



Michael Alan Woods

January 27, 1948 - April 11, 2016

Michael Alan Woods, 68, a long time Rushville resident, passed away April 11, 2016 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born January 27, 1948 in Rushville to Loren E. Woods & Norma Faye (Stamm) Cherry. Mike was a 1966 graduate of Rushville Consolidated High School & graduated with a BA of Music in 1970 from Milligan College in Johnson City, TN.

Mike had given private piano lessons since 1968 and was most recently accompanist to the Benjamin Rush Middle School Choirs. His music ministry had touched so many lives through his involvement in many school systems, churches and theatrical groups. He was the oldest member of Slabtown/Briar Patch Players. Mike was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church & former member of Main Street Christian Church. His passion of music was evident in his life.

Mike is survived by his sisters, Sue (Dick) Sharpe of Rushville & Jenny (Warren) Engel of Rush County, a brother, Rob (Shelley) Hendrix of Indianapolis, half sisters, Mary Beth Woods of Greensburg and Amy (Joe) Goff of new Braunfels, TX, half brother, David (Penny) Woods of Greensburg, nieces, Robin Phelps, Katie Metz, Jessica Mattax, Cassie Green, Brittany Coy & Lauren Beckett, 1 great niece & 3 great nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 11 AM Thursday, April 14, 2016 at St Paul's United Methodist Church, 426 N. Morgan, Rushville, IN. 46173. Pastor Jan Dimick will preside. Friends are welcome to visit at the church from 3-8 PM

Wednesday, April 13 at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rush County Community Foundation c/o Music for Rush County or St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Alan Woods*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *James Neuman lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods*



James Neuman - May 11, 2016 at 07:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Alan Woods.*



April 13, 2016 at 08:07 PM



“ *Greg Raika lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods*



Greg Raika - April 13, 2016 at 01:35 PM

AM

“ Sue, Jenny and Rob and all of Mike's family,
Those of us who knew and loved Mike at Milligan are so saddened
by the loss of your brother and our dear friend. The testimonies of
so many he touched are a tribute to an incredible man who gave
love, encouragement and the gift of laughter so freely. While we
can't be there in person tomorrow, you'll be in our prayers. We look
forward to joining him in making beautiful music again.
With love, Anne and Warren Miller

Anne Miller - April 13, 2016 at 01:27 PM

SS

Thank you Anne. Our hearts are broken. Losing Mike has left such a
void in our family. We were not ready to let him go but God had another
plan. He always spoke so highly of you and Warren. We, as Christians,
have faith we will see him again.

Sue

Sue Sharpe - May 01, 2016 at 08:34 PM

JS

“ I remember Mike, Sue, Rob, and Jenny being at their Grandparent's
store across the street from our house. I saw Mike awhile back at
the store and talked about the days of growing up on 8th street. His
smile and kind heart will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out
to all of Mike's family. Keep playing Mike, we all hope to hear you
again!

Jane Floyd Sringman

Jane Springman - April 13, 2016 at 12:04 PM

GG

“ A dear friend who leaves so many good memories.

George F. Gordon - April 13, 2016 at 06:29 AM



“ Oh Mike, please pray for me to be worthy of your sight again someday. You are undeniably with our Lord. You forgave me for what I was forced to do...hope I can forgive myself. You are gone and we are all so sad. I often had dreams about us, you and me, remember? I want you back; you need to play at Rachael's wedding...Oh Mike, how happy I am, for you are in heavenly peace now. I do love you - loved you since 1977, SMS, and Rush County Players. If I close my eyes, I can hear you playing Our God Is An Awesome God! for eternity.

Stephanie Hasecuster - April 13, 2016 at 02:53 AM



“ So Norma Faye must be cleaning house again.....cause Mike is coming home!!!!!!

Love to all,
Tricia Stamm

Tricia Stamm - April 12, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ There just are no words to express how sorry we are Sue and family for your loss. Mike was a very dear friend in high school. Who would have known that in later years our two children would benefit from his immense musical talent by both taking piano lessons. Our son was also fortunate to have enjoyed the fun times with Mike as a part of Slabtown. Reading through the comments, one realizes just how much Mike was loved by so many. What a tremendous loss to Rush County, and especially to the ones who were fortunate enough to have crossed his path and be blessed to call him a "friend". Know that our thoughts are with you.....

Linda/Greg Clevenger - April 12, 2016 at 02:27 PM

SS

Thank you Linda. I just read this post tonight. Our hearts are broken. We were not ready to lose him but God had another plan. It comforts all of us knowing Mike was loved by so many. He will be sorely missed.
Sue

Sue Sharpe - May 01, 2016 at 08:46 PM

BW

“ *The "North Main Street Gang" won't be the same without you. Your spirit and love of life will be missed by so many. My most sincere sympathy to Sue, Jenny, Rob, Robin, and the rest of Mike's loving family.*

Becky Suttle Webb - April 12, 2016 at 11:27 AM

HB

“ *Harriet Briggs lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods*



Harriet Briggs - April 12, 2016 at 09:01 AM

HB

Jenny, I'm so sorry. May the love and sympathy you've shown to me when loosing my Mother come back to you double fold. Blessings.....

Harriet Briggs - April 12, 2016 at 09:02 AM

JE

Thank you dear Harriet, we comfort those who also have comforted us...

jenny - May 02, 2016 at 07:48 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Coons lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods*



Patricia Coons - April 12, 2016 at 08:29 AM

PV

“ *Pam Vogel lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods*



Pam Vogel - April 12, 2016 at 08:22 AM

JT

“ *Joyce Richards Turner lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods*



Joyce Richards Turner - April 12, 2016 at 06:59 AM

SR

“ My Family (the 5 children of Margaret Mary Roberts) met Mike & Sue Woods in June, 1961. Our Father had passed away on May 7th, 1961, and our Beloved Grandmother Irene Mueller was diagnosed shortly thereafter with Breast Cancer. Grandma needed a Radical Mastectomy to save her life. The day of Grandma's Surgery in June '61, Norma Faye had insisted that Mom leave us 5 Children at NF's house, so Mom would not have to worry about us. What I remember Most about that day, nearly 55 years ago, is how Kind & Caring Norma Faye, Mike, & Sue were to all 5 of us Roberts' children. We had just lost our Dad & we knew Grandma was in a "Bad Way" & we were worried she might be taken from us now. Mike & Sue played some of the Popular Rock 'N Roll, 45 Records of that time on probably a Single-Disc Record Player. Sue was a Pretty Good dancer as I recall, and she & Mike got all 5 of us up and dancing to the tunes. Norma Faye provided meals for us that day, although I can't recall what we had. Long Story Short...this Beautiful Family reached out to Our Family and Lifted us up out of our Collective Hurt that day and made things better, at least for a while. So, RIP, Dear Mike!...We All know you Surely are worthy of Heaven from the Exemplary Life you led on this Earth! And, God Grant His Comforts to all of your Family Members, for the loss of such a FINE PERSON! (P.S. Final thought - in '61, I'm guessing that Robbie would have been about 3, and I am not sure if Jenny was an infant then or on the way?)

Stephen M. Roberts - April 11, 2016 at 11:21 PM

RH

Stephen--thank you so much for sharing. Your mother was a dear friend to ours. We always thought so highly of your family. And...good guess. I was 3 years old at the time. --Rob Hendrix

Rob Hendrix - May 07, 2016 at 08:57 PM

CC

“ Thanks for teaching so many children how to play the piano.... Will miss your smiling face.
Christie Cain and family



christie Cain - April 11, 2016 at 09:22 PM

KB

“ Mike was such a sweet man, and could he ever pound the piano keys. I picture him always with a big smile. Hugs to the Woods and Hendrix siblings. - Kammi Barnard

Kammi Barnard - April 11, 2016 at 09:19 PM

KC

“ Kristi Cregar lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods



Kristi Cregar - April 11, 2016 at 09:08 PM

KA

“ Kathy Angle lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods



Kathy Angle - April 11, 2016 at 08:25 PM

SE

“ Wonderful memories. Mike brought joy to so many through his musical talent and smiles and laughter to all who were fortunate to know him. Love and prayers to the Woods and Hendrix family -
Suanne Sloan Evans

Suanne Sloan Evans - April 11, 2016 at 07:28 PM

SM

“ Susie McClure lit a candle in memory of
Michael Alan Woods



Susie McClure - April 11, 2016 at 07:26 PM

MD

“ My deepest sympathies to Mike's family. I cannot think about Mike without a smile crossing my face. Such a talented person in so many ways and he always made me laugh.

Melissa Daubenspeck - April 11, 2016 at 06:50 PM

BL

“ Barbie & Tim Lower lit a candle in memory of
Michael Alan Woods



Barbie & Tim Lower - April 11, 2016 at 06:47 PM

BH

“ Thank you for sharing your talents and smiles. You live on in the students who will remember you always



Bryan, Deb, Nate, Josh, and Luke Hummel - April 11, 2016 at 06:45 PM

DC

“ Dottie And Dave Clevenger lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods



Dottie and Dave Clevenger - April 11, 2016 at 06:40 PM

DC

To Sue and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Dave and I always enjoyed being around Mike and of course his love of music was so close to us also. I, too, took our grandson to him for piano lessons over the years. We will never forget the many wonderful memories of the high school plays and the smiling energy he always shared. Friends for sure in loving memories. Dottie and Dave Clevenger

Dottie and Dave Clevenger - April 11, 2016 at 06:51 PM

JM

“ Mike always treated his piano students as if they were his own. I remember dropping my two daughters off for lessons (Callie and Shelley), and if we were slightly early, he would say: "send 'em on back to my tv room". Mike was a powerful angel of the Lord while here on Earth. I will miss you Mike: Jane Artmeier Meyer

Jane Meyer - April 11, 2016 at 06:13 PM

KH

“ *Kathy (Richardson) Hill lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods*



Kathy (Richardson) Hill - April 11, 2016 at 05:54 PM

JC

“ *Mike was such a big part of our young high school lives in Rushville. We are so sad to hear of Mike's passing...Mike you will be missed not only by those people in your life now, but also by all of those whose lives you touched in the past. Rest in peace.*

Joe and Sandy Consolino

Joe Consolino - April 11, 2016 at 05:51 PM

RG

“ *Richele Griffin lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods*



Richele Griffin - April 11, 2016 at 05:45 PM

RG

“ *Mike, it's comforting that we all know you are in Heaven with your Savior. You were an example to us all. Possibly the kindest man I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Sending prayers to your family during this difficult time.*

Richele Griffin - April 11, 2016 at 05:45 PM

Tiffany Peak

“ You're not gone really. You left a piece of yourself with every student. When I play piano, a piece of you plays along with me. There are too many memories to share. Each better than the last.

Tiffany Peak - April 11, 2016 at 05:39 PM

MC

“ Mary Cooper lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods



Mary Cooper - April 11, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ Mike was a friend to all and he will be missed. Sending my prayers to the Woods Family.



Michael Ruby - April 11, 2016 at 05:11 PM

DP

“ This saddens Denny and me. We always had fun together. Mike and I joked about being in the Rushville Hospital nursery as babies. I was just 4 days older and back then your mom and babies stayed forever. Then we were good friends thru high school and still were. He will be missed by many. Prayers to all of you.



Denny & Carole Peggs

Denny & Carole Peggs - April 11, 2016 at 05:09 PM

JA

*I knew Mike in junior high and high school. He had my mom, Jane Anderson, in English. What a fun time we all had together! A fun and funny guy and so kind!
RIP Mike!*

Judy Anderson - April 12, 2016 at 12:49 PM

RM

“ Steve, Rhonda, Iesha, and Dustin Maupin



Rhonda Maupin - April 11, 2016 at 04:56 PM

LG

“ Larry Gorman lit a candle in memory of
Michael Alan Woods



Larry Gorman - April 11, 2016 at 04:29 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan
Woods



Becky - April 11, 2016 at 03:42 PM

HC

“ Heather Clark lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods



Heather Clark - April 11, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ Lisa Boaz lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods



Lisa Boaz - April 11, 2016 at 02:38 PM



Mike was always so kind and friendly. It's been years since my daughters learned music from him at St. Mary's, but they would always be delighted to see him out and about, and he always called them by name and greeted them with a smile. I dont think he ever forgot the name of a single student because they all meant the world to him. People like Mike made Rushville a better place. I will miss him greatly.

Lisa Boaz - April 11, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ Bonnie Miller lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods



Bonnie Miller - April 11, 2016 at 01:39 PM

DC

“ Mike and I grew up together. Had fights over girls, Laughed a lot. And My dad married his mother so we were step-brothers. I loved to hear him play the piano at dad;s house on Sugar Hill Dr. He will be missed, but I know he is in good hands. Save a place for me, Mike. I know I will see you again.



David Cherry

David Cherry - April 11, 2016 at 01:12 PM

DB

“ Depart, O Christian soul, out of this world; May your rest be this day in peace, and your dwelling place in the Paradise of God. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Dan Billman - April 11, 2016 at 12:24 PM

SM

“ While saddened to here of Mike's passing I know that Mrs. Blair and Mr. Hufford were waiting for him so the show could go on. After all what is a show without music. RIP Mike.

Scott Medd

Scott Medd - April 11, 2016 at 12:12 PM

NC

“ He and I called each other "Cuz" knowing that we were related in some obscure way. What a wonderful compliment from a great man!

Norm Conde - April 11, 2016 at 12:06 PM

SM

“ *Scott Medd lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Woods*



Scott Medd - April 11, 2016 at 12:03 PM