



Rev. Michael E. McFarland

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Rev. Michael E. McFarland, 63, of 1230 Madison St., Rochester, passed away and his faith became sight with his loving family at his side at 8:05 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2015, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, after being in failing health since November.

He was born June 30, 1951, in Rochester, to Eugene and Virginia (Swango) McFarland.

He was married Sept. 2, 1976, in Rochester, to Susan J. Craig, and she survives.

He was the Athens United Methodist Church minister for the last four years. Michael worked for Woodlawn Hospital in the emergency room and intensive care unit as well as for Kosciusko Community Hospital and Medstat, Warsaw. He also was a director of nursing at Peabody Retirement, North Manchester, worked in the EMS Department at Woodlawn and at the Bremen Kindred Nursing Home.

Michael received his associate degree in general studies in 1990. He then attained his associate degree in nursing from Indiana University in 1991 and his bachelor's degree in 1995. He took the community parish nurse course in Ohio to further his ministry. He was honored as the Outstanding Alumni in 1995 and received the Carle Foundation Award in 2002. He attended the Ozark Bible College, Neosho, Mo. He received his Ordination Certificate on July 30, 2007, from the Northwest Indiana District. He served as pastor of the Logansport and Kingsford Heights Assembly of God Church. He conducted revival meetings in Logansport, Mooresville and Athens. Michael also was the associate pastor at the Rochester Nazarene Church as well as being involved in children's ministry. He was looking forward to having his next revival Stepping Back in Time tent meeting June 11-14. In previous years, he served as a city councilman in Rochester. He was a man of God that never knew a stranger and always put others before himself. He enjoyed family time, reading and eating at restaurants.

Survivors include his wife, Sue McFarland, Rochester; daughters Melissa and husband Brian Weitzel and Rebecca and husband Brian Sweany, all of Rochester; sons Michael and wife Tamara McFarland, Rochester, and Matthew and wife Samantha McFarland, Lafayette; father Eugene McFarland, Rochester; mother-in-law Lorna Craig, Rochester; aunt Evelyn McFarland, Rochester; nine grandchildren, Clifford Vanata, Bronson and wife Dasha Vanata, Margaret and husband Andrew Rock, Madison Sweany and fiance Kyle Nelson, Joselin Sweany, Bryce Weitzel, Reese Weitzel, Nathinel Beck and Emma Beck; great-grandchildren Willow and Weston Vanata; brother Tim and wife Sue McFarland, Rochester; brother-in-law Jim and wife Judy Brazo, Warsaw; nieces and nephews Julia Gibbons, Laura Smiley, Tim Shepherd, Kim Hunt and Heather Cox; and dog Mollie.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia McFarland, mother-in-law Jo and husband Guy Stayton, father-in-law Raymond Craig and brother-in-law

Delmor Shepherd

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 28, 2015, at the Church of the Nazarene, 1987 Southway 31, Rochester, IN 46975. Rev. Don Meyer and Lay Servant Michael Walters will officiate.

Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at the Athens United Methodist Church, 230 S. 650 East, Athens.

Burial in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Athens United Methodist Church teen ministry or Gideon's International or Fulton County Animal Shelter.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 West 3rd Street
Rochester, IN 46975

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Athens United Methodist Church
230 S 650 E
Athens, IN 46912
<http://athensumc.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

Rochester Church of the Nazarene
1987 Southway 31
Rochester, IN 46975

Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 25, 2015 at 12:15 PM

BH

“ WE are friends of Jan and Vern's and are so sorry about REV. Mcfarland's passing our loss is Heavens Gain. He helped so many folks thru his work here on earth and we shall meet him some sweet day in Heaven.. God Bless all the family at this time of sorrow.

Love and Prayers to all.

Buck and Belva Hatton

buck hatton - May 30, 2015 at 09:54 AM

HH

“ Helen Hiner lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland



Helen Hiner - May 28, 2015 at 08:05 AM

DR

“ Susan and family- so sorry to read of your loss of Mike. He was an awesome, Godly man that touched many lives. I remember his kindness when Bob and I moved to Rochester and I was working as an OR nurse; he was often the ER nurse when I went in on call cases. He was such a loving, caring professional. I am grateful we got to see you two last year at Steak and Shake in Warsaw, it was a lovely surprise and who knew then Mike would be enjoying heaven with Jesus today? Lovingly remembering Mike.

Debbie Bates, RN - May 28, 2015 at 05:56 AM

DG

“ Mike was a kind and caring person. He was a great leader and touched many lives. He inspired me to become an EMT, which was the start of my medical career. I pray for God's comfort for the McFarland family. - Diane Gall R.N.



Diane Gall - May 27, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Michael E. McFarland.



May 27, 2015 at 08:19 AM

PD

“ I met Mike at Course of Study and was in the same class as him...we quickly became friends and I am so thankful to have been able to share time and conversation. I have so much respect and Christian love for this Disciple of Jesus Christ...I will deeply miss him. I am so grateful for the time we had, and so grateful to have been able to be present in the hospital...getting to know his family was very special to me. God has richly blessed all of us through the life of Rev. Michael McFarland...well done my good and faithful servant...until we meet again...to God be the glory! Pastor Darlene DeHaai

Pastor Darlene DeHaai - May 26, 2015 at 09:13 PM

RW

“ Michael you will be missed but we know you are busy talking to the Lord



Roberta Wunder - May 26, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ Violets And Butterflies was purchased for the family of Rev. Michael E. McFarland.



May 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Michael E. McFarland.



May 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM



“ Worked with Mike at Woodlawn, a compassionate man and a good nurse. So sorry for your loss. Sorry I never heard him preach, I hear he was a very good Minister as well



Gayle Landis - May 26, 2015 at 03:20 PM



“ Pastor, Mile touched my heart he will forever be with me. Loletta and I, will miss him very much. R.I.P Pastor Mike



Milo Shriver - May 26, 2015 at 02:47 PM



“ Pastor Mike, was a pastor that touched my heart, and I and Loletta will miss him so much!
R.I.P. Pastor Mike



Milo Shriver - May 26, 2015 at 02:38 PM

MG

“ *Mark L. Gordon lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Mark L. Gordon - May 26, 2015 at 02:19 PM

MG

Susan,

Some of my fondest memories in life are the ones I shared working with Mike (and you also) at Woodlawn. As I relocated back to Rochester several years ago, the recent short encounters here and there with you both (typically at Kroger) brought a smile to my face.

From both of you, your love and compassion, during a recent local tragedy, exemplified what is good in life. As a health care professional, Mike was top notch. And recently as I witnessed first hand, as a Minister, that passion and compassion never faltered.

God bless my old friend Mike, you Susan, and your family, and also brother Tim.

Peace be with all of your family.

*Mark L. Gordon
Rochester*

Mark L. Gordon - May 26, 2015 at 02:29 PM

BM

“ *Barb Mills lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Barb Mills - May 26, 2015 at 11:53 AM

JB

“ I worked with Mike at Bremen Health Care Center. What a joy he was to be around. Always positive and sincerely interested in our staff and residents.
The world has lost a truly wonderful man

Jennifer Bryant - May 26, 2015 at 10:18 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Michael E. McFarland.



May 26, 2015 at 09:59 AM

RW

“ Richard And Colleen Wagoner lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland



Richard and Colleen Wagoner - May 26, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ Regina Rock lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland



Regina Rock - May 26, 2015 at 08:24 AM

PS

“ Pat Syler lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland



Pat Syler - May 26, 2015 at 06:47 AM



“ Regina Rock lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland



Regina Rock - May 26, 2015 at 04:27 AM

BG

“ Bonnie Good lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland



Bonnie Good - May 26, 2015 at 02:32 AM

BB

“ Becky Seidner Brandenburg lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland



Becky Seidner Brandenburg - May 26, 2015 at 12:56 AM

SC

“ *Sandy Carrico lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



sandy carrico - May 25, 2015 at 11:20 PM

DC

“ *Denny And Laura Conley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Denny and Laura Conley - May 25, 2015 at 10:09 PM

CM

“ *Chrissy Mills lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



chrissy mills - May 25, 2015 at 09:43 PM

MD

“ *Maggie Doran lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Maggie Doran - May 25, 2015 at 09:25 PM

MD

Mike was a true man of GOD, and a friend to all who knew him, he will be missed by all, RIP Mike

Maggie Doran - May 25, 2015 at 09:28 PM

AR

one sunday my son Richard & I v isted the church had a great tims when service was over when greating everyone when shook hands with Bro Mike the power of GOD shot right through me i will never forget that love u Mike

annetta ritter - May 26, 2015 at 11:50 AM

 Kathy
Furnivall

“ *Kathy Furnivall lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Kathy Furnivall - May 25, 2015 at 03:35 PM

DM

“ *Dean McCall lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Dean McCall - May 25, 2015 at 03:33 PM

DS

“ *I have worked with Mike at Woodlawn and EMS for many years. His heart is pure gold. Am sure God is smiling having Mike in His heavens.*



Debbie Beehler Stapleton - May 25, 2015 at 02:07 PM

PC

“ *Pat L. Conley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Pat I. Conley - May 25, 2015 at 01:49 PM

BS

“ *Betty Stroud lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Betty Stroud - May 25, 2015 at 01:09 PM

LS

“ *Becky, Brian, and girls; just read about your dad. Although we never met, I heard much about him from you. He sounded like a wonderful man and I know you loved him. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will try to get to the viewing, if we are not able to, please share our condolences with your mom and family. Words cannot take away the pain, or make the hole in your heart hurt less. We love you, and are here if you need us. Love, Uncle John and Aunt Linda*



Linda and John Sweany - May 25, 2015 at 01:07 PM

DM

“ *Pastor Mike was very much loved & admired by the McCall family...He was a true representative of Jesus in his manner & way of making sure our needs were met during the most difficult of life issues we were confronted with while Jay was in the hospital in critical condition, & after his death...We can't thank him enough for his awesome help & manner when we needed it most..Love all of the McFarland family, & we are so deeply sorry , & sad for the loss of one so dear to you, & to many...We have lost a light here on earth but I'm sure it's burning brightly in Heaven....A part of Jesus returned back to Him...Enjoy Heaven, until we meet again dear friend, & a treasured Pastor to the McCall family..In Christ's love to you all...Dean...*

Dean McCall - May 25, 2015 at 12:48 PM

TS

“ *Tim And Linda Sayger lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Tim and Linda Sayger - May 25, 2015 at 12:36 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 25, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ *Angela Nichols lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Angela Nichols - May 25, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ *Lori Eytcheson Peterson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Lori Eytcheson Peterson - May 25, 2015 at 11:52 AM

DH

“ *Dave And Karen Helt lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Dave and Karen Helt - May 25, 2015 at 07:58 AM

RK

“ *Richard And Linda Kowal lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael E. McFarland*



Richard and Linda Kowal - May 24, 2015 at 03:58 PM