



Michael Joseph Barczewski

February 5, 1964 - March 5, 2015

Michael Joseph Barczewski passed away at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township, Michigan on Thursday, March 5, 2015. Mike was born on February 5, 1964, in Detroit to Thomas and Patricia (nee Householder) Barczewski. He is the beloved husband of Donna. Loving father of Joshua, Daniel, and Robin Barczewski. Dear son of Patricia and the late Thomas Conrad Barczewski. Dear brother of Paul (Karen) Barczewski, James Barczewski, and Kelly (Tom) Denomme. Dear son-in-law of the late Orton and Jacqueline Melchoir. Dear brother-in-law of Mari Baker, Cathy Vaquera, and Debbie (Gene) Baranski. Loving uncle to several nieces and nephews.

Memorial visitation Monday 2-9 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Township. Instate Tuesday 10:00 am until 11:00 am funeral service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke Ave. (corner of Hall Road), Utica.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR **9**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate at Church

MAR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Utica
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI

Funeral Liturgy

MAR **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Utica
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Shankar Subramanian sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Joseph Barczewski*



Shankar Subramanian - June 09, 2015 at 08:57 PM

SS

“ *Shankar Subramanian lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Barczewski*



Shankar Subramanian - June 09, 2015 at 08:56 PM

JS

“ *Dear Donna you & your whole Family have my heartfelt sorrow for the Death Of Your Beloved Husband Michael. Remember JESUS Words"Happy Are Those Who Mourn, Since They Will Be Comforted:Matthew 5:4.*

James Saunders - March 25, 2015 at 10:39 AM

NS

“ Throughout my years playing and coaching basketball, I always knew a game would be handled fairly if Mike Barczewski was refereeing (even if it was a meaningless game at Joe Dumars). He always gave 100% of himself to the job, and it was clear to me that this was his personality all the time. Based on this work ethic, I'm positive he also had this approach with his family and career.

May God bless his family and friends with comfort and peace in the days, months, and years ahead knowing that they will one day be reunited with him in the presence of our Lord.

Thoughts and prayers to the Barczewski family,
- Nichole Smith (Roose)

Nichole Smith - March 10, 2015 at 03:05 PM

DS

“ To Donna and the entire Barczewski family, I am deeply, deeply saddened by the loss of Mike, who I've known since 1st grade. He was a great person who made others around him strive to be better. Even though we drifted apart somewhat, which I will always truly regret, I still consider him one of my dearest, truest, and oldest friends. Anyone who knew him will have fond memories of Mike, and I take comfort knowing that these memories will keep him alive in our hearts and in our minds, and that he'll continue to live on, through us.

My sincerest condolences,
-Dean Sills

Dean Sills - March 10, 2015 at 08:29 AM

BS

“ *Barbara Stephenson lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Barczewski*



Barbara Stephenson - March 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

I am so very sorry, Mike was a wonderful man, and he will always be in the hearts of the ones who knew him! May God watch over you all, and give you strength! I Love You! and wish I was there to give you my support! your in my prayers! Love Always! Barb.

Barbara Stephenson - March 10, 2015 at 12:04 AM

 Phil
McCune

“ *Mike was one of my favorite referees. He was always friendly and always took the time to talk with me. What are great man, I will dearly miss him. My condolences to Mike's family.*

*Phil McCune
Dakota Varsity Girls Basketball Coach*

Phil McCune - March 09, 2015 at 07:57 PM

HL

“Mike was a devoted to his family, a respected colleague, and an amazing friend, neighbor, parishioner, teacher..... He consistently put others above himself and was well loved by all who knew him. The world was a better place with him in it. He was so full of life and liked to play hard. He was known to kick back have a beer or two. I can imagine he would tell us to grieve and then remember him by celebrating his life with a drink in hand. My sincerest condolences. There is nothing anyone could possibly say to make things better, but I am praying for you to find peace in this very difficult time.

Heather Lunder, Atlanta GA

Heather Lunder - March 09, 2015 at 07:30 PM

DA

“Mike's passing has touched his colleagues and friends North of the border. Mike would often visit his GM Canada counterparts and would always make time to go out for dinner, have a few beverages and engage in an evening of great conversation after the work day was complete. We shared many stories, laughs and at some point the conversation would always include his family, who were obviously an extremely important part of his life. Mike, you will be missed.

Dave and Mandy Aston - Oshawa, Ontario

Dave Aston - March 09, 2015 at 05:18 PM

CD

“So sorry to hear about Mike . my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your kids . If you need me to come over and help in any way just let me know.

Cindy Dorazio

cindy Dorazio - March 09, 2015 at 02:20 PM

PM

“ *There are no words that can describe the shock and sadness I felt when I heard of Mike's passing. His passion and enthusiasm for all he was involved with were evident to all. Condolences to the family during this most difficult of time.*

Paul McBride - March 09, 2015 at 10:42 AM

 Eric Smith

“ *Over the past year and a half, I got to know Mike. He hired me on to GM, which has been an opportunity of a lifetime, which I will never forget. In this time, I've worked with Mike on his recruiting effort at The University of Toledo, and have been motivated and inspired by his leadership and professionalism. His passing is untimely and sad and I will challenge myself to burn as brightly as Mike did, and carry on his memory. Condolences to his family, friends, and fellow coworkers. The world has lost a great man.*



Eric Smith - March 09, 2015 at 10:23 AM

JB

“ *What a great man God blessed you with, Donna, and a wonderful father to Josh, Daniel and Robin. He has left behind an amazing legacy and he will be remembered always. Our prayers for peace and comfort are with you - Bob and Julie Burgess*

Julie A Burgess - March 09, 2015 at 09:26 AM

MS

“ Dear Donna and Family,
Words can not express how sorry I am for the loss of your husband.
Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. May God
Bless you with comfort and peace.
Michelle Schulz

Michelle Schulz - March 09, 2015 at 08:15 AM

VM

“ Our deepest sympathies to Donna and the family. Mike was a great
guy and was always upbeat. We worked with him at the Easter
breakfasts at Trinity. He was the leader in the kitchen, the
volunteers followed his lead and did what needed to be done to get
the food out to the guests. Everyone enjoyed his culinary expertise.
What a fantastic cook! He will be missed by everyone. God's peace
and comfort to all of you during this difficult time.

Vince and Gail Minauro

Vince and Gail Minauro - March 09, 2015 at 07:43 AM

JB

“ Mike and I worked a lot of games together. I would always tease
him when I saw him on the road doing a women's game before my
men's game. I would ask him when he was coming back to do
men's. His response was always the same. Never! The officiating
world lost a great man. The void will be felt for many, many years.
But he will be with us in spirit and in memory at every game we
work. Condolences to the family during this most difficult time. We
are with you, praying for you, and thinking of you.

Jeff Barbato

Jeff Barbato - March 09, 2015 at 07:17 AM

RC

“ To Donna and the children,
We are deeply sorry for the loss of Mike. He was a great neighbor and always donating his time to help our neighborhood become a better community by volunteering or as an active member of the board. I will miss working with Mike at all the activities in our neighborhood as he was one of those guys that was one of the first ones there and the last ones to leave. Mike always took the time away from his working in the yard to make conversation with us and making us feel welcome to the neighborhood. You know someone is very special when others speak highly about them when his name is mentioned. We will miss Mike and are praying for his family.
Rob & Lori Campion

ROb Campion - March 09, 2015 at 07:08 AM

QZ

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mike since 2007. He was a close colleague and also a dear friend. Mike was fun to work with – he was always very generous with his knowledge and willing to support his colleagues. Because of this Mike was best respected by the international teams at GM.

Mike was an active and energetic guy, and I never found out how he managed to find time for sports and his referee duties between his busy work schedules. When he was in Europe, we often talked about the skiing with family and friends. I always wanted to ski with him and to show him the off-piste terrains in Val D'isere, and unfortunately this will no longer be possible.

You will be greatly missed, RIP

Quentin Zhao

Quentin Zhao - March 08, 2015 at 04:44 PM

FF

“ Mike was not only a wonderful family man but he was also a fair and well loved referee for many of the kids basketball games. When Mike had a whistle I knew the games would be called very well. My heart is breaking for those who loved him most. Gods plan is often not our plan. Praying for all of you.

Fraeyman family - March 08, 2015 at 10:26 AM

KH

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Kirk Humphrey - March 07, 2015 at 05:03 PM

TP

“Mike always reminded me of the energizer bunny, scurrying between home, work, umpiring, refereeing, helping his church host the homeless, guest lecturing at Toledo University, etc. I recall taking a business trip with him to Germany. We worked hard all day and in the evening we were off to see the sites, courtesy of Mike's dear friend Stefan. Mike seemed to take every opportunity to make the most out of life. I remember the first night, returning to the hotel exhausted. I was expecting Mike to say “good night” but he surprised me with “see you in 15 in the lobby”. During those 15 minutes, Mike called/skyped home. That was all it took to put a big smile on his face and get re-energized. He so cherished his family and it was apparent how much he missed them.

Working with good people and accomplishing great things is the ultimate work jackpot. Mike was a dream customer. He was open, honest and direct. He had a strong work ethic and always had GM's best interest at heart. I am very thankful our paths crossed.

I am saddened by your loss. My heart aches for his family and friends. Please accept my deepest condolences.

RIP, dear friend.

Trish Payne

Trish Payne - March 07, 2015 at 04:08 PM

JS

“Mike was a safety boy, altar boy, basketball player and baseball player at St. Louis the King. He was also the best student in math. Mike was always a true student-athlete. The Barczewski house had an ice rink in the yard in the winter and a swimming pool in the summer. Mike and his family always shared with those of us who did not have as much. I am sure they never knew how much we appreciated all that they did for the neighborhood. Even for those of us south of 7 mile. I will always treasure our friendship. My condolences and prayers go out to Donna and the children. You guys were his life, his pride, and his joy. My condolences and prayers also go out to his Mother, brothers Paul and Jim and sister Kelly. You are a strong family.

Joseph Spryszak - March 07, 2015 at 03:40 PM

RS

Mike and I just reconnected after several years. We played on several championship softball teams at softball city. Mike Navalta our team mgr brought a group of older guys along with Mike and his friends to form an outstanding team. Seems like only yesterday - Rest in Peace my friend. Rod Brumley

Rod Brumley, Sr. - March 09, 2015 at 12:42 PM

JZ

“A man of unlimited energy, character, moxie, and kindness. Lit up a room when he entered. Worked hard and played hard. Adored his wife, kids, and family. Will miss you Mikey. RIP until meet again.

John Zarb - March 07, 2015 at 11:59 AM

SK

“ I have the honor of having Robin in my Spanish class. My husband has had both the boys as students. We have both said what incredible people the Barczewski children are. Mike and Donna have done an outstanding job in raising them. They have such a strong love of family. They are such a wonderful legacy for Mike.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Stacy and Jim Konnie

Stacy Konnie - March 07, 2015 at 11:23 AM

GK

“ Donna & family,

Will always remember doing Lenten meals at Trinity with you and Mike.

So sorry to hear about his passing. Wishing you the Lord's peace during this difficult time.

God Bless,

Pastor Norm & Gale Koy

Gale Koy - March 07, 2015 at 10:28 AM

LW

“ Didn't know him personally but know and love his mom. She always was so proud of all he accomplished and how loving a son he was, and husband, father and friend. God bless and comfort the entire family and hold them close as they grieve his "passing" to heaven !

linda Welch - March 07, 2015 at 09:35 AM

KA

“ To Kelly and her Family ,

Your brother's death came as such a shock We had no idea that he was having health problems. We extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family and his family as well. He has left us at too young an age but will be remembered fondly for all that he accomplished in such a short life. We love you.

*With sincerest sympathy ,
Bill, Karyn and Cooper Kellogg*

karyn - March 07, 2015 at 08:49 AM

KA

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Barczewski Family in this time of great sorrow. We wish you peace and comfort.

God Bless,

Ken & Julie Arthurs - March 07, 2015 at 08:48 AM



“ The world lost a great person, friend and family man. Had great times together growing up. His family was like my second family. Always there if you needed him. Donna and his children, his mother Pat, brothers Jim and Paul, and sister Kelly. All of you are in my prayers. Feels like I lost a brother. R I P my friend.

Jerome Jaracz - March 07, 2015 at 08:16 AM

GW

“Mike seemed to always live life completely, passionately. A genuinely good person, Mike somehow found time to be “all in” for family, work, sports, church and life-long learning. Mike inspired the best in people, and will be deeply missed by many. My sincere condolences to the Barczewski family.

Gail Webster

Gail Webster - March 07, 2015 at 07:55 AM

JB

“My heartfelt condolences go out to Mikes family... And....the entire Barczewski family...lots of good memories spending time with james...mike... Paul...and Kelly... In the old St. Louis The King neighborhood...

jeffrey Bielak - March 07, 2015 at 07:44 AM

SE

“My sincere condolences to the Barczewski family. Growing up on the same street as Mike and his brothers and sister, we always knew Mike would accomplish great things. And he certainly did! His contributions to his family, lifelong friends as well as the St. Louis the King community, youth sportsmanship and leadership at General Motors corporation can only define half of the person he was. He was a true gem, and will be missed by so many. God Bless all of his mourning family and friends. Mike was a great guy and he will always be with us.

Sharon Eusebi - March 06, 2015 at 07:58 PM

DW

“ I am so sorry to here this very sad news. I had the privilege of working with Mike on various projects at GM. He was one of the good guys and always a pleasure to work with. He will be misses.

Dorothy Watson

Dorothy Watson - March 06, 2015 at 06:49 PM

KH

“ Mike was an outstanding official of youth sports. Not only did he have complete control of the game he was working, he cared for each child competing on the field/court. As an athletic director, I could not have asked for a better man to work my athletic competitions.

My condolences to his family.

*Ken Hallberg
Academy of the Sacred Heart*

Ken Hallberg - March 06, 2015 at 05:59 PM

 Derrick
Fernandez

“ I worked with Mike at GM on a recent project. I am shocked to hear of this news. You have my condolences. May you rest in peace.

-Derrick

Derrick Fernandez - March 06, 2015 at 02:20 PM

JB

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jeffrey Bielak - March 07, 2015 at 07:26 AM

CC

*A nephew to me and a cousin to my kids. Mike will be truly missed but not forgotten. Our sympathies to the Barczewski family.
From the Kietrys family.*

cecilia cummins - March 07, 2015 at 08:00 AM

SW

*I worked with Mike at Allied Signal, I was very sad to hear of the news of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family
Susan Weimar*

Susan Weimar - March 07, 2015 at 07:08 PM

RM

Mike was the greatest guy u will ever know. A fellow de la salle graduate. We always talked about going to the alumni dinner together. And as a fellow referee he was a first class individual but always put his family first. He will be deeply missed. One of the greatest friends I've ever had.

robert malac - March 08, 2015 at 05:54 AM

JC

Our deepest sympathy for the Barczewski Family during this difficult and painful time. God bless!

Jon and Susie Chapski - March 09, 2015 at 11:00 AM

KT

*Dear Pat, I'm so sorry for your loss. I think of your family often. They (Including Ann & Frank & Robbie) were such a big part of my childhood during my visits to my grandparents on Dwyer.
Kim Sieloff Tripp -*

Kim Sieloff Tripp - March 09, 2015 at 01:57 PM

PA

Mike can not be replaced. He is very special, and that won't ever be forgotten. Patty

patricia adams - March 09, 2015 at 07:32 PM

AP

I did not know Mike Barczewski but he reffed a ton of my daughter's bball games - I am sure I unfairly yelled his way more than once - I'm a little nervous because now that he is in heaven he knows everything about me! Be gentle Mr. Referee.

A typical parent - March 10, 2015 at 11:21 AM