



Michael Matthaes

March 30, 1942 - February 5, 2021

Michael Andrew Matthaes, 78, passed away Friday, February 5, 2021 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, after a hard-fought battle with cancer and heart disease. He was born March 30, 1942 at White Cross Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Mike graduated from North High School Class of 1960, and married his high school sweetheart, Lynne June Purslow, on August 18, 1962, in Columbus, Ohio.

He graduated from The Ohio State University Class of 1964 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He began his teaching career at Brookpark Jr. High in Grove City, then taught Life Science at Hastings Middle School in Upper Arlington and finished his career teaching Biology at Upper Arlington High School, from which he retired in 1997.

He coached baseball and basketball at Brookpark, and baseball and football at Hastings. He was the Varsity Baseball coach at Upper Arlington from 1988-1996, where they were the Ohio High School Baseball State Championship Runners Up in 1989, and State Champions in 1990. He was inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Central District Hall of Fame in 2003, and the Upper Arlington Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015.

He was a member of Peachblow United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed spending time with his wife of 58 years and their 4 children and their families. He loved watching his grandchildren play sports, Ohio State Football, golf, travel, bird watching, milkshakes, mowing, and relaxing in his blue chair. He looked forward to his annual golf trips with his lifelong buddies Bill and Bob Beelman, and Tom Pollock.

Mike was very outgoing and could talk to anyone. He was a talented handyman and painter.

He was one of the founding parents of Clintonville Academy.

Survived by his wife of 58 years Lynne J. Purslow Matthaes, son Jeff (Deb) Matthaes, daughters Michelle (Wayne) Woo, Renee (Bob) Nelson, and Heather (Ectore) Tranquillo, grandchildren Megan & Jacob (Sarah Molitor) Nelson; Matthew Matthaes; Brandon, Zach & Brynn Woo; and Olivia, Sophie & Isabelle Tranquillo. Preceded in death by parents Jack & Jean Matthaes, and sister Sue Ann (Louis) Lindeman.

Private service Monday February 8, 2021 at Schoedinger Worthington Chapel. Private burial Tuesday February 9, 2021 at Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association in his memory. https://www.heart.org/?form=FUNSFVCXVSPR&s_src=21H2W1AEMG&s_subsrc=feb21_global_desktop&utm_source=heart.org&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=fy21_feb&utm_content=feb21_global_desktop%20

Cemetery

Union Cemetery - Columbus

3349 Olentangy River Rd.

Columbus, OH, 43202

Comments



“ My son graduated from UAHS...and after college came back to coach with Mike, during those glory days..and has made it his career path in life..I know he learned a lot from him in every way. RIP, Mike

Annie Snyder

Ann Wollett Snyder - March 24 at 11:45 PM



“ I can't talk about just one memory. Mike has been my uncle since I was 10 years old. What a force he was with his booming voice and amazing sense of humor. His stories could go on forever and never be boring. This is a great loss for our entire family and all of the people he came in contact with. One astounding thing was that no matter where Mike went around the country, he always ran into a former student or parents of a former student and people were always happy to see him. I can still hear his voice and some of his comments to me. Love you, Mike So sorry you're gone. <3

Karen Ann Purslow - February 10 at 12:25 PM



“ Deepest sympathy from Wilbur and Joy Boyer. Always loved listening to Mike's stories while sharing our traveling adventures over the years. Those trips will be etched in our memories forever.



Joy Boyer - February 08 at 03:02 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Matthaes.



February 08 at 11:59 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I enjoyed talking baseball with him at our monthly Home Plate Club meetings. He was an outstanding high school baseball coach and all around good guy. I will miss him. Sending a prayer that God will keep your family in his care.
Joe Carbone

Joe Carbone - February 08 at 09:49 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to Lynne and the family. Connie & I enjoyed the many trips we took with Mike and Lynne and the entire travel group. Such fond memories and fun times with some absolutely wonderful people. We especially enjoyed the last trip/cruise through France. Mike, you will be missed! Gene Nicol

Gene Nicol - February 07 at 07:39 PM



“ My first memory of Mike was when he was the pitcher for our little league team, the Warhawks. Freckles (Mike) showed early signs of the master baseball coach he became later. He was the appointed van driver on our golfing trip every late Winter to Orlando. My brother Bill, Tom Pollock and I had our "assigned" seats that never deviated. I always rode shotgun as Mike's co-pilot while Bill and Tom rode in the back seat adding their witty commentary as we drove along. We always stayed at the same place, The Residence Inn because of the wonderful breakfast spread they provided every morning. Mike and Tom were particularly fond of the "make your own waffles" provision. The ladies who worked the breakfast shift always remembered us and "spoiled us rotten." As you might ascertain we were creatures of habit and always played our favorite "blue collar" courses including Dubsdread, Lake Orlando and Deere Run. Lunch at Deere Run between nines and dinner on the veranda at the Tap Room were always a must. Oh what I would give for dinner at The Tap Room tonight as the cold wind howls and pushes the drifting snow here in Happy Valley. We might even be lucky enough to be there for "Happy Hour" when drinks were actually double in price the best we could determine. That's what friends are for!! Rest in peace.

Bob Beelman - February 07 at 05:25 PM



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Debbie (Matthaes) Bateman - February 07 at 03:55 PM



“ Mike was one of the "Four Amigos," four old guys who were blessed to spend a week together in Orlando, Florida every November for the last 15 years.. Such good friends we were and such good times we had!! "The fastest five days of the year," Mike used to say, and he was right. Outside right now a bright warm November sun is shining reminding me of those trips--and of Mike. We miss you, old friend. Tom

Thomas Pollock - February 07 at 03:48 PM



“ Terry(Deb), Debbie(Kevin), Sandy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Matthaes.



Terry(Deb), Debbie(Kevin), Sandy - February 07 at 01:06 PM



“ Mr. Matthaes was the basketball coach at Brookpark Jr High school, when I was a cheerleader. He was also my biology teacher. I can still see that warm smile and enthusiasm for teaching and coaching. Great memories. May he Rest In Peace.

Wilma Martin Graeff - February 07 at 12:33 PM



“ Mr. Matthaes was my baseball coach in 8th & 9th grade at Brookpark as well as my biology teacher (I dissected a hundred earth worms). He had a few favorites, think I was one of them....at least he made this young kid feel like it I remember the team pool parties, great fun. I remember when a few of us decided we were also going to run track in addition to playing baseball. He made it quite clear that if we had all this extra energy, it was going to be exerted on the diamond. So, there would be no 4 sport letter winners, haha. Was proud and happy about his later success at UA. Condolences and my prayers for the family
Mike Grotsky - February 07 at 02:02 PM



“ Sending condolences to the extended Matthaes family. I know he will be missed. Mike was a beloved teacher and coach to many, to be sure. But I will remember him as a terrific friend to my dad.

Nan Schivone - February 07 at 10:36 AM



“ Mike was one of my first mentors when I became head coach at Bishop Watterson in 1992. Would still see him while I was walking in the area and we would stop and talk. God bless you Coach, thanks for helping a young coach back in the day. Condolences to the family.

Scott Manahan - February 07 at 08:17 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was one of my favorite teachers at UA! Great man, what a loss. God bless the family.

Jenny (Davis) Whaley - February 06 at 07:17 PM



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Karen Williams - February 06 at 06:33 PM



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Karen Williams - February 06 at 06:14 PM



“ This was the end of the year teacher party at my parents house in 1991. Front Row: John VanHooris, Tom Trainer, Mike Matthaes, Hal Anderson. Back row Tom Williams, my dad, Dale Hartney, Lee Spitzer and Larry Gartley. What a wonderful group of teachers and coaches. I loved that I had personal relationships with many of my teachers. I loved them all. The smart-alec stories are the best. The leisure suit switch my dad and Mr. Matthaes did at his birthday is too funny. It was told at my dad's retirement party and the room exploded in laughter. Thank you! I love you Matthaes Family!

Karen Williams - February 06 at 06:19 PM



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Karen Williams - February 06 at 06:00 PM



“ Thank you Mr. Matthaes. I am thinking of you and your family. I love you!

Karen Williams - February 06 at 06:01 PM



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Karen Williams - February 06 at 05:54 PM



“ Hastings Middle School Yearbook-Thank you Mr. Matthaes. I loved having you as my 7th grade science teacher. I loved bird watching. I loved how good of friends you were to my dad. I loveyou!
Karen Williams - February 06 at 05:56 PM



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



February 06 at 05:47 PM



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Karen Williams - February 06 at 05:35 PM



“ I love you Matthaes Family. I have several pictures I would like to share. I am not good with technology. If I post several times forgive me. This is from my 7th grade Hastings yearbook 1982-83.
Karen Williams - February 06 at 05:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Matthaes.



February 06 at 01:47 PM



“ From Lorne, Jason and Jamie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Michael Matthaes.



From Lorne, Jason and Jamie - February 06 at 01:30 PM



“ Friends for over 70 years that began at age 8 in Little League Baseball with my Tigers losing to Mike's Warhawks 2-1 at Whetstone Park We were teammates and rivals during our Junior and Senior HighSchool days. We then played many years during the 60's on the same basketball teams. Mike was an original member of our 60 year card club that included Cookie Steven's, Bob Rabold, Dave Koblentz, Bill Leonard and myself all from the Clintonville area . A lot of good memories . Mike, we will miss you! Elmer

Bob Surtman - February 06 at 01:09 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Matthaes.



February 06 at 12:53 PM