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Michael A. Amrhein, age 82 of Batesville, Indiana passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at Margaret Mary Health in Batesville. Born June 11, 1941, in Connersville, Indiana, he is the son of Maurice and Fern (Nee: Eckerle) Amrhein. He married Donna Etherington on April 4, 1970, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mike was a Catholic Educator for over 30 years in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and most recently as the Principal of St. Louis School in Batesville. He later worked part-time as a Courier for Margaret Mary Health. He was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church and a family charter member of the Southeastern Indiana YMCA.

Mike was married to Donna for 54 years - they stood together through thick and thin, good times and bad, and defined what it means to be a family. He taught his kids the most important things in life – Faith and Family (and probably Fishing and Football) and left an indelible mark on so many people’s lives. He rarely said a cross word about anyone...in today’s hyper-reactive world, Mike was a thoughtful, careful and wise-chooser of his words and he understood that reacting with wisely chosen words was a grace.

Mike led and touched thousands of students and teachers lives throughout his career as an Educator and Leader. He taught his children how to lead and what leadership looks like, and why it is so important to lead even when it isn’t what you want to be doing. He loved hard work and promoted a strong work ethic...he had his kids bailing hay, doing yard work, and cutting wood when they were in middle school.

Mike always took an interest in his children’s friends and even as recently as the day before he passed, was asking how his children’s friends were doing. He was deeply faithful to the Catholic Faith - Sunday Mass was a must and instilled in his family the importance of being a strong Catholic. He relied on Novena’s, prayed the Rosary daily, and often requested the intercession of



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Saints. His favorite Saint was St. Jude, maybe or maybe not coincidentally, this was the Parish where he married his wife Donna and where he sent his kids to grade school.

Mike believed strongly in the power of athletics (he was a die-hard Indiana Hoosier, Cincinnati Bengals, and Reds fan) and competition - competing in sports was a microcosm of life. He loved watching his kids and grandkids compete and will continue watching his grandkids compete from Heaven. He also loved the outdoors; walking his land was his happy place. Just walking in his woods was his way to reconnect with our Lord, nature and recharge. He loved aviation and attending air-shows, quail-hunting, with fishing as another favorite activity; he was passionate about fishing for smallmouth and loved chasing his quarry at Brookville Lake.

Mike lived well, ate well, taught well, and led well. Rest easy in Heaven - we love you.

He is survived by his wife Donna of Batesville; daughters Christina (James) Ashley of Harrison, Ohio and Sarah (Luke) Foley of Brookville, Indiana; sons David (Jodi) Amrhein of Brookville and Andrew (Corinne) Amrhein of Fishers, Indiana; sister Mary (Tom) Horninger of Brookville; brothers Gary (Bonnie) Amrhein of North Vernon, Steve (Cathy) Amrhein of Batesville, Indiana, Mark (Barbara) Amrhein of Lake Placid, Florida, and Rodger (Ana) Amrhein of Panama City, Panama; grandchildren Eli, Ella, Ashton, and Mia Amrhein, Jacob and Rachel Ashley, and Logan and Ava Foley.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 17th, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 1:00 p.m., at St. Louis Catholic Church in Batesville, with Fr. Stan Pondo officiating. The burial will be in the church cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael Amrhein Scholarship Fund.



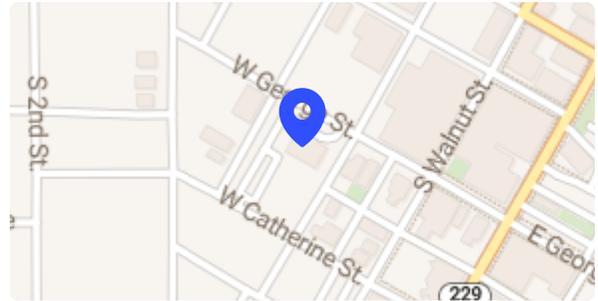
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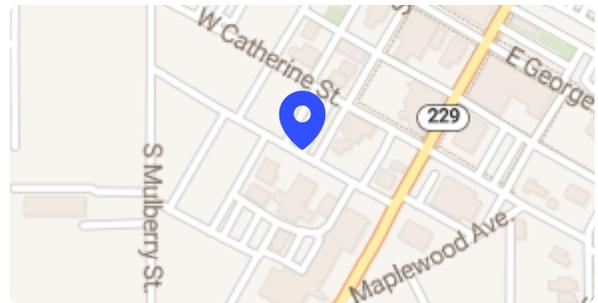
Visitation

-  **Friday, May 17, 2024**
-  10:30 AM - 12:45 PM ET
-  **Weigel Funeral Home**
151 W. George St., Batesville IN 47006



Mass of Christian Burial

-  **Friday, May 17, 2024**
-  1:00 PM ET
-  **St. Louis Church**
13 St. Louis Place, Batesville IN 47006



Cemetery Details

-  **St. Louis Cemetery**
Batesville IN





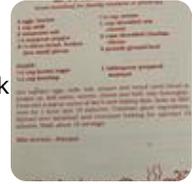
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Karen Kretschmann shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Mike was a compassionate person who listened to both sides of a story before he took action. He was considerate to the students who struggled in school. He implemented having a program at St. Louis School for children with learning disabilities. I was fortunate to work under him and see this program through fruition. Many of the students were able to graduate from St. Louis School and continue on to high school after having eight years of a Catholic education. The students loved Mike. You could spot him in the lunch room having conversations with all the kids. They'd run up to him and tell him funny stories. He'd just laugh and move onto the next lunch table. A day wouldn't go by without him having students and teacher engagement. To this day my own children love eating "Mr. A's Glazed Meatloaf". I hope he passed this recipe onto his own children. It was published in the 1992-93 St. Louis Cardinal Cookbook. (which I still have) May Mike's memory and influences continue to live on. Karen Kretschmann

May 26 at 6:27 PM



Ronald Eckerle posted:

We were both surprised and saddened to hear of Michael's death. We certainly would have come if home in Dayton but we were touring with our family in Alaska, all 12 of us. Ronald and Kathryn Eckerle

May 18 at 1:20 PM



Koralysa Graham posted:

Mr. Amrhein was a wonderful principal and educator. He will be remembered by his students with fond memories. He was encouraging of his students' talents and giving of kindness and grace. He will be missed.

May 17 at 5:25 AM



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NG

Norbert Goessling posted:

Next to my parents, Mike was my best and most influential mentor. After hiring me in 1987, Mike became my boss and my friend. Guiding me through my rookie years as a teacher, he also was there for my wedding and my first child; he encouraged me to continue my education. He was also there to help me with my summer landscaping business when needed. We fished and split wood together, and at times, he would pull me from class to hunt mushrooms and ginseng. He would tell me, "Norb I need a break from all these women". Mike was an incredible man, a family man, a man of love and kindness, a man of faith and forgiveness. Donna, thank you for sharing him with the world. Kids, keep his legacy alive. With our deepest sympathy, The Family of Norbert Goessling SLS 1987-1994

May 17 at 5:20 AM

KG

Koralysa G. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.



May 17 at 5:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Amrhein family.



May 16 at 1:15 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Amrhein family.



May 16 at 7:41 AM

LA

Lea A. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.



May 16 at 7:01 AM



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Cary Wahlmeier And Family sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Amrhein family.

May 16 at 5:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Amrhein family.

May 16 at 4:27 AM



St. Simon Athletics planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.

May 16 at 4:27 AM



Cyndi, Melissa And Their Families sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Amrhein family.

May 16 at 2:57 AM



Adam Springmeyer posted:

He was my grade school / middle school principal! One our graduation we had a dance. The school wouldn't open the windows in the gym. I remembered that in his office he had an air conditioner and a tv! Myself and 3 other students went into his office with our cokes, cooled off, and watched tv. He joined us for a few minutes!!!

May 15 at 8:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Amrhein family.

May 15 at 8:09 PM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Amrhein family.

May 15 at 7:45 PM



Marty And Barb Too. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.

May 15 at 7:45 PM



Sherri Kirschner posted:

Mr. Amrhein took a chance on me to cover a maternity leave, then a job share, then a full time teaching position. The amount of care and genuine concern he had for each student helped shape me into the principal I am today. Catch some big fish up there, Mike! Sherri Kirschner

May 15 at 6:07 PM



Love, Bob And Cecy Eckerle sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Amrhein family.

May 15 at 5:39 PM



Janet Wilson posted:

Mike was the epitome of a good man. He changed the course of my life when he hired me at SLS. I owe so much of my teaching career to him it's immeasurable. I'm sincerely sorry for your loss. I can just see him in heaven having a field day with the historical greats!!!

May 15 at 3:52 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Amrhein family.

May 15 at 9:13 AM





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Cheryl C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.

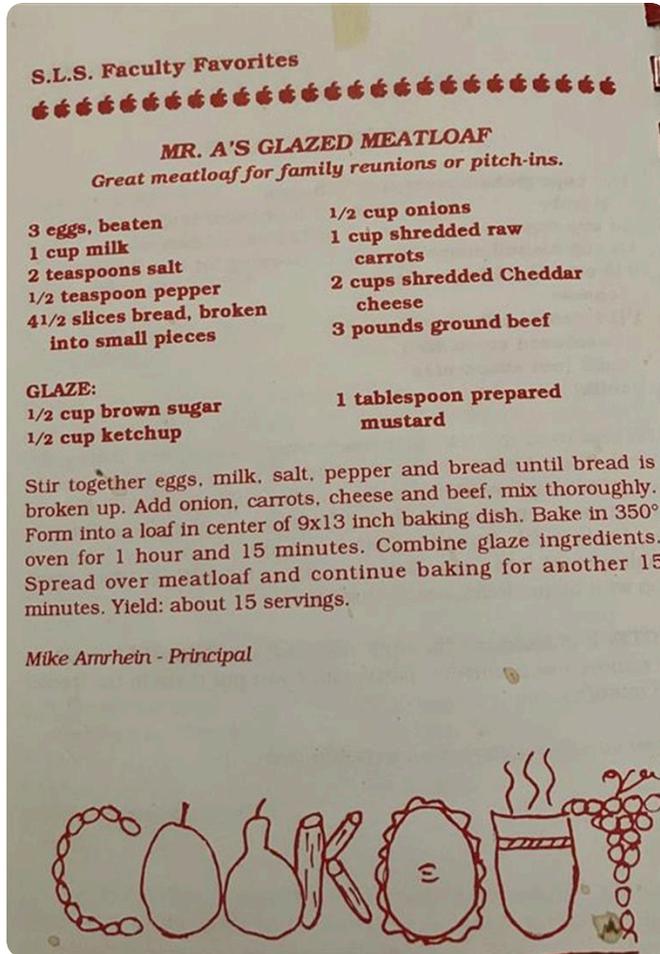


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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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