



## Michael "Mike" P. Carey

July 15, 1947 - July 11, 2017

Loudonville-Michael "Mike" Patrick Carey, 69, of Loudonville peacefully passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, surrounded by family at Albany Medical Center, due to complications from ALS.

Born in Albany on July 15, 1947, he was the son of William Joseph Carey and Rosemary Trivison Carey.

A graduate of the Christian Brothers Academy, Michael played football and was voted a member of the All-Albany team in 1965.

He continued to play at Manhattan College, where he earned his teaching degree. Mike began his career as an elementary school physical education teacher, and also coached football at Philip Schuyler High School. He later earned a Masters degree in Health Education from Russell Sage College.

Mike served many years in the Albany School District, first as a teacher and football coach, then as the Director of Transportation, and finally as the long-time principal of School 20 in North Albany, now known as North Albany

Academy. Following retirement in 2003, he returned to football coaching at CBA. He also spent many years coaching softball in the West Albany little league.

In addition to his love of sports, Mike was a long-time supporter of the American Legion in Albany as a “Sons of” member, and a member of the Albany Elks Lodge #49, the North Albany Limericks, the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, and the Albany Polish-American Citizens Club. An avid follower of politics, he offered his time in the community as an Election Inspector.

After suffering a paralyzing fall in 2009, Mike made a full recovery and was inspired to volunteer at Albany Medical Center. His duties included being a “friendly visitor,” especially to patients dealing with spinal cord injuries. He was proud to be honored with the “Volunteer of the Month” award at Albany Med. He was training for the Pastoral Care program through St. Pius X when he fell ill.

Mike is survived by his wife of 44 years, Patricia Carey of Loudonville; his son, Matthew Carey of Albany; his daughter, Colleen Luther (Kyle) of Loudonville; his daughter, Megan Geltman (Randy) of San Antonio, Texas; his adoring granddaughters, Ennea and Alera Luther; his younger siblings, Kathleen Henkel (Hank), Robert Carey (Diane), Maryann Ryan (Kevin), and Nancy Chamberlain; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was predeceased by his parents and brother-in law, William Chamberlain.

The family would like extend thanks to those who helped Mike during his struggle with ALS, especially: Mike Brady, Robert Carey, Nancy Chamberlain, Donna Coonley-Hotaling, Frank Owens, Tom Quinlivan, Jimmy Smith, Jerry

Spicer, and Rosemary Wolfgang, as well as the doctors, staff and volunteers at Albany Med and the St. Peters Regional ALS Center.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Michael's family Friday, July 14, 2017 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville.

Funeral services Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 9:30 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a special message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In Lieu of flowers Michael requested that any memorial contributions be made to the St. Peters Regional ALS Center on 19 Warehouse Row, Albany NY 12205 or the North Albany Academy on 570 North Pearl Street, Albany NY 12204.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

## Service

JUL 15. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" P. Carey*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Sending our condolences to Mike's family, we will continue to remember Mike for his dedication to the educational and related needs of the children and families of Albany.*

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**Leo & Martha Levy** - July 18, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *Bob & Kathy:*

*I would run into brother periodically. I always enjoyed talking with him. Mike always had such enthusiasm when speaking about North Albany or football.*

*I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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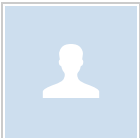
**Richard Gleason** - July 17, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ *Uncle Mike touched so many lives with lasting positive memories. I have several friends from childhood that still til this day talk of their love of Mr. Carey, their principal. We had the privilege of knowing him in a different light as uncle as well. He took difficult moments in life and faced them head on. I am upset that I will not be able to celebrate his life in person with my family this weekend, but know that I keep his words of wisdom, his perseverance, and his passion for helping others in my heart always. He motivated me to be better in my career and I look forward to continuing the great honor it is to share his love of educating students into my upcoming 10th year teaching. I love you all and will be there in spirit.*

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**Courtney Jasniewski** - July 14, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" P. Carey.*



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July 13, 2017 at 08:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" P. Carey.*



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July 13, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" P. Carey.*



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July 13, 2017 at 03:30 PM



“ *To the Carey family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy.  
Barbara and Joe Shanahan*

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**barbara shanahan** - July 13, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *Cathy and I send our deepest sympathies to Mikes entire family. May god give them the strength to endure this tragic time of loss and sorrow. Mike being my older cousin was always a roll model to me while I was growing up. As we went through life and had many good times and sad times together he showed he was a roll model for all, right up to the time when god took him home.  
Chuck & Cathy Carey*

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**Charles Carey** - July 13, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ *Our sincerest sympathies go out to Mike's immediate and extended family. The loss you have suffered is great. The contributions Mike made to his community are far more than most. We pray for peace, for both Mike and his loved ones.*

*Love,  
Tim and Cathy Ann (Ryan) McCarthy*

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**Cat McCarthy** - July 13, 2017 at 09:09 AM

ME

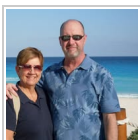
“ I was saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I will always remember Mike for his kindness and support when my mother passed away.  
Marva Evans

Marva Evans - July 13, 2017 at 08:58 AM

RP

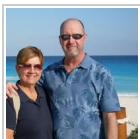
“ My condolences to the Carey family. Mike was a great man and one of the best I ever worked with.

Ron Preville - July 13, 2017 at 06:02 AM



“ I would like to send my sincere sympathy to the family. I do remember Mike fondly from the days of living in North Albany. He was a great guy and will be sorely missed by so many. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. God bless you all.

Mary Mokay Severance - July 12, 2017 at 08:29 PM



“ Mary Mokay Severance lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" P. Carey



Mary Mokay Severance - July 12, 2017 at 08:27 PM

JM

“ Mike you were a great friend and a great person. Our greatest memories were our trips to Notre Dame the highlight was when you and I were in the second last row in the Basilica and were asked to take up the collection we couldn't wait to tell Father Walsh. Rest In Peace my friend. To the family our condolences

*John and Marianne McCormick*

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**john mccormick** - July 12, 2017 at 06:31 PM

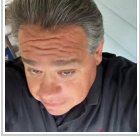
MM

“ Mike fought through incredible physical and emotional hardships with an amazing amount of grace, dignity and tenacity. I know his family played a huge role in his recovery from his paralysis and in supporting him through a debilitating illness and I think you are all to be congratulated for how well you did by him. I hope knowing that you were so good to him and took such good care of him will help provide some peace for you in this difficult time.

*I am sorry that I can't come up this weekend to pay my respects, but I know Mike knew I respected him a great deal. I'll find a way to get up to Riverdale and have one in his honor. Rest well fellow Jasper.*

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**Mark P. Tallman, MD** - July 12, 2017 at 05:51 PM



“ Uncle Mike was an extraordinary person. When we were children all together visiting my Grandmother in Little Falls, he would take us to Church on Sunday Morning.  
He was always full of laughter and loved sports so we would talk sports for hours.  
I chose him as my Confirmation Sponsor because he was so deeply committed to our Religion.  
He was stubbornly proud of his Irish and North Albany heritage.  
When I went to say goodbye to him he was truly someone who had made peace with everyone and everything.  
While this world is a lesser place without him, I have no doubts he will be one of the first people to greet me in Heaven.  
I'm extremely proud to have had an Uncle who was loved and respected by so many people.

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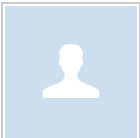
**Michael Pawluk** - July 12, 2017 at 05:17 PM

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“ Carey Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow.  
  
With deepest condolences,  
Jack & Tracy O'Rourke, Kevin & Briana O'Rourke, Kelsey O'Rourke & Chris Murray.

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**Tracy O'Rourke** - July 12, 2017 at 04:46 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" P. Carey.



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July 12, 2017 at 04:32 PM

JE

“ Mike Carey was truly a great person. He put his heart and soul into his family and his students. I was lucky enough to become good friends with Mike, and through him and "brother Bob", and the entire Carey family. My years living on Bonheim Street just a few houses from his mom and dad were wonderful. I greatly enjoyed time spent with Mike, and he has made me rich with fond memories of golfing, the Post, the Elks, parade day, North Albany reunions, trips to Syracuse to visit his daughter and to watch football with Ham-bone, and an endless litany of great times to long to list. Mike has etched himself in my heart like a true brother and great friend - and I know I am not alone here. Knowing his true compassion for people and gentleness of heart I know he is in Heaven.

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**Johnny Evers** - July 12, 2017 at 02:43 PM

DC

*Mike ...Our beloved principal.*

*Anyone who worked for Mike knows that he created a family in a building that was charged with teaching, year after year, a number of the most challenging students. And we actually liked going to work!. We worked FOR him -in the truest sense. Oh yeah, and calling in sick was definitely out.*

*He set the bar pretty high and told you how it was going to be, but even though he thought himself a tough guy, he didn't forget to thank you for doing a good job. His often told me the day before Christmas break when we had "a lottery" and the neediest kids got "picked" and received a toy -well that that was his favorite day of all. And he suspended more kids just prior to the April break when though infinitely patient, he truly had had enough.*

*However, he did need to be watched at times. He would confuse movie star names with parents names, staff names got twisted and he would resort to calling them and us "kid " when he had no idea. He had interesting uses for paperclips and could find nothing on his desk without assistance.*

*Mike loved his family so much and loved telling us about them. Staffs' families were always welcome in the building- and if you were old enough and hanging around he woud find something for you to do. One particular moment stands out when his mom stopped by after shopping at Lodges, (with new T shirts?) and he was off running to a crisis, with the grunt and a "Not now mom!"*

*Mike was a man of deep faith. I was honored to spend some special time with him over the past few months. He knew that, like school 20, there was another special place (up there) and that he was going to it. So Mike my boss and my friend -on behalf of all of us : We will miss you.*

*Thank you for teaching us to be like you- North Albany Strong.*

*Donna Coonley-Hotaling*

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**Donna Coonley-Hotaling** - July 12, 2017 at 05:38 PM

BS

*Extending heartfelt condolences to Mike's family. It was our joy to know him. -- Bonnie Sklar-Perry & Don Perry*

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**Bonnie Sklar** - July 13, 2017 at 06:43 PM

DG

*Mike Carey Thank You. For being my first friend at CBA. For giving me a place to stay when we partied in high school. For coming to my Mothers funeral just a couple years ago. For your joy and determination when playing football For running with me through the golf course to get to your home on Bonheim St. For your Mom and Dad who made me feel comfortable and accepted. For sending me money when I was stranded in Florida. For your story of knocking over the blind musician {Stevie Wonder} For a great wedding reception where I witnessed the great Polka dancer Podkorski. For all the conversations at our lunch table, For the many beers shared and you trying to keep me out of trouble. Mike again thank you for showing us what a life well-lived looks like. My best to Pat {did I introduce her to you?} your children and Kathleen your little sister with the beautiful eyes You are the epitome of the Fighting Irish. God bless and peace Dennis Gavin class of 1966 CBA.*

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**dennis Gavin** - July 15, 2017 at 01:53 PM