



Michael J. LaGesse

April 22, 1944 - December 14, 2019

Michael J. LaGesse, age 75, of Bradley passed away Saturday, December 14, 2019 at his home. He was born April 22, 1944 in Kankakee, the son of Paul & Mary Margaret (Yates) LaGesse. Michael married Sheila L. O'Brien on October 30, 1982 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. She preceded him in death on August 15, 2005.

Mike graduated from St. Patrick's Central High School and Eastern Illinois University. He retired as the Business Manager for the Knights of Columbus #745 in Kankakee, retiring after 27 years. Mike was the Bradley Village Clerk for 22 years and a member of the Kankakee County Board for 27 years.

Mike was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, where he was also former Financial Secretary and former Knight of the Year. He was very dedicated to the BINGO nights held there by promoting and working at it. His late wife, Sheila, used to say, "He was very loved, because he gave so much love".

Mike was very active in fundraising in the community. The organizations he supported include the Easter Seals Telethon, the Tootsie Roll Campaign and many others.

Mike was an avid Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bears fan. He enjoyed golfing. He was also a big supporter of Bishop McNamara Catholic School. He was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Surviving are two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Margaret "Muggs" & Harry Frechette of Bourbonnais and Marilyn & Tom Savoie of Bradley; one brother,

Gerald "Buzz" LaGesse of Paducah, KY; one stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Doug & Michelle Morgan of Kankakee; three grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, who loved him dearly. In addition to his wife, Sheila LaGesse, Mike is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Jean Azzarelli and Arlene Mitchell; one brother, Ronald P. LaGesse; and three infant siblings.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, December 20, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Rev. Anthony Nugent will officiate. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

PN

“ So sorry to hear about his passing. He used to live down the street from my family when we were kids.

Penny & Jerry Noe - December 28, 2019 at 04:20 PM

TP

“ Rest in peace Mike. You served God, family, and friends well. My prayers are with you and your family.

Tom Palzer - December 26, 2019 at 01:46 PM

JE

“ A thoughtful and considerate board member. A wonderful balance of intellect and humor. A real pleasure and privilege to have known him. Warmest regards.

Jim Piekarczyk, Retired County Engineer - December 19, 2019 at 03:48 PM

NW

“ Rest In Peace Mike. Prayers to his family and friends
Nancy Ponikvar Waller

nancy ponikvar waller - December 19, 2019 at 02:06 PM

JG

“ Mike was a good friend to all.His spirit and boundless energy as a community servant will be missed.
Joe Giacchino

Joseph Giacchino - December 19, 2019 at 10:27 AM

DB

“ Mike was a very engaging conversationalist who never had a bad word to say about family or friends. I had not seen him much for lo these many years but all the times I had with him were full of laughter and pleasant memories. When my brother Dennis passed away Mike' words were a great comfort to me and my family. am sad he is no longer with us but am sure that he is now in a.better place.

David Brady

David Brady - December 19, 2019 at 12:37 AM

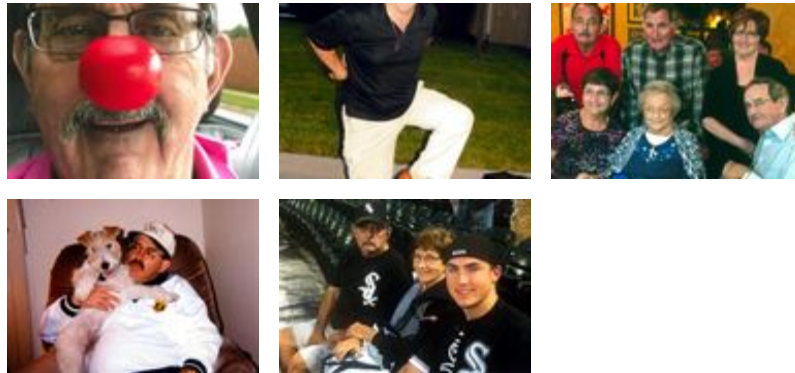
BE

“ Mike was a wonderful person. The family is in our prayers and thoughts.

Brian & Julie Ebersole - December 18, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - December 18, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ *Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Michael J. LaGesse*



Candy Ray - December 17, 2019 at 09:44 PM



“ *Buzz, Muggs, Marilyn. Sorry for your loss. Prayers. Gene/Sharon Tomaszewski*

Gene/Sharon Tomaszewski - December 17, 2019 at 04:23 PM



“ *To one of the sweetest men we have ever known Bless you Mike*

vicki and bob redmond - December 17, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ *Vicki And Bob Redmond lit a candle in memory of Michael J. LaGesse*



vicki and bob redmond - December 17, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Michael J. LaGesse*



Tom Mallaney - December 17, 2019 at 11:35 AM

CS

“ *Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Michael J. LaGesse*



Carla Scheppler - December 17, 2019 at 11:06 AM

RM

“ *God has surely gained a warrior angel in taking you home Mike. You will be missed by so many, and our community will suffer from your loss just as your family and friends. I am so happy you will be reunited with your beloved Sheila. May you again share a dance and a song of love with your lovely lady. Rest in peace good and kind sir.*

Rose Mitchell - December 17, 2019 at 08:55 AM

DK

“ *Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Michael J. LaGesse*



Dewey Kilbride - December 16, 2019 at 05:23 PM

DK

My deepest sympathies to his family and many friends. Always an engaging person and fun to be around. He will be missed by all those who loved him.

Dewey Kilbride - December 16, 2019 at 05:21 PM

ES

“ Of a truly kindly nature, Mike's quick-wit and refreshing smile uplifted whomever he came across. His steady hand and ready humor will be sorely missed by a host of lifelong friends, relatives, public servants, and many others. Mike lived a life of service to others with malice towards none. He always looked for the right path. Our deepest sympathies go out to his sisters, Muggs and Marilyn, his brother Buzz, nephew Mark, and all their spouses and families.

With deepest sympathy, Ed & Jean Smith and family.

Edward D Smith - December 16, 2019 at 03:36 PM

JF

Thank you Ed, your beautiful get well card came the day of Mikes passing, Buzz, Muggs, Marilyn, Mark and I were all together when I read it to them, your words have brought great comfort. Thank you Jackie Frechette

Jackie Frechette - January 12, 2020 at 07:31 AM

MG

My Phi Sig Brother at Eastern Ill Univ. Mike was a real character, a storehouse of fun, and a true brother of the heart. Mike Goodman - 3/25/2020

Mike Goodman - March 25, 2020 at 09:18 PM