



## Michael Pritchard Avery

March 11, 1953 - October 25, 2021

Michael Pritchard Avery, loving and loyal husband, father and friend; caring brother, doting son, and faithful, faith-filled child of God, entered his glorious heavenly home on October 25, 2021 at age 68. He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Robert and Ruth Avery, and nephew Keith Holmes. He is survived by his loving wife, Christine, with whom he shared 39 years of marriage, and his two devoted children, Katherine and William. In addition he leaves behind his brother R. Craig (Sue Burton) Avery, sisters Pam Forwood and Sue (Jeff) Biddle; nieces Bridget (Jason) Middleton, Amy (Greg) Verbosky, Allie (Jonny) Mollema, Jamie VanderWoude, and Paige (Kevin) Mingerink; and nephews Troy Holmes, Andrew (Megan) Avery, Steven (Shannon) Owsinski, Michael (Rachael) Owsinski, Paul (Marcie) Owsinski, Derek (Ann) Owsinski, Robert Avery, Derek Biddle, and Blake Owsinski, as well as numerous cousins and friends that feel like family.

Mike's vocation was family. Wherever his career path took him, it was always in service to his family: providing and protecting. Happily finding a home at St. Isidore Catholic Church, Mike was all in, and looked forward to actively living his faith alongside the vibrant community on the hill. Mike loved life. He always looked for celebratory moments and believed in celebrating the ordinary moments, too. He loved a good sporting competition and championed the underdogs. He welcomed the stranger whenever he met them (which was always: grocery lines, ball games, vacation spots, everyday, anywhere) and made them a stranger no longer. A natural and committed leader, he sought to make an impact, big or small, whenever he was involved: as an elementary school PTO president, little league coach, fantasy football and baseball commissioner, or voluntary Acton Institute volunteer organizer.

To celebrate his love of life, laughter, and the Lord, please join us at Arsulowicz Brothers East, 937 Michigan St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 from 4-7 pm November 3, 2021 with the Rosary at 7pm. The Mass of Christian burial will be at St. Isidore, 628 Diamond Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, on November 4, 2021 at 10:30am In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mike's name to the Sacred Heart Academy Joseph and Mary Owsinski Scholarship where Mike's generous heart found inspiration in educating future

generations while honoring his beloved wife's family tradition, embraced as his own.



# Comments

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“ Chris, Kate and Bill. Mike was a great neighbor. Anytime we came by and he was in the yard, he would chat. He was a jovial man, and always had a smile on his face. It is difficult to believe such a vibrant man has died. Prayers for you, and the whole family. It is such a comfort to know that Mike is home with Jesus. Mike will be missed by all. Dale and Connie Mead.

**connie Mead** - October 31, 2021 at 09:18 AM