



## Michael F. Bette

February 1, 1937 - April 11, 2013

Loudonville-Michael F. Bette, 76, died Thursday, April 11, 2013. Born in Bronx, NY and raised on Long Island, he was the son of the late Alexander and Rosemary Reidy Bette. He attended Chaminade High School and Manhattan College.

In 1973 Mr. Bette and his partner Bob Barry established the construction firm, Barry & Bette, Inc. After 10 successful years he helped form Barry, Bette and Led Duke, Inc (BBL). In 1999 Mr. Bette became Chairman of the Bette Companies and along with his sons formed Bette & Cring Construction Group, First Columbia, BBL Florida and BBLTexas, ensuring the continuation of the family's construction and real estate development businesses.

Mr. Bette's many local projects include major work at the Empire State Plaza, Siena, SUNY Albany, Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's Hospital and Ellis Hospital.

Michael Bette was elected to the Board of Trustees at both Manhattan College and Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and was presented a degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from both institutions.

In addition to work, Mr. Bette understood the value of spending time with his family. He coached youth sports and was a Scoutmaster at Troop 48 in Clifton

Park. He loved Lake George and spending time with family and friends at his home on Cleverdale. Known as "Opa" to his grandchildren, Michael was equally proud of each and will be missed by them all. An avid golfer for most of his life, he learned the game as a caddy at Bethpage and was a member at Schuyler Meadows, Glens Falls Country Club and The Everglades Club.

Mr. Bette will be known not only as an entrepreneur, but for his generous philanthropy. He supported many area organization and was particularly interested in supporting organizations that provided services to area youth and those less fortunate. Bette served as past Board Member of Hope House, the Twin Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America, Albany College of Pharmacy and his Alma Mater, Manhattan College.

He was the dear husband of Mary Ann Harding Bette; beloved father of Matthew Bette (Lisa), Kevin Bette (Kathleen), Peter Bette (Patricia), Ann Marie Parker (William), Christopher Bette (Anne), Mark Bette (Gina) and Suzanne Bette; cherished grandfather of Patrick, Catherine, Brendan and Brian, Nathaniel, Michael, Madeline and Cecelia, Nicholas, Rebekah, Mary Elizabeth and William, Alexander and Julia, Emily and Sarah; brother of Ellen Andrews.

Funeral services Friday, April 19, 2013 at 10:00 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands will immediately follow the Mass.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, April 18, 2013 4:00 to 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Church.

Those wishing to remember Michael Bette in a special way may send a contribution to Catholic Charities, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203 or St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 319 South Manning Blvd., Suite 114, Albany,

NY 12208.

To leave a message for the family on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

## Service

APR 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

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23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael F. Bette*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Maritza Acero lit a candle in memory of Michael F. Bette*



**Maritza Acero** - September 10, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences regarding the passing of Mr. Bette. I was an employee off BBL ('88-'90)and appreciated the steady hand of Mr Bette during my employment, and the truthful and ethical way he ran his portion of the business.##imported-begin##Dwight Sickler##imported-end##*

April 20, 2013 at 07:17 PM



“ *Mary Anne and family. Sorry to hear of Mikes passing. There were many happy days at Clifton Knolls. We were unable to go to the funeral but know you are in our prayers. Estelle##imported-begin##Estelle and George Coulter##imported-end##*

April 19, 2013 at 05:16 PM



“ *The Bette Family*

*You may remember my name but I doubt any of you would recognize.*

*My relationship with Mike and Bob goes back to Lange Finn days when we used to lend Barry Bette equipment and material and receive the same courtesy.*

*Bob encouraged me to interview with Tom Murray and Donnie after I left Lange Finn. Mike would always ask how I was doing and always have time to talk Siena Basketball. He made sure I was on the bus to the Garden for the NIT. My son and Diane May were dating when Mike was honored as a Man of the Year and he made it a point to come over and make sure Diane knew she was special which she really appreciated. Mike was a Gentlemen and a kind and nice man. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with you.*

*Jack Decatur##imported-begin##Jack and Nancy  
Decatur##imported-end##*

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April 19, 2013 at 11:41 AM



“ *"Chops" You and I were classmates in Chaminade 1955. Your on the left side , I am on the right side of the year book.*

*Oh God, How I wish I knew you lived in the same area as me. It would have been great to have a drink ,look out on Lake George and think of the good times we had in Chaninade.*

*There just may be a connection with My son "Flip" and your kids thru Boy Scouts.*

*God bless, You did wonderful in the life God gave you.  
Philip Sr.##imported-begin##Philip A Buttlint (Phlip)##imported-end##*

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April 18, 2013 at 06:23 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers and deepest condolences *Thomas F. Kirkpatrick, CEO/Chairman of the Board of CRM Rental Management, Inc. and Arthur C. Loomis, President of CRM Housing D*”

April 18, 2013 at 12:22 PM



“ Sending my condolences to the family of Mr. Bette- I have worked for BBL for many years and have met Mr. Bette. Cherish those special memories for they never can be taken away. *Michael Hall*”

April 18, 2013 at 10:01 AM



“ Our deepest regrets on the passing of your father. I met him at the golf tournament last summer. I remember Matt saying to me "he will never play the senior tees". *Bill and Susan Long*”

April 17, 2013 at 10:31 AM



“ I was a boy scout in Troop 48 when Mr. Bette was a leader there in the 1970's to 1980. He had a lasting positive influence on me. I remember him playing tug of war with us; that was dedication! Thank you Mr. Bette; rest in peace. *Charles Malsan Jr.*”

April 16, 2013 at 05:57 PM



“ Dear Mary Ann & Family,  
So very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was such a wonderful person and I know how much he will be missed. Please know that John & I will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers...  
Sincerely,  
John & Paula Gilooly##imported-begin##Paula Gilooly##imported-end##

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April 16, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ To the entie Bette Family: Warm and sincere thoughts to you all to keep the the many great memories you have of your father and grandfather at the forefront of your lives. With regards, Sandy Mathes##imported-begin##Alexander "Sandy" Mathes, Jr.##imported-end##

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April 16, 2013 at 09:39 AM



“ Dear Mary Ann and Family...., No words can express my sadness at Mike's passing. He gave me such a great opportunity at BBL and I was always so grateful to him for that. I so respected and admired him - he was one of my favorite people on this planet. May the peace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ see you through this difficult time and the knowledge that Mike is now in our Father's loving arms.##imported-begin##Jan Snider##imported-end##

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April 14, 2013 at 02:56 PM