



Michael W. "Mike" Bourgeois

April 5, 1956 - April 8, 2020

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Michael W. "Mike" Bourgeois on April 8th, 2020, due to complications of his 4-year long battle with Pancreatic cancer. At age 64, he passed away peacefully in his lifelong home, with his wife, Susan, at his side. Mike was born April 5th, 1956, to Harold and Ruth Bourgeois in Kankakee, IL, and married Susan K. Tallman on June 30th, 1979.

Mike was a farmer in the Kankakee area his entire adult life and truly loved his occupation. He thoroughly looked forward to each spring planting, his favorite time of year, as he viewed it as a time of new growth after the dark of winter. A leader in the farming community, he served for 14 years on the Kankakee County Farm Bureau, first as the Aroma Township Director from 2002-2016, as well as on the Policy Development Committee from 2011-2016.

He also had a strong, steadfast faith, and was active in the life of the Catholic Church. He was a lector for many years first at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception, then St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mike and his wife, Susan, are both Associates of the Viatorians and ministered in the community. Recently, they joined St. George Catholic Church. Mike also was on the Momence Community School Board for several years as education and learning was of the utmost importance.

Besides his faith and agriculture, Mike loved aviation, meteorology, watching the birds each warm season, and following sports. He and Susan looked forward to escaping the cold of winter in Ft. Myers Beach where they spent much of January and February every year. He enjoyed the warmer weather, the beach, and his friends there. He also loved visiting his daughters in Florida and California.

Mike is survived by his wife, Susan, of 40 years; their three daughters and two sons-in-law: Denelle Bourgeois of San Diego, CA, Michelle and Barry Smith of Riverview, FL, and Andrea and Andrew DeVries of Apollo Beach, FL; and three grandchildren: Owen, Olivia, and Ethan Smith. Also surviving him are his two sisters and one brother and their spouses: Kathy and Mike Lambert, Janet and Dave Frederick, and Marty and Anne Bourgeois, and a host of nephews and nieces with their children; and lastly, all of his friends and neighbors. Mike is preceded in death by both his parents. Although Mike's time on earth has been cut short, he lived a full life with a lot of love and friendship.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a Memorial Mass will be held at a future date at St. George Catholic Church, along with a celebration of his life with friends and family. In lieu of flowers, donations or contributions during this time, the family asks that prayers, good deeds, and love is shared between friends, family, and neighbors. Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Comments



“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Susan, Michelle and the entire Bourgeois family on the loss of Michael. Our condolences are with the family on your loss.
John and Jan Rodgers

John and Jan Rodgers - April 22, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ Susan, we are so sorry to read of Michael's passing. Will remember his good humor and welcoming smile when ever we saw him. Our sincere sympathy to your family.
Paul and Cindy Bradley

paul Bradley - April 22, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing, my deepest condolences to all his family and close friends. I will always remember Mike as such a happy and up beat man. He always brought good conversation with positive energy. He was a Rage Softball Dad with me and we shared our families and our lives through those weekend trips. I will never forget Mike and his openness and his ability to have fun. He was our Champion of the "Ice Challenge" in our White Trash River Valley Rage Cooler. Love you, Mike RIP.
Bob and Kim Elliott

Bob Elliott - April 16, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ so sorry to hear about Mike, will keep you & your family in our prayers. many good memories with Mike when Andi & Marcia played traveling softball together

Joanne Grimes - April 15, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ Dear Susan and family,

We were so sad to learn about Mike's passing. Although our paths haven't crossed much in the last few years, we will always remember Mike - he was a positive spirit who simply radiated warmth and kindness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tony and Michelle Johnson

Tony Johnson - April 13, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ I only knew Mike and his family a little bit during my childhood as a parishioner and student at St. Pat's in Momence. I moved away from Momence after college. It is nice to hear of the good life he led. My sympathies are with his family at this time of great loss.



Patricia (McNulty) Zokal - April 13, 2020 at 03:20 PM



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“ Sr. Martha lite a candle in memory of Michael "Mike " Bourgeois. I remember Mike from our Koinonia days, his spiritual support and smiles. My prayers are with you Susan and family. God bless you.



Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - April 12, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ Susan and Family - My deepest sympathy to all of you. Mike always brought a smile when he came in to the office. He was so brave. May you find peace in your beautiful memories.

Kathy Shanahan

Kathy Shanahan - April 11, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ Our thought prayers are with the Family. Karrie and Kevin Pommier



Karrie Owen-Pommier - April 11, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ Susan,
Always enjoyed conversing with Mike.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Linda and Buff Robinson

Buff Robinson - April 10, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ Dear Susan and Family,

The photo of Mike accompanying his obituary is how I will always remember him. I will never forget our trip to Belize with Mike bouncing in the back of the vehicle we traveled in on the way to Corazol Town. He never complained. May he rest in the love and peace of God. Prayers for all of you.

Br. Michael Gosch, CSV

Michael Gosch - April 10, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Cheryl and I are so very sad to hear this news about Mike’s passing.. blessed to have known him and sending lots of love and prayers to entire family. May his beautiful soul Rest In Peace in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

Dan Schwarz - April 10, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Susan
I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Mike as a happy guy. There's a song, it's not goodbye, it's see you later; Mike has just gone on to see our Lord ahead but leaves a hole in the lives of his family and friends. Again I am so sorry for your loss and was sad to read of his passing.
Jill (Astle)

Jil Leitey - April 10, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ I have fond memories of Mike from St. mary of the Immaculate Conception Church. I remember him with always a smile on his face, and never too busy or too grown up to hang out with us kids. My deepest sympathy to Sue and the girls...

Claudia (Emling) Noe

Claudia Noe - April 10, 2020 at 12:27 AM



“ With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Michael W. "Mike" Bourgeois.



April 09, 2020 at 11:34 PM



“ Our family shares the grief of my sister Susan and their children and families. Mike was a great fighter, a lover of laughter, and an very good man. Best to all in this time of grief.
Larry Tallman

Larry Tallman - April 09, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him about Steve's career as an air traffic controller. May God give you strength to get through this trying time.
Sending hugs to all of you, especially Susan and Marty.

Katie McGreevy - April 09, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Thanks Katie,
Marty

Marty Bourgeois - April 09, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ Susan,

So sorry for your loss, sympathy and prayers, God be with you.

Don and Natalene Ferrari Schultz

Natalene Ferrari Schultz - April 09, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Mike was the Baltimore Oriole master. They always frequented his yard and had the first sighting in early May. An Oriole, not a Cardinal, will a reminder of Mike.

Michele Walsh - April 09, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Such a kind man. He shared a faith that inspired us all. We, his fellow Viatorians, will miss him always. We grieve with Susan and her family. May his smiling face remind us all that life is precious and to be kind to one another as Mike was.

Bro. Rob Robertson, CSV - April 09, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Mike was my brother-in-law and that never changed... he loved his farm and family!! We always had good laughs.. Prayers to Susan, his daughters and grandkids!!

Joyce Tallman - April 09, 2020 at 11:55 AM