



Michael Worley

September 15, 1953 - February 16, 2023

Michael James Worley died unexpectedly in his home on February 16, 2023. He was 69.

The youngest of five children, Mike was born in Sault Ste. Marie on September 15, 1953, to James and Roberta Worley. He graduated from Sault High School with the Class of 1971. He played football and basketball for the Blue Devils, participated in men's slow-pitch softball as a player and umpire, and enthusiastically followed the Lakers hockey team during their championship years.

Mike married Gwen LeuVoy on July 14, 1973, and they were expecting to celebrate their golden anniversary this year. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served three years as a hospital corpsman at Great Lakes Naval Hospital in Illinois. For his fourth year, he was attached to a Marine division in Okinawa, Japan. He and Gwen still have lifelong friends from his time in the military. Mike used the G.I. Bill to attend Lake Superior State University, graduating in 1983 with a degree in Human Services. He worked at Lake State and had the honor of supervising the resident advisor staff, many of whom are good friends to this day.

Other employment included positions with U. S. Customs and Immigration, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, and Michigan Child Welfare Agency. He

found his true calling as the Intervention Specialist at Lincoln Elementary School. Even after four years of retirement, he was greeted with "Mr. Mike" from countless former students when he was out and about in Sault Ste. Marie. His school family was so special to him, and oh, the stories he could tell!

Mike and Gwen proudly raised two delightful children: Carolyn (Joshua) Brady of Milwaukee, WI and Eric (Katey Price) Worley of Albion, Michigan. The apple of his eye was grandson Sebastian Michael Kai Brady, and he had nine joyful months watching his entertaining antics. Mike fiercely loved his family and friends, and whether you knew him as Big Mike, Uncle Mike, Mr. Mike or just Mike, you knew you had a friend in him.

Mike is survived by his wife Gwen, his children and grandson, his sisters Jan Jobes, Linda (Ted) Haapala, and Charlene (Bill) Good; sisters-in-law Gayla (James) Palmer, Sherry (Ken) Demaray, and mother-in-law Dolores LeuVoy, all of Sault Ste. Marie; and brother-in-law Randall (Angel) LeuVoy, of Lancaster, OH; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Donald Worley, his father-in-law Donald LeuVoy, and his brother-in-law John Jobes.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends may gather at the funeral home that same day starting at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a charitable donation to the Chippewa County Community Foundation for a scholarship to be awarded to a high school graduate pursuing a degree in teaching/education. Visit www.chippewacountycommunityfoundation.org or mail CCCF, 511 Ashmun Street, Unit 202, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Please memo the Michael J. Worley Memorial

Scholarship.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ My husband Chuck Herring, played ball with him many years ago, but on opposing teams. Chuck was 8 years older and taught at the Junior High., but knew Mike through baseball.

Jan Herring - December 25, 2024 at 08:15 PM

JS

“ Carolyn and Josh, so sorry for your loss. I remember talking with your dad at the Frazier's by poolside over the last few summers, loved his energy and pride for the NAVY, very enjoyable to talk to! Our condolences to you and your family.

Joe Fogarty & Wendy Strout - February 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I am very sorry for your loss Gwen, Carolyn, Eric and other family members. I worked for Mike as an R.A. for a couple years. His impact on my life in that short time frame was immense. My wife only met Mike once and she also remembered how he was the kind of person that easily left a lasting and meaningful impression. It is a very sad thing to lose a person like him.

David and Danielle Johnson - February 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ To Eric and your family: I am so very sorry for your loss. While I only know Eric, I know that it takes a kind and generous man and family to raise someone like you. My experience losing my own dad a couple years ago makes this even harder to write, but it inspires me to tell you that it's the collection of memories and inherited traits that keep our lost parents very much alive....even when there is an empty seat at the table, or a birthday or holiday that continually reminds us of that loss. Keep being you, and I am absolutely sure that alone makes your father proud, his life worth living and might give you some peace and purpose now and moving forward. All my love to you and your family.

Gregg Strand - February 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Sending the entire Worley family strength and light as you celebrate Mike's life and legacy. Prayers of healing for you all.

Elizabeth Carey - February 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My sympathy to the entire Worley extended family. Mike will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. Memories last a lifetime, healing takes time. My thoughts and prayers are with you!

Carol Pontious - February 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Many wonderful memories of the Worley family. Mike you lived life to the fullest. You were a blessing to all who were fortunate to have known you. Sincere sympathy to family and friends.

Linda - February 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Gwen and Family,
I never imagined I would be writing this in tribute to Michael. Mike's passing came much too early in his life. I knew Mike for over 49 years. Mike and I met in the Navy at Great Lakes Medical Center. We played many sports together there and when we were both attached to 1st Marine Division 4th Battalion in Okinawa, Japan as "Scrunts" (half squid, half grunt) in the late 1970's. We shared many memories of our time at Great Lakes and overseas: softball, football, long walks with the Marines, and rugby in Australia. The last few months in Okinawa we decided we need to become very svelte, so we lived on exercise and popcorn.*

Michael was a great husband, father, grand dad, brother, uncle and friend to many. He was bigger than life in the eyes of all who knew him. A saying I heard a long time ago epitomizes Michael J. Worley: "A man never stood so tall as when he stoops to help a child. He was always willing to help. My words cannot begin to fill the hole Mike left in your hearts. But the memories of Mike will always be there for you. May God's loving arms encircle you and keep you comfortable in the trying times.

*Sincerely,
Mike Dickson*

Mike Dickson - February 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Gwen and family are in our thoughts and prayers, always had a good time talking with mike about sports and kids in general
pat norb bennin*

NORBERT BENNIN - February 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ For Mike and his family
Mike know you were a friend always .
For Debbie almost from birth. Her parents rented from Mikes
parents. Roberta and Wanda were pregnant together with babys
born days apart. With a connection like that they were destined to
be life long friends. Mike always had kind words for her, me he
teased . I loved it it's what made him the special person he was.
Always fair and honest He asked me to build a cabinet for the office
at LSSU. When completed administration officials said it was against
school policy to pay me for labor as I also worked for the university.
Mike always the gentleman said thank you with a handshake and
explanation. I always respected him as did everyone he came to
know. That was Mike ! Prayers for you buddy,
you leave a big void for all you knew . We know you are in heven
with loved ones.

Arthur Smart - February 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dearest Gwen, We are so sorry for this tragic loss of your husband.
May the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you and your
family. Our prayers are with you.

Lynn & Chris Gillies - February 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ As an freshmen at LSSC in the late 70's, Mike helped me through a
couple of rough patches as I tried to find my way academically and
socially. His was a tell it like it is voice when I truly need one. I
always popped in to say hi after graduation while he was still
working for the College. These many years later I still appreciate
that guildance from Mike. He was a good friend.

My sympathy to Gwen and family.

Bill Rose - February 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My sincerest condolences to Mike's family and sisters. My family and the Worleys were neighbors and we spent a lot of time together as kids. Mike was a good guy and I vividly remember him and his whole family all the fun it was growing up together.*



Craig Wilds - February 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *My deepest condolences Gwen and the children. I grew up living 3 houses down from the Worley family. Even though I was 4 years younger than Mike and even younger than the rest of the Worley kids, I was always treated like family by all of them. I spent many hours in our backyard shooting hoops with Mike. After I grew up we would go to the Worley house once in a while when I came back to the Sault for Christmas. I would spend most of the time talking with Mike and reminiscing about those old days. Our parents were very close as well so it felt like family whenever we were there. I remember eating well every time I was there. I ran into Mike in St Paul when I was there with my brother Rick to watch the Laker Hockey team dismantle Boston U for the National Championship. We had so much fun. Hung out all night after the game at the Laker celebration party. Mike's energy and passion were 2nd to none. What a good man. He had so much love for everyone in his life. May God bless and protect Mike's family until they meet again in heaven. Amen*

Ken Wilds - February 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *RIP Mike
You were a great inspiration to the many
children at Lincoln School. My kids love you a
bunch you will be missed.
The Slotegraaf's*



Todd Slotegraaf - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *we did not know mr. worley but had the pleasure of meeting carolyn,
josh and mrs. worley. knowing them is a reflection of the wonderful
family he left behind to carry on. my thoughts are with them during
this trying time. hugs to all.*

judy and darrell santos - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *To the Worley family, I am so sorry to hear
about your loss, he was such a kind man...I
will keep you all in my thoughts.*



Sheri (Verrett) Theobald - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *To Gwen and Family - We are so sorry to
hear about Mike's passing. He was such a
great guy and we loved him too. Wished we
could have seen him more. Keeping you and
your family in our hearts and prayers. Love
and hugs - Lorraine and Joe*



Lorraine and Joe Osypczuk - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ To Gwen and all of Mike's family:

I was saddened to learn about Mike's death. While I was not a close friend, I would say that our paths had crossed when we were at Lake Superior State College. He was an RA and I was a security officer. I had (and still have) a tremendous respect for him. My prayers are with all of you. Now as a minister of the Savior Jesus Christ, I offer you the words of hope that Jesus gave to Martha in the Gospel: "I am the resurrection and the life." May Mike now enjoy the presence and eternal life and peace of our Risen Lord...

Rev. Fr. Ben Paris - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *it is with a heavy heart I express my sincere condolences to Gwen, Carolyn, Eric, the extended family and friends of Mike. What a great guy he was. Fly high with the angels Mike and may you forever Rest in Peace.*

Fern Spencer - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *You will be missed Mr. Mike!*
Love and prayers family n friends 🙏🙏🙏

Brenda Perry - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Mike will remain forever with all his loved ones. A wonderful , fulfilling life he lived. I hope his memories continue to keep him with you Gwen and family.*

JoDee (Studdard) Carlson - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a phenomenal person, and a friend to everyone he met. Heaven has earned a special Angel.

Lee Kwiatkowski - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I am heartbroken to have to leave a memory about Mike. He was a fellow 1971 Soo high Grad. He was such a presence and loved by all. Gwen you are my n my prayers. Thank you Mike for my senior year at Soo high and for making me feel welcome and for our 45 school reunion. I will always remember your hug. I will miss you my friend. God bless your family

Dawn Coleman Devins - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Gwen, I'm so heartbroken to hear about Mike. I can tell you from experience that the adjustment will be difficult but family and good friends, and even strangers will be put in your path to help you along. I credit the Holy Spirit for seeing my needs and helping me through. Please call if you need someone to talk to, really. 906-203-7102 I'll seek you out when I get back from Florida. Thoughts and prayers for you for comfort and strength. Jerry

Jerry P Wilson - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM