution he made to our boys... both in their development as athletes and also (most importantly) as young men. He will certainly be greatly missed and has left behind a marvelous legacy!*

*Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.*

*With warmest regards and deepest sympathy,*

*The Richards Family*

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**The Richards Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

KS

“ Dear Cindy....I just don't know what to say. I only found out today. (Thursday) I will try to get in touch with you. My heart is hurting for you. Love, Cathy

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**Kathy Schembechler** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

EM

“ I am shocked and saddened by Milt's passing. He was a good boss who always had a joke, a smile and a good story. He will be missed by many. My deepest condolences to Cindy, Andy and Mike.

*Sincerely, Emilia Miller*

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**Emilia Miller** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

MW

“ Cindy & family,  
Paul and I were so saddened to hear about Milt. I know that no words can heal your pain, but I hope it helps in a little way to know that so many people are thinking of you during this difficult time.  
Much love,  
Michelle, Paul, Madison & Aidan White

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**Michelle & Paul White** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

SS

“ Cindy,  
  
My prayers are with you at this difficult time. I am deeply sorry for your loss.

*Love, Sue*

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**Sue Skala Seaglund** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

NR

“ To the family of Milt,

*I worked at TRACC with Milt for 3 years and I was so sorry to hear about his passing. I thought he was a wonderful person and a great boss. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you in this difficult time.*

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**Nicole Robinson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

MR

“ *Cindy, Mike, Andy and extended family--I truly enjoyed working for Milt at TRACC. He had a wonderful sense of humor and we, as a staff, truly appreciated his dedication to us and to the patients that came through our clinic. He is gone much too soon and is sorely missed. I wish all of you peace and comfort. Very sincerely, Molly Robosson*

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**Molly Robosson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

CM

“ *Mike, Andy and Mrs. Thackaberry,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was an extraordinary person and his work for PCJBL never went unnoticed. I wish you all the best in this difficult time and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Chris Mackinder** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

TT

“ *Dearest Cindy, Mike and Andy, You are in our hearts and prayers. We thank God for Milt and you being in our lives and treasure the great memories we all had together. Our deepest sympathy and love!*

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**Tom, Jennifer, Dylan and Spencer Tobin** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

TY

“ Cindy, You and your sons are in my thoughts each and every minute. I will always remember Milt driving us to the concerts and showing you all around "Hollywood". He is a wonderful man and he will be missed. We will keep you in our prayers.  
*Brad, Teresa, Brianna and Ethan*

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**Teresa "Petry" Yochum** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

FM

“ Milt touched the lives of so many through his dedication and commitment to the youth in Canton and Plymouth. My boys and I have fond memories of our association with PCJBL. We are deeply sorry for your loss.  
*May Peace be with You all.*

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**Frederick Mackinder** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

MF

“ Cindy, Andy and Mike:  
*My heart aches that Milt is gone. He was a great boss and a wonderful friend. I will miss his laugh and that great smile he always gave the staff when we were doing something we shouldn't. You're in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Melissa and Craig*

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**Melissa and Craig Fowler** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

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“ Cindy, I worked with you to open the Eagle Branch of PSCU at Romulus High School. I am sorry for your loss and please accept my condolences. You will be in my prayers.

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**Rebecca Martin (Jones)** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

KB

“ Our deepest condolences to Cindy, Andy, Mike and the entire family on the passing of Milt. WHen I think of Milt I think of all four of you. You were and will continue to be one team.  
Kathy Lash

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**Kathy Lash and High School Hockey Boosters** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

JR

“ Dear Cindy, Mike, and Andy - we are so saddened for the loss of Milt. As a person to Jen and I, he couldn't have been more gracious, approachable, and fun to be around! How I'll miss the barbs between Jen and Milt regarding their garden competitions. For Joshua and Xander, they have lost a funloving person in their lives - who could always make them laugh, even when tipping Josh upside down to empty the change from his pockets. They are better for having spent time with Milt - and that time, though short, has left them with a life time of memories to cherish. We'll miss you Milt, but want to thank you for all you did with/for our family.  
With love,  
The Rudelics

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**Jen, Steve, Alex, and Joshua Rudelic** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

AD

“ My deepest condolences to Cindy, Andy, Mike and the entire family on the passing of Milt. He will be missed! While we haven't seen much of each other lately it was always a pleasure seeing Milt and talking with him about the boys, baseball and Moon Pies :).  
  
With Love and best regards,  
  
Anthony and family

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**Anthony Davis** - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

JW

*So many years after Milts passing and I still remember him fondly. Great memories from his time in Indy and Community Hospital. Praying the pain has lessened and the memories remain.*

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**Jeff Woehler** - November 20, 2018 at 10:53 PM