



## Michael C. Strohl

September 27, 1952 - May 6, 2015

Michael C. Strohl, age 62 of Zanesville died unexpectedly of natural causes, Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

He was born Saturday, September 27, 1952 in Zanesville, the son of John Strohl, Jr. and M. Joann (Morgan) Strohl. He was married on Saturday, July 5, 1975 to Patsy J. (Himmelspach) Strohl of the home.

He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Michael was a linebacker for the 1970 New Lexington football State Champions; earning All-Ohio. Michael continued his football career at Muskingum College graduating in 1975. He taught math at Philo Schools for over 30 years while coaching football and baseball; retiring in 2006. He was an avid golfer, fisherman and hunter. Also, he enjoyed mushroom hunting. Mr. Strohl was a fan of the Cleveland Browns and The Ohio State Buckeyes. Last January, he was able to attend the National BCS Championship in Dallas, TX. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son Jon C. Strohl (Jennifer) of Newtown, PA; two daughters, Heidi (Jody) Sims of Granville, Linsey Strohl of Columbus; two grandchildren that were the love of his life, Cy McKade Sims and Adelyn Grace Sims, both of Granville; two sisters, Karen (Jim) Hammond of Somerset; Amy (Rick) Hooper of New Lexington; two brother-in-laws

Charles (Nancy) Himmelspach of Pataskala, and Jeff (Kathy) Himmelspach of Zanesville; sister-in-law Connie Strohl of Stockport and several nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one brother, Douglas E. Strohl and his father-in-law and mother-in-law Charles and Juanita Himmlespach.

Donations may be made in his honor to the Muskingum County Community Foundation, 534 Putman Ave. Zanesville, OH 43701, c/o Philo High School Sam Hatfield Stadium Improvement Plan.

Friends may call from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, May 10, 2015 at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville where a vigil service will be held at 7:45PM. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 11, 2015 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Zanesville with a Dominican Father as celebrant. Burial will conclude in the Mt. Olive Cemetery Zanesville. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 10.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
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Zanesville, OH 43701  
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## Visitation

**MAY 10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Prayer Vigil

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MAY 10. 7:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael C. Strohl*



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**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - May 10, 2015 at 09:06 AM

SB

*Amy, just heard of your loss. Deepest condolences to you and your families.  
Love Susanne & Doc*

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**Susanne Brown** - May 10, 2015 at 08:17 PM



“ *Michael C. Strohl*

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October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM

AF

“ *Heidi & family- I am so sorry to hear of your loss and hope for peace and comfort for you in all in the memories you will cherish.*

*Amy- we probably have not seen each other since our days back in school but I have such fond memories of the Strohl family and good old Junction City. Prayers go out to you and your family.*

*Amy (Young) Froelich*

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**Amy Froelich** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 PM

GK

“ I enjoyed his friendship when we took classes and worked with the county math meetings. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George A. Koncar - May 11, 2015 at 05:55 PM

TH

“ Best Math Teacher Ever ! To The Entire Family: My Deepest Sympathy , Thoughts & Prayers I just visited with Mike at Northside Pharmacy not too long ago, wow I was so blessed to talk with him. He knew me but had to be told my name, so many years ago I graduated, but he never forgot my face. Amazing man.



Terri Hampp-Estep - May 11, 2015 at 07:19 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.



May 10, 2015 at 09:51 PM

PW

“ Patricia Wiley lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Strohl



Patricia Wiley - May 10, 2015 at 09:40 PM

JR

“ *Pasty, There are no words I can say just know that you and your family are in my prayers. May God hold you in His arms and comfort you.*

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**Jeanne Ross** - May 10, 2015 at 07:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



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May 10, 2015 at 02:13 PM

PC

“ *Amy & Rick, So sorry for your loss. Mike was always very friendly when he came to see your mom & dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*  
*Ron and Peggi Church*

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**peggi church** - May 10, 2015 at 11:14 AM

JS

“ *I didn't know your son and I didn't even know Mike that well. I did have Heidi and Linsey in class at Maysville. They were two of the best to ever come through MHS. That is a great tribute to you the parents and a lasting legacy for which you can ever be proud. Sorry about your loss.*  
*Jerry Sutherland*

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**Jerry Sutherland** - May 10, 2015 at 10:12 AM

DS

“ so many great memories-cannot pick a favorite. the state park weekends and mostly just being together. Den is going to really miss his fishing buddy love Den and Kathy

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**dennis and kathy smiley** - May 10, 2015 at 08:32 AM

JR

“ To the Strohl Family, So sorry to hear of Mike's passing! I graduated High School with Mike and he was a wonderful guy! Good memories of him and the class of 71! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. God bless you all and may you find comfort in the Lord!

*Janice (Brown) Ream*

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**Jaice Brown Ream** - May 09, 2015 at 08:22 PM

KR

“ Patsy and family, I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was such a great family man and mentor for all the kids no matter what sport we happened to be playing at the time. I hope that you can find peace and comfort in all the memories that you have of him. I will always remember his big smile! Kathy Reed ( Tilley)

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**Kathy Reed** - May 09, 2015 at 04:30 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - May 09, 2015 at 12:52 PM

TW

“ Patsy & family,

*Thoughts & prayers are with you all. Mike was a great man. I have many wonderful memories of your family growing up. May your memories of Mike bring you comfort.*

*Tisha Young Williamson*

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**Tisha Williamson** - May 09, 2015 at 11:37 AM

CH

“ Heartfelt Sympathies to the Strohl Family. We went to school with Mike and ran into him a few times over the years at football games. He was such a good guy and will be greatly missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Jeff and Cindy (Bolyard) Hillis*

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**Cindy Hillis** - May 09, 2015 at 10:56 AM



TF

“ *The Slutter Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



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**The Slutter Family** - May 09, 2015 at 10:29 AM

B(

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mr Strohl was my math teacher and my favourite. May the Lord give the family peace and comfort during the loss of your love one.*



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**Brenda Yester (Doyle)** - May 09, 2015 at 07:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



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May 08, 2015 at 09:42 PM

JD

“ *May The Lord comfort the family and many, many more that will mourn the loss of this man. If everyone lived their life like Mike did, it would be a much better world to live in. What a great guy !!!*

*Jeff & Ann*

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**Jeff Davis** - May 08, 2015 at 05:15 PM

JS

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF MIKE'S PASSING. HE WAS SURE AN INSPIRATION TO ME. A REALLY GREAT WORKER AND LEADER. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE TACKLED THE JOB AND DID IT WELL. HE LOVED HIS KIDS AND GRAND KIDS.

SO SORRY PATSY

THANK YOU MIKE

JACK SPENCE  
WORLD INDOOR GOLF RESORTS

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**JACK SPENCE** - May 08, 2015 at 05:13 PM

BS

“ Patsy,

*So sorry to get the sad news. Although we lost touch of each other over the years, Mike was one of my favorite college friends.*

*Condolences to you and your family.*

*Bob and Cindy Sagle*

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**Bob Sagle** - May 08, 2015 at 04:37 PM

FH

“ Patsy and Family,

*Praying for peace and comfort at this most difficult time.*

*Florence and Martin Hupman*

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**Florence and Martin Hupman** - May 08, 2015 at 04:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



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May 08, 2015 at 03:59 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family. I looked forward to greeting Mike every morning at school. He always had a smile and a pleasant word as we passed in the halls. He was a great teacher and a wonderful, caring mentor to both students and faculty. God Bless.*

*Linda VanCooney*

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**Linda VanCooney** - May 08, 2015 at 03:51 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Strohl family. I remember how much you all did when Krysta and Billy Kirsch's Mom, Loni, died. You were so very compassionate and strengthening. Thank you for that. Praying that you will find peace.*

*Tara Poorman*

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**Tara Poorman** - May 08, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



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May 08, 2015 at 02:39 PM

FT

“ Fidelity Investments - Bridgewater Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael C. Strohl.



Fidelity Investments - Bridgewater Team - May 08, 2015 at 02:20 PM

BP

“ Bryant Perez purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael C. Strohl.



Bryant Perez - May 08, 2015 at 01:50 PM

HR

“ Huntington Retail Segment Risk purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael C. Strohl.



Huntington Retail Segment Risk - May 08, 2015 at 01:49 PM

CF

“ Coffey Family lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Strohl



Coffey Family - May 08, 2015 at 01:22 PM

TF

“ *The Coffey Family lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Strohl*



The Coffey Family - May 08, 2015 at 01:20 PM

CG

“ *Chris and Michelle Gardner purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



Chris and Michelle Gardner - May 08, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



May 08, 2015 at 12:08 PM

TR

“ *Tammy Rainey lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Strohl*



Tammy Rainey - May 08, 2015 at 11:57 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



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May 08, 2015 at 11:50 AM



“ *My condolences to Mike's family. He was a wonderful teacher and a kindhearted man. Rest in Peace Mr. Strohl.*

*Sara (Hina) Haren  
PHS Class of 2002*

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**Sara Haren** - May 08, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ *The Kirsch Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



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**The Kirsch Family** - May 08, 2015 at 10:50 AM

KS

“ The list of great memories is so long. We shared so much high school and college fun. I remember like it was yesterday watching Mike's ball games, freezing or melting depending on the weather and the many fun frat parties at Muskingum. We were blessed to watch the building of each other's families. Heaven has gained my good friend, but oh what a great loss for us. We love you and will miss you so much Mike.

*Kathi and Mike Stampley*

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**Kathi Stampley** - May 08, 2015 at 10:48 AM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.



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May 08, 2015 at 10:44 AM

JW

“ Jon Wasilausky purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael C. Strohl.



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**Jon Wasilausky** - May 08, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.



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May 08, 2015 at 10:18 AM

JC

“ *One of my first memories of Mike was how he would ruffle Clark's feathers with his wit and teasing. He had a joyful personality. God bless Patsy and family.*

jackie clark - May 08, 2015 at 10:07 AM

HB

“ *Patsy and Family,  
So sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed by many. He was a very good role model to many children in the classroom and on the field. We will Pray to God and ask him to help heal all your hearts.  
With Love,  
Holli and Dennis Baughman*



Holli Baughman - May 08, 2015 at 09:59 AM

SA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family.*



Shelley Archer-Ormond - May 08, 2015 at 09:34 AM

DT

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Darren Thompson - May 08, 2015 at 09:08 AM

FT

“ Fidelity's Marlton NJ Team purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Michael C. Strohl.



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**Fidelity's Marlton NJ Team** - May 08, 2015 at 09:00 AM

JT

“ Mr. Strohl was the best math teacher I ever had ... and I had A LOT of them. \_\_\_\_ John W. Toole

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**John W. Toole** - May 08, 2015 at 08:43 AM

DH

“ Patsy and Family

*The Hiltys are so sorry about your loss of Mike. He meant so much to all of us. We all will miss him. We treasure our times with Mike and the memories we have. Mike was the best family and personal friend you could have.*

*Dan, Connie, Julia, Danny, Donnie Hilty*

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**Dan Hilty** - May 08, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.



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May 08, 2015 at 08:05 AM

JC

“ Patsy

*We're so sorry to hear about you and your families loss. He was a great man and is gone far too soon. Still he lives on in everyone's heart, mind and souls of those he left behind. God bless all.*



*John, Sandy, Jonathan and Melea Clark - Milton FL*

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**John Clark** - May 08, 2015 at 07:47 AM

BF

“ *To Patsy and family: my wife is adding this tribute on my behalf. Mike meant the world to me. I've had some really good friends at different times in my life - but Mike was different - HE WAS GENUINE. He tried to find the good in everything. A bad day of golf and and he laughed the whole time. Catch no fish - he didn't care! He smiled all day. Although I only knew him 14 months, he had a big impact on my life and my wife's - he taught us how to laugh again and reminded us of the importance of enjoying life. We will miss him -but we are determined to keep his spirit and love of life in our hearts forever.*

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**Bill and Peggy Frick** - May 08, 2015 at 07:08 AM

PF

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**Peggy Frick** - May 08, 2015 at 07:27 AM

JR

*To Patsy and family-- so shocked and saddened to hear of Mike's passing-- the loss of my teammate and good friend. Mike and I grew up together from 7th grade through our college years. We shared the trials and tribulations of working so hard to become better NLHS student-athletes and working together as a team to reach the pinnacle of success-- numerous conference championships and the 1970 state football championship--together as brothers, sacrificing for the good of the team. My father, Coach Rockwell, called Mike, "one of his favorites" because Mike was unselfish, both mentally and physically strong, and would play any position Coach requested if it would make the team better--a truly gifted athlete--first team All-Ohio. Mike and I continued our careers at Muskingum College--growing up together, preparing for life. Although we lost touch over the years, what is truly evident is that one never forgets those who have touched your life in so many positive ways. Mike Strohl was a true leader among his peers, as well as among the young men and women he taught and coached. When I received the message yesterday, my wife and I were playing golf on the same course in Akron as one of our college teammates-- Darrell "Cosmo" Linton. I called Cosmo immediately and we cried and shared our fond memories of Mike. I also reached out to our NLHS teammate Jim Kozlowski in NJ who is saddened and sends his condolences. Rest in peace, my brother. God Bless You.*

*Jim Rockwell, II*

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**Jim Rockwell** - May 09, 2015 at 11:42 AM

KE

“ *Patsy please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Kay Eppley*

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**Kay Eppley** - May 08, 2015 at 06:56 AM

JK

“ *My thoughts and prayers to your family, Mr. Strohl was my math teacher in Jr. High many years ago.*

*Jill Moyer Kirkbride*



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**jill kirkbride** - May 08, 2015 at 05:58 AM

MB

“ *Patsy and family so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and yours.  
Marcia and Tom Bowman*

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**Marcia Bowman** - May 08, 2015 at 04:25 AM

ED

“ *Mr Strohl was one of my favorite teachers. He helped me to pass my math and I was his teacher aid from 2001-2003. I loved that man. He was more than a teacher to me, he was a friend. We will miss you Mr Strohl!*

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**erica dustman** - May 07, 2015 at 11:42 PM

BR

“ *Mr. Strohl spent a lot of time tutoring any students in need. He was a passionate and effective teacher. I count myself lucky to have been one of his students.*

*Brad Ryan - PHS Class of 1999*

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**Brad Ryan** - May 07, 2015 at 09:19 PM

DK

“ *Patsy we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept our sympathy for the loss of Mike.  
Dave and Marie Kurtz*

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**David Kurtz** - May 07, 2015 at 09:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael C. Strohl.*



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May 07, 2015 at 08:29 PM



“ *Patsy and Family,  
Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of Mike. Cherish your memories in the difficult days ahead. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Kathy Schiele Puckett Soller*

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**Kathy Soller** - May 07, 2015 at 08:24 PM



*Patsy and Family,  
Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his loving arms around you in this time of need.  
Chuck & Connie Newsom*

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**Connie Newsom** - May 07, 2015 at 08:48 PM



*Patsy and family; Mike was Dan's best friend and a good man. He will be sorely missed by many. God be with you and your family.  
Dan and Connie Hilty*

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**Connie Hilty** - May 07, 2015 at 09:25 PM



*Keeping you in my thoughts. He was my teacher yrs ago. He was a great guy. God Bless you during this time.*

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**Penny Phillips** - May 08, 2015 at 07:49 AM



Christian Touvell

“ *Christian Touvell lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Strohl*



Christian Touvell - May 07, 2015 at 08:18 PM



BH

“ *Patsy,  
So sorry to learn of Mikes passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the children.*

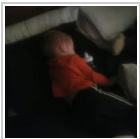
Beverly Hittle - May 07, 2015 at 08:03 PM



HM

“ *So sorry for your loss Patsy and family. He was a great man!  
Heather (Adams) Makin*

Heather (Adams) Makin - May 07, 2015 at 07:57 PM



“ *I remember him being a tough as nails teacher and having one on one help when needed.I will miss you coach..*



Pamie Arnett - May 07, 2015 at 07:56 PM

GR

“ He was one of my favorite teachers and now one of God's favorite angels. My heart goes out to all the family. Praying for strength and knowing God is there for you all..Gail Rock , jessica rock & Austin devolld

Gail Rock - May 07, 2015 at 07:54 PM

CR

“ Chris Raymond lit a candle in memory of Michael C. Strohl



Chris Raymond - May 07, 2015 at 07:16 PM



“ He was my favorite teacher. My prays for the family God truly took a angel

Greg Lankford - May 07, 2015 at 06:55 PM

TS

“ Patsy so sorry for your loss.

teresa swingle - May 07, 2015 at 06:42 PM

CF

“ So very sorry for your loss...he was a great man.



Cindy Fox - May 07, 2015 at 06:39 PM

TS

“ I was Mr. Strohl's aide my senior year at PHS (1992-93). During that year, he became my mentor and friend. I often visited him while in college and he and Mrs. Strohl attended my wedding in 1998. He's a large part of the reason I became a teacher; he was a wonderful man who loved his family and was a coach to thousands of Electrics- on and off the field. My thoughts and prayers are with the Strohl family. Thank you for sharing him with so many of us.

Toni Daniels Stoepfel - May 07, 2015 at 06:34 PM

LJ

“ Mr. Strohl made math enjoyable for me in 8th grade at Sandy Lane Junior High School way back in 1976-77, which was not an easy feat! Thank you for all the memories and know you touched many lives.



Lyn John-Herron - May 07, 2015 at 06:22 PM

NB

“ I have so many great memories Coach Strohl - There are definitely too many to write about right now. He and his family were in my life as early as I can remember and even though most of it centered around football, there were plenty of times when we were all together when it wasn't football season. I saw him last summer at the Philo Football gold outing and we had a really good conversation. My heart is heavy, but I will always cherish the memories with all of the Strohl's!! Miss and love you guys!

Nate Baughman - May 07, 2015 at 06:04 PM