



Michael James Ashley

December 7, 1942 - August 8, 2014

Michael J. Ashley, age 71, of Holly, died Fri. Aug. 8, 2014. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM Wed. Aug. 13, 2014 at St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly with Father David Blazek, Celebrant. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2-9 PM Mon and Tues at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Mr. Ashley was born in Detroit on Dec. 7, 1942 the son of William and Marjorie (King) Ashley. He was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church, the Holly Moose, and Holly American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, bowling, ice fishing, attending his grandchildren's activities, and spending time at his pool for the past 30 summers. Surviving are his wife Barbara; 3 children, John (Catherine) Ashley, Renee Ashley Scott, and Michele Ashley (Vernon) Wilson; 5 grandchildren, Jennifer, Sean, Lauren, Zachary, and Jillian; siblings, Dennis (Monica) Ashley, Brian (Kathy) Ashley, Patricia (Aaron) Kleckner, Dan (Christine) Ashley, and Colleen (Tom) Cianciolo. Memorial donations may be made to Reunion With A Cause. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Visitation

AUG 12. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Catholic Church
Holly, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael James Ashley*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - August 11, 2014 at 12:17 PM

TM

“ *Barb and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Mike. It was a struggle and now there is peace with no more pain. Wish we could be there to share with you a moment, but just know our hearts are with you all....So many good memories with you guys on Green Cove....Love and prayers always, Tom and Butchie*

Tom and Butchie Mackey - August 12, 2014 at 06:06 PM

DJ

“ *Barb, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. You are in my thoughts. Denise Jensen*

Denise Jensen - August 12, 2014 at 01:59 PM

GK

“ I have known Mike all my life and I cannot remember a time when he wasn't positive or upbeat. We are of the same family being cousins but our relationship was more of a good friendship that became a great friendship. Mike, Barb, my wife Penney and myself spent some quality time together in Florida, South Carolina and Michigan. In more recent times Mike and I spoke on the phone approximately 2-3 times a month and I cannot express just what that means to me. We will truly miss our dear friend and cousin and our prayers and love our with the entire Ashley Family.

We love you all,
Gary & Penney King

Gary King - August 11, 2014 at 01:23 PM

JP

“ John Pogorzelski purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael James Ashley.



John Pogorzelski - August 11, 2014 at 12:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Ashley.



August 11, 2014 at 11:34 AM

YF

“ *Your 6F15 Family at Ford. purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Michael James Ashley.*



Your 6F15 Family at Ford. - August 11, 2014 at 10:57 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael James Ashley.*



August 11, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KW

“ *King Steel Warehouse purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael James Ashley.*



King Steel Warehouse - August 11, 2014 at 08:11 AM

DP

“ I met Mike in the fall of 2001 up at Dan Warson's Farm outside of Houghton Lake.....Up there he was fondly nick-named ... "The Rev".....I went on to see him pretty much once or twice a year up there....Eventually having become his "bunk-mate".....We slept on a "dorm like" bunk bed....He took the bottom, I slept over him..... The man would tease me, "the rookie", endlessly.....I loved every minute of it.....In turn, I was always "improving" the space...adding hooks and hangars for us to store all of our stuff.....Every time I added something, I would brag about how nice the room was....how I was fixing it up for us....the look on his face, and his reaction was "priceless".....I was there, the first time he shot a deer up there a few years back....Me and Dale Hynan tracked it with him....He was like a 16 year old kid getting his first deer.....I went on to call him several times a year...to keep in touch, ask his advise and just share a simple brotherhood.....He was a wonderful man, with a heart of gold, He was my friend, my mentor.....I will miss him always.....Condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren and countless friends.....God bless him....may the Lord keep him.....

Danny Plantus

Danny Plantus - August 11, 2014 at 08:02 AM

KR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.
Scott and Kristin Liles



kristin - August 11, 2014 at 07:00 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael James Ashley.*



August 10, 2014 at 08:41 PM



“ *Kathy Kostrub lit a candle in memory of Michael James Ashley*



Kathy Kostrub - August 10, 2014 at 08:33 PM



“ *Please allow me to express my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. Just about everyone has experienced the death of a close family member and it is one of the most devastating things we will ever have to deal with. It is good to know that during this most difficult time we can turn to the creator and our heavenly father Jehovah God (Psalms 83:18) for the strength to go on. The bible says at 2 Corinthians 1:3&4 that he is the "God of comfort who comforts us in all our trials". It also tells us that in the near future death will be a thing of the past at Isaiah 25:8, "he will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe the tears from all faces". I sincerely hope these words will bring you comfort.*

concerned neighbor - August 10, 2014 at 08:32 PM

CA

“ 1 file added to the album *Father in Law*



Catherine Ashley - August 10, 2014 at 06:44 PM

CA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Catherine - August 10, 2014 at 06:29 PM



“ *Celestial Love* was purchased for the family of *Michael James Ashley*.



August 10, 2014 at 01:14 PM

TF

“ *the Davis family*. purchased the *Sacred Cross Bo* *uquet* for the family of *Michael James Ashley*.



the Davis family. - August 10, 2014 at 11:35 AM

JP

“ Julie Pfingst purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Michael James Ashley.



Julie Pfingst - August 10, 2014 at 10:14 AM

D.

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss, you have our condolences and prayers over your loss. Though Michael is gone there is the hope of seeing him again in the resurrection. Christ Jesus promised "Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out" (John 5:28,29). Just imagine the joy we will experience when that happen, there will be no sickness, sorrow, pain and death because all things will be made new (Isaiah 25:8; Isaiah 33:24 and Revelation 21:3-5).
D.Phillips

D.Phillips - August 10, 2014 at 08:39 AM

LV

“ Linda Coale Voorheis lit a candle in memory of Michael James Ashley



Linda Coale Voorheis - August 09, 2014 at 10:13 PM

NL

“ *Contacted Mike after many years since graduation from CC. Planned to visit in July close to his home but he was not able to see me. We talked several times and even when I was home he was mentioned at the CC 60's lunch. His daughter Michelle called me late Friday that her Dad had died. It was a very heartfelt call and very appreciated. God Bless Mike and his family. Nick Lucas*

Nick Lucas - August 09, 2014 at 07:56 PM

MM

“ *Although I haven't seen the Ashley family since we move away in 1986 they and the pool are a part of my happy childhood memories. I remember Whatching the pool come to life from a hole in the ground to a place we were welcomed so often. Mr. Ashley always had a smile and was quick to tease - a trait I always enjoyed. To the rest of the family know that all of you were an important part of a little girls life and that I looked up to you and felt loved and welcomed in your home. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mary Kay (McKenney) Murphy - August 09, 2014 at 01:19 PM