



Michael J. Cuprys

March 21, 1948 - January 3, 2014

Michael J. Cuprys, 65, of Watseka, passed away Friday (Jan. 3, 2014) at Presence St. Joseph Hospital. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 10 a.m. Wednesday at Central Christian Church, Bourbonnais, until the 11 a.m. funeral service. Following the services, cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Mr. Cuprys worked at Presence St. Mary's Hospital for 30 years. He had worked for Cuprys Construction with his father and prior to that he was a teacher at Glen Raymond Jr. High School in Watseka. He was born March 21, 1948, in Vincennes, Ind., the son of Chester and Ida Mae Cuprys. He was a graduate of the last class of Kankakee Sr. High School (1966), and a graduate of Illinois State University. He was a swim coach at the YMCA in Kankakee. He was a member and past president of the Kankakee Jaycees, where he was active in the Haunted House. He participated in Christmas in April and the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Watseka. He was a competitive runner and swimmer in high school and college.

Surviving are his wife, Edythe E. Sthay, of Watseka, whom he married Aug. 8, 1998, in Watseka; two daughters, Theresa (Marek) Hosek, of Chicago, and LaWanda (Sam) Shively, of Maryland; two sons, David (Jamie) Adkins, and

Michael Paulissen (Ashley), all of Watseka; four grandchildren, Garrett Paulissen, William and Paxton Shively, and Triston Collins; one great-grandson, Jeremiah Shively; his mother, of Kankakee; one sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Terry Brinkman, of Bonfield; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; and one son, Matthew Cuprys.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Christian Church
310 Main St. NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 939-4433

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ Mike was always such a great guy. I was saddened to hear of his passing.

Blessings Alice Benjamin Decker

Alice Benjamin Decker - February 10, 2014 at 05:51 PM

PS

“ Edie,
Deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Pam Savanovic



Pam Savanovic - January 08, 2014 at 10:33 PM

JH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Edie and family. We were so sorry to hear about Mike.

Jon Hinkleman - January 08, 2014 at 09:46 PM

JF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Edie and family. We were so sorry to hear about Mike.

Jon Hinkleman and family - January 08, 2014 at 09:44 PM

SI

“ Stacy Ireland lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Cuprys



Stacy Ireland - January 08, 2014 at 12:42 PM

VB

“ Sorry to hear about Mike. He was such a nice person and will be deeply missed. My Deepest Sympathy to his family. RIP Mike.

Vickie Bertrand - January 07, 2014 at 10:50 PM

DM

“ Debbi Mogensen lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Cuprys



Debbi Mogensen - January 07, 2014 at 09:44 PM

VG

“ Dear Cuprys family, losing Mike is a great loss to the Presence St. Mary's staff. His loving smile and positive attitude will truly be missed. I pray that you may have peace during this time and may God give you comfort and strength in knowing that Mike is now at rest. Veretta

Veretta Gray - January 07, 2014 at 12:56 AM

CG

“ Carol Guy purchased the Home in Heaven Throw for the family of Michael J. Cuprys.



Carol Guy - January 06, 2014 at 05:48 PM

GH

“ Dear Cuprys family. I am so sorry to hear of Mike's death, especially since Matt's death such a short time ago. You have my very deepest sympathy. I thought the world of him when we all belonged to Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Glenda Huff

Glenda Huff - January 06, 2014 at 05:39 PM

SJ

“ Dear Edie, Nancy <3 and Family,
My sincere condolences on the loss of Mike.
Many years we worked together at St. Mary's.
Mike was a quiet man at work, but he'd flash that million dollar smile and say Hello. May God continue to Bless each of you as he holds your loved one in his arms.
I will continue to pray for you and your families. Sending love and hugs your way,
Sincerely, Sue Jensen



Sue Sorensen Jensen - January 06, 2014 at 05:31 PM

CG

“ Oh Edie, I am so sorry, many memories of Mike at the hospital, bowling, at our wedding. You two were there when my Mom passed away. He was the a great friend and I know you will miss him so much. I know we haven't got to spend much time together since I moved to Wisconsin but you two were always in my thoughts. I hope your memories give you peace and I know Mike and his son will be watching over you during this rough time. We send our love to you and your family.

Carol Guy - January 06, 2014 at 05:21 PM

VR

“ Our deepest sympathy to all.
Terry & Vicki Regnier

vicki regnier - January 06, 2014 at 04:23 PM

PT

“ My memory of Mike will be the inspiration and courage he had shown to so many. His devotion to family and work, his friendship to so many. I will miss you my friend. God be with you and he must have needed another carpenter to have taken you so soon.

Patte Thompson - January 06, 2014 at 03:29 PM

RB

“ Mike was a dear friend and one of the finest men I ever met. His kindness and wonderful sense of humor blessed everyone he knew. Mike will be so missed.

Ruth Byrns - January 06, 2014 at 03:00 PM

RM

“ *Rita Morris lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Cuprys*



Rita Morris - January 06, 2014 at 01:54 PM

CZ

“ *Chris Zerites lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Cuprys*



Chris Zerites - January 06, 2014 at 12:43 PM

KR

“ *I will always remember Mike as a soft-spoken, kind person. i have known him since grade school. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Karen Riml, Brunswick, ME

Karen Riml - January 06, 2014 at 11:18 AM

MG

“ *Michelle Godinez lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Cuprys*



Michelle Godinez - January 06, 2014 at 08:04 AM

KS

“ *Kathy Styck lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Cuprys*



Kathy Styck - January 05, 2014 at 06:47 PM

DC

“ *David And Peggi Clay lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Cuprys*



David and Peggi Clay - January 05, 2014 at 12:43 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Brinkman lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Cuprys*



Nancy Brinkman - January 05, 2014 at 10:32 AM

TA

“ *Tom Andersen lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Cuprys*



Tom Andersen - January 05, 2014 at 09:02 AM

JA

“ *Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of
Michael J. Cuprys*



Judy Andersen - January 05, 2014 at 09:01 AM