



Michael Clary

August 8, 1954 - October 3, 2010

Visitation for Michael J. Clary, 56, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday. The Rev. Richard Pighini will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Red Cross or to the American Cancer Society. He died Sunday (Oct. 3, 2010) in the emergency room at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Mr. Clary worked at Henkel and Cognis Corp. for more than 30 years. He was born Aug. 8, 1954, in Michigan, the son of Robert and Patricia Gulczynski Clary. He was an Eagle Scout. He was involved with the Knights of Columbus, the Power Squadron, Relay For Life and was a scout master. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hiking and sailing. He also enjoyed spending time with his family. Surviving are his wife, the former Donna Harwood, of Bourbonnais, whom he married March 16, 1974, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley; three sons and two daughters-in-law, David Clary and Justin Ego, of Florida, Jonathon and Jennifer Clary, of Bourbonnais, James and Kimberly Clary, of Florida; one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Jamie LeRoy, of Buckley; 10 grandchildren; his father, of Florida; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Roberta and Vince Ganley, of Texas, Diane and Dave Rice, of Michigan, Jane and Michael Corba, of Florida; and one brother and sister-in-law, Dion and Sue Clary, of Glen Ellyn. He was preceded in death by his mother, his maternal grandparents and his paternal grandparents.

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“ *"I am standing on the shore as a great ship gently glides from the harbor and sails toward the horizon. ĩ¿½She is beautiful. Sails billowing; and shining bright as sunlight sparkling on distant waters. She grows smaller and smaller until at last, her white sails shine as ribbons out where the sky and water mingle as one.

And as I watch, a voice behind me says,

"Well, she's gone." She's gone. Gone? "No," I tell myself. No, she is not really gone. Not really. She is gone only in the sense that I can no longer see her. In reality, she is the same as ever; just as beautiful; just as shining. And deep in my heart I know, that on another shore someone is crying out, "Look! Look everyone! Here she comes!" (Author unknown)

So it is with our friend and shipmate Mike. ĩ¿½We know he has found a safe harbor. ĩ¿½May God grant comfort to Donna and his entire family.

Kankakee Valley Sail & Power Squadron##imported-begin##Robert Potter##imported-end##*

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“ God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered "come to me." With tearful eyes they watched you, and saw you pass away. Although they loved you dearly, they could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

May God keep Mike's soul and comfort you Donna, and your family and friends, in this time of sorrow.

In deepest sympathy,

Don and Diana Gully

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“ NULL###imported-begin##Billy D. Patton###imported-end##

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“ Mike was a great friend and colleague and will be greatly missed!

This poem made me think of
Mike.

Crossing the Bar

SUNSET and evening star,

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I
put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems
asleep,

Too full for sound or foam,

When that
which drew from out the boundless deep

Turns again
home.

Twilight and evening bell,

And
after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of
farewell;

When I embark;

For tho' from
out our bourne of Time and Place

The flood may bear me
far,

I hope to see my pilot face to face

When I
have crossed the bar.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

##imported-begin##Carol Huston##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to Michael's family.

The times we
spent together at Scout functions were always enjoyable. ï¿½He
always "did his best" and gave it 110%

May God be with
your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Fred Bohlmann##imported-
end##

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“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy in the families time of need. I have recently been through the same type of loss with the loss of my mother Delores and would like to say that it is difficult but gets easier with each passing day. At first you think how much you will miss your loved one and then you start to think of the good times and the happy times. If you need anything please don't hesitate to call or if you need a listening ear.##imported-begin##Tonya Gullquist##imported-end##

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“ I worked with Mike on SAP projects while I was with Henkel/Cognis. Mike was a great guy to work with. He was extremely helpful, and a joy to be around. My thoughts are with you at this time.

Jim##imported-begin##Jim Lanigan##imported-end##

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“ This came as a shock as I had just received a "hello" email from Mike a couple of weeks ago.

I had the unique opportunity to work with Mike in transitioning Cognis from older Environmental, Health and Safety Systems to newer system where North America became part of global solution. Challenges were many but Mike was there for it.

On a personal level, I did not know Mike all that well but I remember he spoke with love and pride regarding his wife, children and grandchildren. And I know he loved to be on the water.

We were about the same age... a reminder that life is but a brief moment in time.##imported-begin##Edwin Nieb##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. i¿½Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers...##imported-begin##Ron & Jennifer Pauley##imported-end##

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“ Donna and family,

I am so very sorry to learn of Mike's passing. i¿½I remember the many good times shared while we were employed at Littelfuse, Inc. i¿½I especially recall the Service Awards Banquets that we all attended. i¿½May cherished memories be of comfort to you during this difficult time.

##imported-begin##Cindy Eagle##imported-end##

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“ Donna,

So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. i¿½i¿½Want you to know many people are sharing your grief and praying for you and your family.

Ken##imported-begin##Ken Bjelland##imported-end##

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“ I was so sorry to read about Mike's passing. I remember all the late night shifts where he would tell me about all the kids activities and how proud he was of his family. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Linda Overacker##imported-begin##Linda Overacker##imported-end##

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“ Dear Clarys' - please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time in your family. I never knew Mike, but if the rest of the Clary clan is any indication, the world just lost one of the good guys. Jane and Diane, I'm sorry I can't attend the wake, but you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Becky Wilder##imported-end##

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“ Dear Donna & family,

We are so sorry for your loss, and our hearts are breaking for you now. ĩ½Hope it helps some that others are thinking of you and praying for you.

May God Bless,

David & Leatha Romine

Tifanie & Ryne##imported-begin##Leatha Romine##imported-end##

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“ I met Mike through our mutual involvement with the Kankakee Valley Sail and Power Squadron. ĩ½He was a fellow sailor and we shared a lot of good times on the water and off. ĩ½I wish I could have known him longer; but the few years we shared showed me what a smart, loving, caring person he was. ĩ½He was an enthusiastic participant and supporter of our local squadron. ĩ½We will dearly miss him. ĩ½Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Donna and family.##imported-begin##Louise Potter##imported-end##

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“ We are sorry for Your loss and offer You Our deepest sympathy in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ronnie Miller##imported-end##

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“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

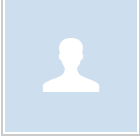
Please accept our sympathy, sorry we couldn't express this in person.##imported-begin##Ralph & Nat Ferrari##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the Clary family. As a fellow Scouter and Brother Knight, I will miss Mike and his pleasant, friendly personality. God Bless. Scott Seaton##imported-begin##Scott Seaton##imported-end##

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“ I've only known Michael for a few short years and will miss him greatly as I'm sure that everyone who knew him will also. My condolences to his wife Donna and their family and relatives.

Traveling with God

Life is just a journey
That everyone must make;
Sometimes it leads to sorrow,
In this land of give and take.
You can encounter danger
When the storms of life pass by,
Or you can feel warm sunshine
As you stop and rest awhile.
Cold winds are often blowing,
Then ice and snow we see;
The glitter is like jewels,
As it sparkles from each tree.
Sometimes the birds are singing,
And the flowers are in bloom;
There's often clouds and raindrops
And life seems dark with gloom.
There's beauty and there's sorrow
On the road that you must trod,
But you can overcome all odds,
If you travel it with God.
by:
Frances Culp Wolfe
Gerhardt Schultz

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“ My deepest sympathies to all family. I½Michael and I enjoyed many years of scouting activites with the Troop from Clifton. I½I know Michael will be sailing in the lakes above. I½Donna, having lost my husband 6 years ago, I can only say that time and family do help you. I½Love to you all.##imported-begin##Vickie Wood##imported-end##

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“ Dear Donna and family,

I am so sorry for your lost. I½Michael will be missed greatly by all whose life he touch. I½I will always remember him for his wonderful smile and great voice. May all your memories bring you comfort in the days, weeks and years ahead until you are reunited in heaven.

Sue##imported-begin##Sue LaFond Eastburn##imported-end##

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