



Michael McKee

September 2, 1953 - July 24, 2012

Michael McKee, age 58, of Holly; died in the early hours of Tuesday, July 24th. On Friday, July 27, 2012 visitation will be at Dryer Funeral Home: 101 North First Street Holly, MI 48442 beginning at 9:30 AM and service will begin at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to attend who wish to celebrate his life. Michael was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He is survived by his wife Sue (Lehman); children Hilary, Marcus, and Judson; sister Marsha; brother Jim; grandchildren Evelyn, Alexander, and Dane. He touched many lives in his time on Earth and will be sorely missed. On behalf of his wishes, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in lieu of flowers. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *I just found out about this! Sue, I'm so sorry! Mike was always so kind to me and always had a positive attitude. I wish I could have been at the funeral. My deepest sympathy. He will be missed.*

Christopher Wegmann - August 19, 2012 at 09:01 PM

KN

“ *May God bless Mike and hold his family in the palm of His hands. With Sympathy - Kevin Norris*

Kevin P Norris - July 27, 2012 at 09:55 AM

MS

“ *Even though I had not seen Mike in several years, he will always be remembered as a good friend.*

Mark Schilawske

Mark Schilawske - July 27, 2012 at 07:22 AM

CN

“ Mike..... what to say in such at time. You have touched my life in many ways. You were always there to lend an ear, offer advice, guide me, and offer me direction and support being both in business as well as personal. I thank you for the many joyful memories that you have filled my life with. Will a day never pass that a vision, thought or feeling of your presences is not felt. You have impacted my life is such in such a positive fashion that words just can not explain and I THANK YOU, you are a good man, great coach, mentor and friend Mike McKee. God Bless You.

To Sue, Hilary, Marcus, Judson, AB and Stacy I can only begin to feel the pain that you all feel My thought and prayers will be with you through the coming days weeks, months and years. I know how Mike has touched my life; I can only imagine how he has touched yours. We will all miss him as we venture through life, as I am truly grateful for the times we shared. God Bless you all

RIP;

McKee your memories will travel with me through out the remaining journeys of my life as I will celebrate your life at every turning moment. Godspeed my good friend.

Charles Noble.

Charles noble - July 27, 2012 at 06:57 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Michael McKee



July 26, 2012 at 11:27 PM

NB

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Natasha Bonilla - July 26, 2012 at 09:15 PM

MM

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Marcus McKee - July 26, 2012 at 08:45 PM

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Marcus McKee - July 26, 2012 at 08:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Michael McKee.



July 26, 2012 at 04:31 PM

LM

“ Our love and prayers are with your whole family--We hold you in our hearts and think of you every minute.... much love, the Murray/Castle family

Lori Murray - July 26, 2012 at 01:02 PM

DJ

“ Denise I. (Shiel) Jensen lit a candle in memory of Michael McKee



Denise I. (Shiel) Jensen - July 26, 2012 at 12:09 PM

RM

“ I've known Mike since grade school, He was one of the most imaginative story tellers I have ever met. The facts of any story were always a tiny bit exaterated but they always enhanced it as well. I was always amazed as a kid how Mike could go up to anybody and hold a conversation with anyone from all walks of life. From the first time I met him the guy had a passion for getting the most out of life as anybody could, I will miss him.

Ron Mandle

Ron Mandle - July 26, 2012 at 11:12 AM

CS

“ Sue, family and friends of Michael McKee,

I know that Mike had many accomplishments in his lifetime. Though I did not see Mike and Sue often, I know that his life will live on in his greatest achievement, his children and grandchildren. They are testament to the character of Mike. I am a very lucky benefactor of Mike's life, as I am proud to have his son Marcus as a son-in-law, husband to my daughter Natalie, and father of my grandson Dane. Sue, you and Mike are certainly great parents, and your lives will live on forever through your children and grandchildren. I wish to express my sincerest sympathy to you and your family.

Clifton K. Schmult

Clifton K. Schmult - July 26, 2012 at 10:17 AM

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Clifton K. Schmult

Clifton K. Schmult - July 26, 2012 at 10:07 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael McKee.



July 25, 2012 at 10:42 PM



“ Oh Michael, such a great friend, we shared so much, you have left us to soon. Prayers Sue, Hilary, Marcus, and Judson

Lou

Lou Hurtik - July 25, 2012 at 09:00 PM



“ Jeanne A. Versley lit a candle in memory of Michael McKee



Jeanne A. Versley - July 25, 2012 at 08:43 PM



I only had the pleasure of meeting Michael at Natalie's baby shower. He was such a nice host and Clif and I enjoyed being in their home. I know that he was loved by his family and that he will be missed. Sending love, blessings and comfort to Marcus, Natalie and Dane. Love, Jeanne

Jeanne A. Versley - July 25, 2012 at 08:52 PM

TK

“ *Dear Sue and family,*

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and all of your family! Words cannot express our sorrow and shock. We know how difficult these next days will be for all of you, and we want you to know our love and support is with you.

Jim and Terry and all of the Karjalainen/Tully family

Terry Karjalainen - July 25, 2012 at 02:50 PM

ML

“ Thoughts on:
Michael Christopher McKee 1953-2012

Michael Christopher McKee was a leader, a father, a business man, an athlete, probably many other things, and a friend.

I met him in 1964 at the age of 10, when we had both moved in next to one another, into our new suburban colonial homes on Schoolcraft Road in the Lake Pointe Subdivision, in Plymouth, Michigan.

We became friends at the outset, having many common interests - sports, school, music, et al, and within a few years, things like driving, girls, and drinking - in no particular order, and sometimes in combination.

They don't make guys like Mike McKee anymore.

Guys that are positive, upbeat, great family men, businessmen, and teammates. Guys that are the picture of respectability, the Class officer (we helped him make his campaign posters), the tennis captain, the swimming captain, and leader of the Kiwanis Key Club and many other leadership and community service organizations. Guys that are so driven and competitive to excel and win that they finish college in three years just so they can start working sooner. Guys that were the first of our gang to move away, get married, have children (even accomplishing two at a time on one occasion just to move things along.) Mike was that guy. He did all of those things and many more. (Including being the first to go bald. He always had to win.) He set the standard for almost everything from age ten until yesterday. He went on to be the first to found a company and take it national, then others. To sell them (and make what I can only guess was a pretty nice return, since he never talked about it.) As a result he was also the first to be able to semi-retire and control his own destiny. For all of that we called his approach "Mike's Buy and Sell". Mike had 14 cars and 14 jobs to everyone else's one. He had multiple businesses, homes and other possessions that I don't know about, but I'm sure Sue and his

children could fill you in.

But despite all of this drive and resulting business success, he refused to be denied - or slow down. Even into his late 50's, Mike continued to start, consult and remain active in various businesses. Socially and physically he remained unbelievably active. We used to bust his chops for hanging with a crowd 20 or 30 years his younger, continuing to play golf, softball, flag football. "You've still got the legs!" I'd tell him.

A life changing force for me was my relationship with Mike McKee. In the early days we'd run about, inventing games such as roller derby, tackle football in front of the old fire station under the Lake Pointe water tower, and playing hockey against the fireplace with a wide variety of improvised pucks and balls. In those years we enjoyed the comfort and security of family life as we visited with his and my parents, ate all food offered during a series of Eat Ins in the late 1960s, and formed the nucleus of our lifelong band of brothers, the Lake Pointe Subduers.

Included in this group were Mike, me, Ron 'Scandle' Mandle, Kit Norris, Mark Riley, Gar Boyne, Steve Klepack, Dennis Emrick, Joe Wee, Stan Britton, John Wingerson, Jim McKeon (and many others to whom I apologize for not listing.) We were formed as an unofficial fraternity bound to a common set of values. We played a lot of intramural and recreational sports (undefeated at 43 and 0) and got in some trouble, but Mike was a clear leader of this group.

One of several of his well-earned nicknames was Eddie Haskell, after the Leave it to Beaver character. Mike's boyish charm, good looks, blond locks, letter jacket and smooth tongue were no match for an unsuspecting parent. "Why, you look so nice tonight, Mrs. LeFevre. What a lovely dress. Don't you think we could stay out until 2 a.m." would be an example of this skill. His other prominent nickname was Skipper, a nod to his frequent captaincy of our sports teams and gatherings in which he would he assert and lead by example - the right thing to do. Resisting our peer pressure to do

wrong, cheat or 'slag' something, he would usually prevail. This, backed by his

Michael LeFevre - July 25, 2012 at 01:54 PM

CF

Mike was the best second "big brother" I ever had. Growing up a few doors down from the McKee's and having my brother Mike LeFevre, and Mike McKee be lifelong best friends will always remind me of great memories that I cherish dearly. To Sue, Jim, Marsha, and all of Mike's family and friends... he may be gone too soon, but he will never ever be forgotten. Love and sympathy to all. ~ Char ~

Char LeFevre Fleming - July 26, 2012 at 09:18 AM

CF

Here is the rest of the tribute by Michael LeFevre...

This, backed by his (and our) many expressions such as “Get yourself up” “Will not be denied” and others, are testimony to the kind of positive attitude that I learned from Mike and our group, the Subduers, that I value to this day, and call upon often.

The Subduers had many longstanding rival groups – The Green Mountain Boys and The City Group were two prominent ones. Our snow football tackle games on Winter Sunday mornings were brutal. With his swivel hips and quick legs, Mike was always the lead ball carrier in addition to his role as captain. The Subduers survive today, albeit in advancing age and reduced numbers.

In 2003, as most of us turned 55, we had a gathering of some of the Subduers and their wives at our lake house in North Georgia. We recounted our pride in our longstanding marriages to the girls of our dreams. (How could they be so blind to our shortcomings for all these years?) We were just discussing planning another reunion next year to commemorate turning 60. Since the 2003 meeting we had lost two of the group, now three. The fact that we missed Mike is yet another message to all of us – whatever you’re going to do, do it now.

After the 2003 gathering I’d call Mike to catch up every now and again (not enough). Mostly when I’d call him at home on a lazy Sunday morning (when I’d had accomplished nothing more than coffee and the newspaper), Sue would have to go get him. At age 58, running in - out of breath on a 30 degree morning - Mike would say: “Hey, Feve. I just got in from playing paintball. It’s great.”

As the most active and in shape of all of us at age 58, I’d kid him (while silently admiring him) for staying so active and still playing kid’s games. Why does the healthiest guy who worked the hardest have to go?

Over the past 48 years since I’ve known him we kept in touch from our remote locations across the country. I was honored to be the Best Man in Mike and Sue’s wedding at her family’s farmhouse long ago. For years we enjoyed the good natured rivalry between Michigan and Michigan State football and would call one another to congratulate that year’s victor. We would meet occasionally at the tailgate area for games when I visited Michigan. And we’ve always had a standing invitation to come visit Mike and Sue, and vice versa.

At a time like this, and for a guy like this, beyond tribute, there’s only one thing you can say:

Skipper, get yourself up. You always have. I’m proud to have been your

friend. Thanks for your leadership, friendship and for the example you set for all of us over the years.

*For myself... for the Subduers... and forever,
I love you, man.*

Feve

Char LeFevre Fleming - July 26, 2012 at 09:24 AM

AS

Dear Sue, Hilary, Marcus, and Judson

Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and the entire family at this very sad time. It is such a shock to hear of your loss and at such a young age. Reminds us of how precious every new day really is. He will be missed forever but not forgotten.

Although we are unable to attend his service you are in our prayers to find peace and comfort at this sorrowful moment in your lives.

RIP Mike

Love, Prayers, and Sympathy

*Rodney and Anita Sparks
Carrie and Corey Rennie*

Anita Sparks - July 26, 2012 at 06:49 PM

EW

What a lovely tribute, Michael. I am sure Mike would be honored to be remembered in such a nice way. I remember watching you all from afar - I was also a Lakepointe kid, but as a girl, was not allowed in your "club." I will always remember how friendly, sincere and down to earth he was and I am sure that he has earned his wings in heaven. To his family, although I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you, please know that his life had meaning and purpose and love. One cannot ask for more than that!

Liz Shinn Wasalaski

Elizabeth Shinn Wasalaski - July 26, 2012 at 07:24 PM