



## Michael Ernest Kenyon

July 9, 1948 - October 20, 2023

Michael Ernest Kenyon, age 75, died peacefully and beloved by so many on October 20, 2023. He was an adoring husband of Angela for 32 years. A loving father of Jeffrey Kenyon, and stepfather of Paul (Marla), David (Michelle) and Daniel. A doting grandfather of Anelyse, Yannick, Jackie, Eve, Brendan, Adrien and Gabe and a cherished brother to Sandy Hynes. He profoundly loved his numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and his fur baby Abby. Born and raised in Lansing, he received his undergraduate degree from Western Michigan University and earned his Master's degree in Public Administration from Wayne State University. He briefly taught in Roseville before continuing a life of service for others in Grosse Pointe Shores. There, he was a public safety officer (police, fire, paramedic, diver) for 11 years, before becoming Assistant Village Manager in 1982, and Village Manager in 1983 until he retired in 2009. Michael loved to laugh - and make others laugh. He enjoyed golf and travel, and avidly supported Michigan State University and Detroit sports teams. Above all, he reveled in time spent with his wife, family, and his myriad of devoted friends. Michael was generous to a fault; ever giving and asking for nothing but good company. Memorial Mass will be said, Friday, November 10, 2023 at 10am, at St. Kieran Catholic Church( 53600 Mound Rd, Shelby Township). In lieu of flowers, a donation in Michael's memory may be made to lionsclubs.org or Leader Dogs for the Blind. Please avoid sending Mums if flowers are to be sent. Also, please share photos, memories and sentiments for his tribute, celebrating his incredible legacy.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Twp.  
(49150 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Twp., MI 48315).

You can watch Michael's mass of resurrection by following, <https://www.youtube.com/@st.kieranparishshelbytowns197/featured>, on November 10, 2023 at 10:00 am.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church  
53600 Mound Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Laurie Duncan - November 10, 2023 at 08:21 AM

JC

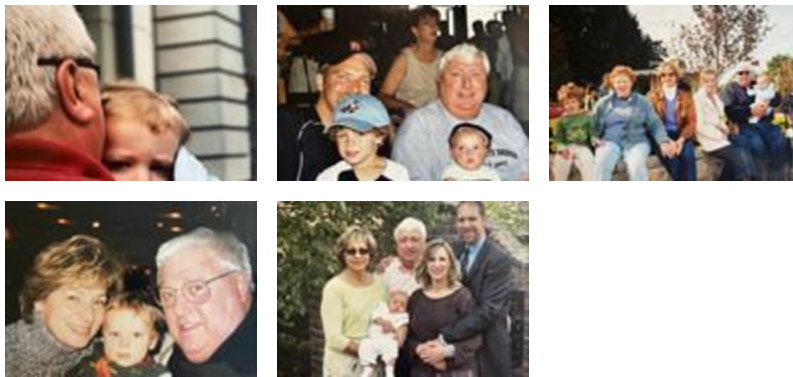
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jim cooke - November 08, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Michael Kenyon



Marla Regelbrugge - November 08, 2023 at 03:37 PM

JC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**jim cooke** - November 07, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ Well, Mikey...you know how hard it is for me to muster the words and show my affection, but you've taught me many things, one of which is to show others how loved they are in words and actions. So for you, here it goes. I never had the benefit of having a father in my life. I grew up without one and without the love and influence a father can give a daughter to shape who she is and will be...that is, until you came along. You filled that void for me. You filled an empty space in my life and filled it in abundance. You supported me, gave me affirmation when I had self-doubt, pampered me, protected me, lightened me with your sense of humor, celebrated small and big moments with me, welcomed, and included my own family (Dolores and Kevin) without hesitation. You gave our boys, Adrien and Gabe, a Grandpa, and they experienced what it is like to have and to be loved by one. It was an honor and a gift to be your "adopted" daughter. You changed me for the better and I am immensely grateful you were in my life, Paul's life and our children's. Thank you Mikey. You touched our hearts deeply and filled our lives fully. That's a heck of a legacy to leave.



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**Marla Regelbrugge** - November 07, 2023 at 12:02 PM

CH

*Beautiful.*

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**Candy and John Huetteman** - November 11, 2023 at 12:07 AM

JH

“ Hey Michael.....We won't take much of your time as I know you are meeting with your new foursome to play another round of golf before you go boating and fishing later.....we just wanted you to know how much we will miss you. There are so many things we will miss about you but I have to say the most outward expression was your smile and your contagious laugh! If we weren't laughing when we first met you, something you would comment on would start the ball rolling and then your laugh would make it all worthwhile. You were a good and truly loyal friend and always so kind to my family. It was always what you could do for others and that was so important to me for my beloved Grosse Pointe Shores. You worked tirelessly with me to make residents on both sides of an issue feel they both won the dispute and that is a very difficult thing to accomplish in politics and in the position you held. You always stood up for the people you worked with and always had the back of all the GPS employees. They respected you and their jobs because of your dedicated attitude to your position as Village Manager and the standard you set. You and your staff, especially that equally dedicated, hard-working executive assistant, Angela, made my job as Village President, so much easier and did everything you could to assist me and helped us realize our accomplishments. GPS was once denoted as “Camelot” by the newspaper and I remember Palmer Heenan, Mayor of GP Park, once stating that GPS was so extremely creative and formidable that the rest of the Pointes couldn't keep up! Michael, we will continue to now pray to you rather than for you as some day we will all be together again and that will really be “Camelot”!

*John and Candy Huetteman*

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**John Huetteman** - November 02, 2023 at 05:01 PM

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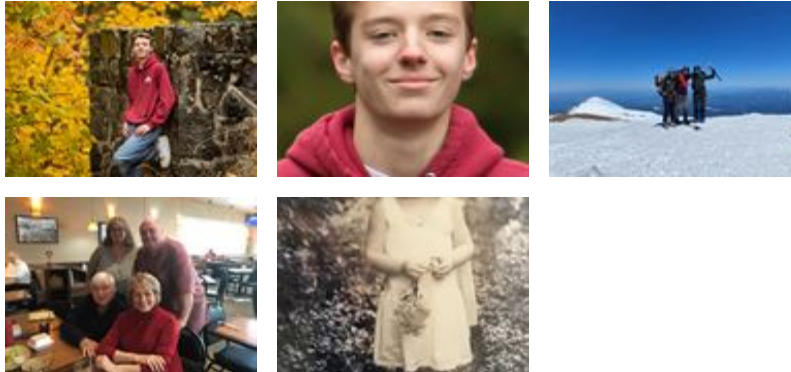
“ We are so sad at the passing of Michael. His spirit was larger than life and he brought positive energy into the room when he was around us. We had so much fun with him enjoying a spring training game in Florida watching his beloved Tigers or out sailing on Lake Michigan on our boat Serene. Great days, he will be missed. Much love to the family during this difficult time.



Zienkiewicz Family - November 01, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ 124 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - October 30, 2023 at 01:13 PM

LD

“ I can't express in words how much Michael means to me. Not only was he a great boss, but he was like a second father to me and special to my family as well. He made everyone around him feel special and the endless memories and laughs are priceless! I will love and miss him always.

Laurie Duncan - October 26, 2023 at 09:06 AM

MP

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Marco Pietrantonio** - October 25, 2023 at 10:15 PM

MR

“ *Marla Regelbrugge lit a candle in memory of Michael Ernest Kenyon*



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**Marla Regelbrugge** - October 25, 2023 at 08:15 PM

HK

“ Dear Angela, family & friends of Mike,  
When we first moved to GP Shores, in the early 90s, we soon discovered, much to our surprise & pleasure, it was all about Family, Friendships, Fun & First Rate Public Services from City Hall, DPW, Public Safety and the wonderful Park & Harbor, as a direct result of Mike’s dedicated leadership & his terrific motivated staff. We will always be grateful for the years of enjoyment we experienced while living there and raising our family.  
Harry & Lynn Kurtz

Harry Kurtz - October 24, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ Oh my banter buddy.... We could do it like no one else. Mikey was one in a million. One of those true blue friends ... always there when I needed him. I remember the first day I started in GPS, the ceiling to his office was on his desk ... all he did was laugh...that’s when I knew he was going to be one of the best people I would ever know.. I promise to continue to make everyday a laugh and eat fried pickles. Just for you my friend. ❤️



Jan Hiller - October 24, 2023 at 09:52 AM

MM

“ To Angela and Family,  
Each life is touched by others. Michael touched many lives in serving our community of Grosse Pointe Shores as its City Manager. Michael was an outstanding leader and friend. It was an honor knowing and working with him.  
I will always remember the laughter he brought to everyone around him, a delightful man with a joyful, soaring spirit.  
Extending my deepest sympathy. God’s peace to you.  
Mary Matuja 💔🙏

mary Matuja - October 24, 2023 at 09:18 AM

MM

“ My memories of Uncle Mike include endless fits of laughter, him caring for my parents, and his devoted love for Aunt Angela. Uncle Mike was generous to a fault and would give you the shirt off his back if it would make you happy. He is already and will be continued to be missed dearly!! ❤️💙🙏

Marisa Mazzara - October 24, 2023 at 05:15 AM

JC

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James Cooke - October 23, 2023 at 09:48 PM

MP

“ I have too many wonderful memories of Uncle Mike to list here, but one of the best would have to be when him and Aunt Angela treated my sister, grandma, and I to Cedar Point for the first time in 2013. Being the generous, fun-loving person he was, he insisted on buying Fast Lane passes and we rode everything. Literally, everything. I'll never forget riding “The Maverick” with him as he was screaming for his mother, both of us nearly crying with laughter. Uncle Mike, as I said to you a few days ago, it's never goodbye, but rather “see you later. I've always looked up to you growing up, and I hope to be as great of a person as you someday.

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**Marco Pietrantonio** - October 23, 2023 at 09:35 PM

BO

“ Dear Angela and family,  
Please accept our deepest sympathy in your recent loss of Michael, “The Master of Mirth”!  
He was the guiding light in our community. His leadership skills were without equal. Our community is the grateful recipient of his involvement. RIP  
Bill/Dianne O'Keefe

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**Bill OKeefe** - October 23, 2023 at 08:04 PM

RP

“ My memory of Uncle Mike will always be his laughter. I can still hear him saying “hey Angela” and then barely making it through telling a funny joke, or pointing to something funny on TV. You will truly be missed Uncle Mike. We will all miss your generous heart and hardy laugh! God bless you! -Bob

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**Robert Pietrantonio** - October 23, 2023 at 06:51 PM

MR

“ Angela & Michael visited us in FL for the first time at our newly built house. Michael asked if it was ok to work on some home projects for us while David & I were at work. I didn't know Michael was handy like that, but of course we agreed. When we returned home that night, Michael had installed a ceiling fan in our vaulted great room. I was so impressed and gushed about the wonderful job he had done! Later, he confessed he had called in a local electrician and paid extra for same day service!! 😂 Thanks for the laughs Michael



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Michelle Regelbrugge - October 23, 2023 at 05:41 PM

NS

“ Michael was a very amazing person . There are people in your life that you will meet that may not be related to you but you consider them family . That's Michael , He was very loving , caring and generous . He cared very much about everyone and would go out of his way to help anyone He always made me laugh(belly laugh ) I thank God that I did get to know Michael and spend many wonderful times with him and Angela ! You will be greatly missed Michael but never forgotten There is so much more to say but for now, Love you Michael .

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Nellie Syroid - October 23, 2023 at 05:19 PM

JC

“ *Michael was the best friend anyone could ever have my life is better because of him I'll always have a special place in my heart for him love and miss you dear friend.* ”



James Cooke - October 23, 2023 at 04:35 PM

MR

*I just love this picture! You two had such a special kinship.*

Marla Regelbrugge - October 23, 2023 at 05:03 PM

AK

*As you wish💔---Angela*

Angela Kenyon - October 23, 2023 at 09:56 PM



*Oh you two.... Trouble was your middle names!*

Jan Hiller - October 24, 2023 at 09:37 AM

MR

*It's true. Look at those ^ looks. They were up to something...!*

Marla Regelbrugge - October 24, 2023 at 02:24 PM