



Curtis Michael Sturgeon

September 17, 1946 - April 4, 2020

Curtis M. “Mike” Sturgeon, 73, of Evansville, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2020 at his home surrounded by his “noisy” daughters, granddaughter and loving wife that held his hands and prayed with him as he passed. Mike was a man who lived by faith, not fear and had prepared his soul for his journey home to meet his Lord and Savior.

Mike was born September 17, 1946 in Evansville to the late Curtis Willard and Sarah Frances (Brown) Sturgeon. He married the love of his life, in 1972, who he endearingly referred to as, “Miss Debbie”. He was a 1964 graduate of FJ Reitz High School. After high school Mike felt drawn to serve his country during the Vietnam War and enlisted in the United States Army where he proudly served his country for six years. Mike continued to serve for 30 years as a deputy sheriff for the Vanderburgh County Sheriff’s Department and 6 years as Director of Community Service and was known to many as “Sarge”. His love for the Lord and his wife was abundant. During his years of coaching girls softball it was never a surprise to hear him say, “if it ain’t bleeding or broke then get back on the field”. He loved to play golf, ride Harley’s, and was an excellent artist. His lifetime passion for horses and traveling made up some of his best memories and stories as a wrangler. May his memory live strong as a faithful servant, mentor, leader, loving husband, father, brother, “papaw” and dedicated friend. As we hold his past in our hearts, we should all be hearing, “quit your crying or I will give you something to cry about”.

Surviving Mike are his wife of 47 years, Debbie (Patton) Sturgeon; three daughters, Mindy (Dan) Gaffney, Andrea Sturgeon, and Amy (Tim) Seib; a son, Rodney (Jennifer) Gibson; sister, Lee Ann Shields, Matt Shields and grandchildren, Caplin Lawrence, Riley Lawrence, Luke Lawrence, Maysa Lawrence, Izzy Seib, Vivienne Seib, Grayson Gibson and Myah Gibson.

Due to the current restrictions involving COVID-19, private graveside services and burial with military rites will be restricted to immediate family members at St. Joseph Cemetery. However, we invite those that would like to honor him, to follow in procession from Pierre Funeral Home to St Joseph Cemetery. The family will also offer the option to view the ceremony via Facebook live, from the account of Mindy Gaffney.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Curtis Michael Sturgeon*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Dear Debbie and Family,
I was so sorry to learn about Mike! I remember how you would often talk about him when you were driving the bus when I took my third graders on all those field trips. I could tell how much he meant to you and how happy you were, especially when you went on your travels together. I'm thankful that I was able to see you when Rich and I were doing our volunteer job at the hospital. We send you our deepest sympathy. We will be praying that God will bring you and your family peace and comfort.*

Kathie and Rich Siegert

Kathryn Siegert - April 10, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Debbie and the family. I met Mike at Bob's gym where we worked out for years. I truly enjoyed our conversations about horses & his time in the military & the sheriffs department. John Pawk*

John Pawk - April 10, 2020 at 02:40 PM

KW

“ DearDebbie,Mindy,Amy,andAndrea,
Jan and I want to express our deepest sympathy for the lost of your Husband and Dad! I know how much he loved his family and wanted them to be happy and enjoy life! He and I experienced many memorable Oak Hill Wildcat games that centered around his daughters! He would give you that “ Mike Smile” and strong high five! He was so proud!
There was no question that Debbie and Mike went hand in hand! I’m sorry we can’t be physically with you today, but know you are in our hearts and prayers! May God hold you in the palm of His Hand! The Sturgeons have always been very special to me! “Once A Wildcat Always A Wildcat!”
Sincerely,
Ken and Jan Wempe

Ken and Jan Wempe - April 09, 2020 at 10:01 PM

PS

*Dear Debbie and family,
I know that your hearts are breaking for your loss of Mike and so sorry to hear of his passing. Debbie, I know that your faith is giving you strength at this time of sorrow and that you will find comfort in all your wonderful memories. Mike will always remain in your hearts and now he’s in the arms of his Lord. Prayers to all.....
Paulette and Dave*

Paulette Senning - April 12, 2020 at 10:43 AM

JN

“ It has been a joy to know Mike, and we are so thankful for his life and testimony! We are praying much for you, Debbie, and all your family on losing such a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather! But we thank God that he is more alive than ever and rejoicing in His Savior! We will keep you in our prayers. Much love, grace, and peace to you ~ Judy and David Niednagel

Judy Niednagel - April 09, 2020 at 03:39 PM

GB

“ We have known Mike for many years, and he will be greatly missed. We send our condolences and best wishes to Debbie and all family members. I appreciate the time I got to spend with Mike while pursuing our careers, on the golf course, and on social visits, and always knew him to be loyal and honorable. Mike was a good man and a great friend.

Gayle and Randy Bailey - April 09, 2020 at 03:17 PM

YC

“ Your Friends & Family at Integrity Calibration purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Curtis Michael Sturgeon.



Your Friends & Family at Integrity Calibration - April 09, 2020 at 02:25 PM

TP

“ Debbie,

You and your loved one will be in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. From the Bill and Luanne Pierce family.

Tim Pierce

Tim Pierce - April 09, 2020 at 02:19 PM

RC

“ Ray and I met Mike and Debbie in Creede Colorado in 2008
We have shared travel adventures - Colorado, Texas, Missouri,
Tennessee , volunteer work at Sunnen/YMCA of the Ozarks and a
lifetime of memories together in a few short years of friendship that
will remain in our hearts forever . You will be greeting us at Heavens
gate when we are called to join you - Life Is A Journey
Love and will miss you
Sheila and Ray Craven
Bulverde, Texas

Ray Craven - April 09, 2020 at 12:38 PM

PP

“ Lee Ann,
So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My thoughts and prayers for all
the family.
When I was in high school I worked at the Economy grocery on
Barker Ave. Mike used to come in and give me a hard time just to
pester me. He gave me lots of laughs and also looked out for me
too. Great memories of a great guy.
Phyllis Pate

Phyllis Pate - April 09, 2020 at 11:55 AM

PJ

“ Sending prayers & hugs. Pat & Chet Jost

pat jost - April 09, 2020 at 11:52 AM

RK

“ I have known Mike since H.S. And I don't think i ever saw him
without a smile.R.I.P. My friend.

Ray ko - April 09, 2020 at 11:16 AM

MG

“ I'll always remember when Mike came into the Auditor's Office to ask about dental insurance, and when I looked up he was smiling and wearing his "Billy Bob" teeth. I about fell out of my chair. Such a great guy, with a big heart. My prayers are with Debbie and the girls and the entire Sturgeon & Patton families.

Madelyn (Falkenstein) Grayson

Madelyn Grayson - April 09, 2020 at 10:40 AM

KR

“ Dear Debbie,
What a beautiful tribute you all wrote for Mike. What an incredible person he was. How blessed he us now to be in his true home. My sympathy and prayers are with you and your family.

Kathy Richardson

Kathy Richardson - April 09, 2020 at 09:55 AM

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family , at this difficult time. We are thinking of you all. Wish we could be there. We will never forget all our wonderful memories . Until we see you again...

Barry and Julie Rolley

Julie Rolley - April 09, 2020 at 09:05 AM

KB

“ *Debbie and family,
So many wonderful memories while I worked at North High School.
You and Mike were the first parents I met. I'm so blessed to have
had the privilege of knowing and working with you two and also
having the girls in school. Sending many hugs and prayers.*

Kathy Brown-Sparrow - April 08, 2020 at 11:59 PM

BB

“ *Had the wonderful opportunity to meet Mike and Debbie in Florida
at a state park pancake house with Bob and Vicki Bender. Mike told
some very interesting stories. Only time our paths have crossed.
Will always cherish the opportunity to meet you both. Condolences
to Debbie and her family.*

Brian Branson - April 08, 2020 at 09:14 PM

HZ

“ *Debbie our sincere condolences to you and your family. Mike was
such a wonderful man and was one of a kind. He will truly be
missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.
Love you. ❤️*

Hal and Debbie Zaro - April 08, 2020 at 08:19 PM

TH

“ To Mike's beautiful wife, Debbie, & all your wonderful family, we extend our heartfelt condolences, prayers & love. 47 years of God's gift of Mike to you is an amazing grace. What an impression Mike made on all his golf buddies. One of his most impressive traits was his ability to freely share his feelings about his faith, not something many share so easily. And the many hours he labored carving gremlins on golf balls was a true labor of love for a bunch of people he hardly knew. Mike loved life every minute. We are happy for you that you had him for those many years. May he be at peace w/ the Lord. And may God continue to bless you & all your family. We will remember all of you in our prayers.

Love,

Tom & Judy Hogan

Thomas Hogan - April 08, 2020 at 08:17 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry. Thankfully you, Amy, were able to be with him at the end. I only know him from your wedding. Him popping his cowboy hat on just as he & your Mom were walking up the is was so funny! Take care. XO



Dotty Kerney Bowman - April 08, 2020 at 05:09 PM

DD

“ Duane Davis lit a candle in memory of Curtis Michael Sturgeon



Duane Davis - April 08, 2020 at 04:44 PM

HH

“ I was deeply saddened to hear that Mike passed. Always a gentleman, I am proud to have known, and worked with him. Harris Howerton

harris howerton - April 08, 2020 at 04:21 PM

KR

“ Remember hom coming into Ace Hardware all the time. My prayers and thoughts are with you .

Karen Reibel - April 08, 2020 at 02:39 PM

SA

“ Sandy Appler lit a candle in memory of Curtis Michael Sturgeon



Sandy Appler - April 08, 2020 at 01:52 PM

AG

“ Alan Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Curtis Michael Sturgeon



Alan Gibbs - April 08, 2020 at 01:42 PM

JC

“ *RIP, Mike. ❤️
You were the best.
Ride on, my friend.
Judy Lackey Clark*



Judy Lackey Clark - April 08, 2020 at 09:17 AM

JT

*So very sorry for your loss. The family has our deepest sympathy.
HOWARD n Jan Titzer*

jan n howard titzer - April 09, 2020 at 04:44 PM

JC

Debbie, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family! My first time to ride a horse was with you guys! 🙏 Jan Craddock

Jan Craddock - April 12, 2020 at 09:41 AM