



Michael Lyle Hoyt

April 11, 1945 - August 15, 2024

Michael Lyle Hoyt, 79, of rural Mentone, Indiana passed at 9:05 am, Thursday, August 15, 2024 at his residence.

Mike was born on April 11, 1945, in Douglas, Michigan, to the late Marion and Helen Ruth (Curtis) Hoyt, led a remarkable life. A 1963 graduate of Nappanee High School, where he played football, basketball, and track. His academic journey took him to Vincennes University and Indiana State University, where he earned his undergraduate degree and later pursued a Master's Degree.

On March 1, 1969, Mike married Diana Patterson in Marion, Indiana, and she survives him. His teaching career began in Jackson Township near Chesterton before he transitioned to West Chester Middle School. He also taught at Mentone School and briefly at Akron School. Later, he played a pivotal role in establishing shop classes at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, he dedicated 35 years to teaching until his retirement in 2002.

Beyond the classroom, Mike coached boys' and girls' basketball, junior high football, and varsity football. He shared his passion for woodworking through adult education. He also taught summer Driver's training. A devoted supporter of Valley sports, he worked tirelessly on the football chain gang and served as a ticket taker.

Mike's college job, to help with a trip to Europe, was painting. His love for transforming spaces and painting continued through Hoyt Painting. An active member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in rural Rochester, he served as a deacon and trustee. Additionally, he belonged to the Mentone Lions Club, where he was a 50 year member, and the Mentone Masonic Lodge since 1994.

Outside of work, Mike enjoyed raising crossbred cattle and caring for horses. He enjoyed his 1955 Chevrolet Nomad, and showcased it at local car shows. He cherished moments spent watching his grandkids' events and hosting them for weekends of lake tubing. His friendly demeanor endeared him to everyone he met. He never knew a stranger and always enjoyed socializing.

He is survived by his wife Diana Hoyt of Mentone; children Jeff and wife Denise Hoyt of Winona Lake and Jennifer and husband Cameron Fields of Charlestown; grandchildren Madison, Macy, Amaya, and Owen; siblings Sharie Johnson of Syracuse and Jim and wife Rhonda Hoyt of Fredericksburg, Texas.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Pat Johnson, and a nephew Chad Hoyt.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Monday, Aug. 19, 2024 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana with Michael Hamilton officiating. The funeral service can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/61Z-qmpRzZU>

The interment will take place following the service in the Sycamore Cemetery, rural Mentone, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 1 pm to 5 pm, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024 at King

Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Sweet Sassy Golf Classic for Bib's Billfold to assist teachers to better help students.

Cemetery Details

Sycamore Cemetery

Mentone, IN 46539

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home
101 North Tucker Street
P.O. Box 56
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(574) 353-7975
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Michael Lyle Hoyt



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 19, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Lyle Hoyt



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 16, 2024 at 11:03 PM

BT

“ Diana, I'm very sorry for you and your family. Cheryl had told me last fall that he wasn't very good. As we all age, father time catches up with us. I lost my wife in 2021. My brother his wife in 2015. And, our class is at about 71 that we know. Those things don't make it any easier, but I'm sure you had many great years to remember.
Bob Tetrick

Bob Tetrick - August 21, 2024 at 08:15 PM

DK

“ My deepest sympathies to Mike's family. May God be with you in this time. I have not seen Mike in many years but his mother and father were good friends with my parents - Phyllis and Joe Kaufman. For years they were in the same supper club together. I know you are blessed with great memories. Dick Kaufman, Centennial, Colorado

Dick Kaufman - August 20, 2024 at 06:50 PM

MH

“ Diane, Jeff, Jennifer I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Hoyt's passing. He was one of the best teachers I ever had. I made several projects in jr. high shop class with Mr. Hoyt's help. A lamp, that I'm especially proud of, sits on the headboard of my bed and is used every single day. Mr. Hoyt was a very patient person, he'd have to be to teach a lot of immature 13-14 yr. old kids how to make beautiful projects. He was definitely a "Mike" of all trades. Always doing something. Diane, Jeff and Jennifer you are all in my thoughts and prayers. God be with you in the days ahead to comfort you and carry you through your grief.

Michelle Gillman Holloway - August 19, 2024 at 02:39 PM

MH

“ Michelle Holloway lit a candle in memory of Michael Lyle Hoyt



Michelle Holloway - August 19, 2024 at 01:53 PM

RB

“ Sorry for your loss. Mike was a wonderful teacher, great example to the kids. I feel privileged to have known him. Praying God's comfort and peace for the family.

Rose & Loren Berger - August 18, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Michael Lyle Hoyt.



August 17, 2024 at 06:28 PM

AU

“ Mike is and always will be my hero. I've been associated with him for 50 years going back as far as Jr High school. His passion for life was second to none with a great sense of humor. He believed in hard work and was dedicated to serving his community. He was a man with great integrity and loyalty to the mission at hand. He believed in discipline when needed. but was always ready to give praise when making positive choices. God has never created a finer individual than Mike Hoyt. He was a mentor, father figure, and had a keen sense to know when to listen. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten. His legacy on this earth was to serve his family and community! Nobody did it any better than Hoytie! My prayers and deepest sympathy go out to his family and may peace be with you in the days to come. I will never be half the man he was, but I look forward to seeing him again in the city of gold with the greatest hero of all time "Jesus". Thank you Mike for your amazing example to me. RIP my hero!

Allen Utter - August 17, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JR

Mr. Hoyt was one of best teachers, I knew he cared. I was in his wood shop class in 1975-76, he taught us to pay attention to the details when working on a project. I am fortunate to have been in his class. I was the 7th grade stat manager for the basketball team Mr. Hoyt coached, he was a kind human being and fair to everyone. Condolences to his family and mY he rest in everlasting peace.

Jeff Riner - August 18, 2024 at 04:54 PM

AH

*“ Diana, Jeff, Jennifer & families,
My deepest sympathy for you all during this difficult time. May God wrap His loving and caring arms around you all. Mr Hoyt was a great shop teacher and to this day I still have my coat rake & lap table I made in 7th & 8th grade. He was loved deeply and will be missed by so many.*



Angela (Earl) Himes - August 17, 2024 at 09:35 AM

AF

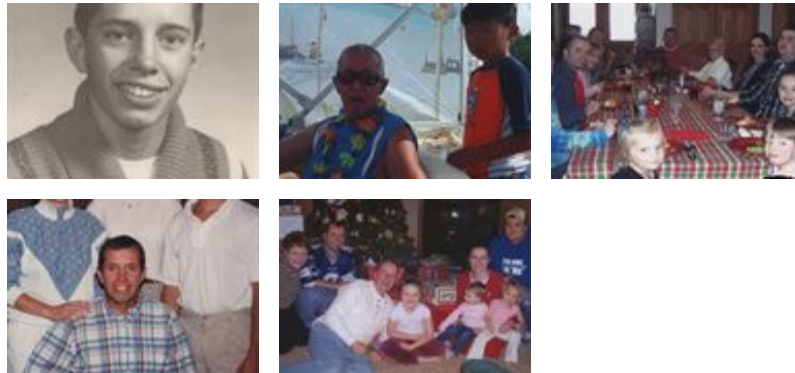
“ Andrews, Bonham, & King Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Lyle Hoyt.



Andrews, Bonham, & King Families - August 17, 2024 at 08:39 AM



“ 124 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 16, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Lyle Hoyt.



August 16, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ Cara B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lyle Hoyt.

Cara B. - August 16, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ Orabelle Meredith lit a candle in memory of Michael Lyle Hoyt



Orabelle Meredith - August 16, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael Lyle Hoyt.*



August 16, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ *Linda Gillman lit a candle in memory of Michael Lyle Hoyt*



Linda Gillman - August 16, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ *Reg & Randy Pfeiffer-Hartman lit a candle in memory of Michael Lyle Hoyt*



Reg & Randy Pfeiffer-Hartman - August 16, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ *Reg lit a candle in memory of Michael Lyle Hoyt*



Reg - August 16, 2024 at 02:30 PM

RP

“ *Reg & Randy Pfeiffer-Hartman lit a candle in memory of Michael Lyle Hoyt*



Reg & Randy Pfeiffer-Hartman - August 16, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Lyle Hoyt.*



August 16, 2024 at 01:51 PM

TZ

“ *What an incredible guy! There are things that stick with you forever, and my classes and time spent around him are definitely up there. His impact on our wonderful community will always be remembered. Sending you all vibes for peace and healing for the days ahead. ☐*

Toni Zimmerman - August 16, 2024 at 01:42 PM

TS

“ *Chris and I have you all in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Mike was a wonderful person. Who taught me less is best when it comes to decorating/painting our home... His journey on this earth gave him a wonderful legacy.. Will be missed by so many.*

*Always,
Chris and Tess Smalley
Beaver Dam Lake*

Tess Smalley - August 16, 2024 at 12:55 PM

DF

“ *What a beautiful soul who lived and loved so deeply. He will be missed by all of us who knew him. Please accept my deepest sympathy for this great loss of someone so dear to you and your family. Blessings as you take time to grieve his passing in your own time.*
Diane Warren and families



Diane Warren and family - August 16, 2024 at 11:35 AM

PH

“ *Mr. Hoyt was one of the best teachers. I still have projects that I made in his class and still use them to this day. He taught so many of my family members as well and everyone of them speak very highly of Mr. Hoyt.*

Priscilla (Gillman) Holloway - August 16, 2024 at 08:48 AM

CH

“ *Mr. Hoyt was one of the most influential teachers I ever had. Not only did we learn valuable life skills, but he was passionate about his work and the development of his students. At 30-something years old, I still think about working in the shop and how I could've spent every minute of middle school in Mr. Hoyt's shop. Thank you Mr. Hoyt! I wouldn't trade that time for anything. I pray for his family and Mrs. Hoyt that they find comfort in knowing he helped shape many young minds that are now leaders in their communities.*

Carlos Herrera - August 15, 2024 at 10:55 PM

LG

Truer words were never spoken.

Linda Gillman - August 16, 2024 at 02:39 PM

CH

“ *Mr. Hoyt was one of the most influential teachers I ever had. Not only did he teach us valuable skills, but he was passionate about his work and the development of his students. His style of teaching made you feel empowered and confident when most would be fearful and insecure. At 30-something years old, I still think about wood shop and how I could've spent every year of middle school in Mr. Hoyt's shop. Thank you Mr. Hoyt! I wouldn't trade that time for anything!*

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Carlos Herrera - August 15, 2024 at 10:42 PM

JM

“ *Jeanne Mccutcheon purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael Lyle Hoyt.*



Jeanne Mccutcheon - August 15, 2024 at 09:42 PM

DD

“ I am very sad to learn of this. “Mr Hoyt” or “Coach” is how I always addressed him growing up. He was my 7th Gr Boys Basketball coach at Mentone. I remember he would stop us in practice occasionally and yell at us (in a nice joking way) “Hey they only allow 3 steps in basketball, and you just took FOUR!” - Mike was also my wood shop teacher in Jr High. He was always a good roll model with a great personality. After school and college and getting married with a house and kids...I used Mike for a few painting jobs in the Summer - he was ALWAYS up beat and had a great can-do positive attitude. We need more Mike Hoyt’s in this world. It was my honor to have known him. My prayers are with his family.

Doug Dickerhoff - August 15, 2024 at 08:59 PM

DK

“ Dave And Joyce Krieger lit a candle in memory of Michael Lyle Hoyt



Dave and Joyce Krieger - August 15, 2024 at 08:54 PM