



Michael R. Guinivan

January 1, 1949 - January 16, 2020

Michael R. "Mike" Guinivan, 71, of Maytown, passed away on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Harrisburg, he was the son of the late Robert M. and Floda (Trout) Guinivan. Mike was the husband of Mattia "Tia" (Pino) Guinivan with whom he celebrated 48 years of marriage this past June.

Mike was a graduate of Millersville University. Following college, Mike was a technical arts education teacher for 34 years at Middletown Area High School. He was heavily involved in the Teachers Union while at Middletown with many years serving as their President. Outside of the classroom, Mike was the Men's and Woman's Swimming Coach at Elizabethtown College for 20 years. In that time, he earned multiple Middle Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year awards. He also coached age group swimming at Elizabethtown Aquatic Club, Willowood Swim Club and Mount Joy Lions Club Swim Team. Over the summers, Mike was a swim club manager at Willowood Swim Club and the Mount Joy Lions Club Swimming Pool. Following retirement from teaching, Mike was the Aquatic Director at the Hempfield Recreation Center. Mike was very involved in the Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Council, Buildings and Grounds committee and several parish fundraising events. Mike believed wholeheartedly in community service and volunteered with the American Red Cross, was a member of the East Donegal Township Park Commission, a member of the East Donegal Township Planning Commission, a volunteer with meals on wheels, and a long-time member of the Mount Joy Lions Club. Along with his membership in the Mount Joy Lions Club, Mike was heavily involved in the District level of the Lions Club. Mike's work and service touched countless lives. He loved his community and worked to make it a better place every day.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Tia, are four children, Nicole Dobson of Orlando, FL, Melissa Logan, wife of Michael of Wallingford, PA, Lisa Gardocki, wife of John of West Chester and Robert Guinivan, husband of Nicole of Elizabethtown; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Janet McDonald, wife of William of Selkirk, NY and F. Catherine Williams, wife of Jack of Wilmington, DE; and a brother, Richard Guinivan, husband of Phyllis of Wilmington, DE.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, 625 Union School Road, Mount Joy on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church following mass. Interment will be private at Maytown Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mary Mother of the Church Parish, 625 Union School Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552, Mount Joy Lions Club, PO Box 4, Mount Joy, PA 17552 or American Heart Association, 4250 Crums Mill Road, Suite 100. Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ My Condolences to the Guinivan Family. I was privileged to serve with Mike on the Parks Commission and Memorial Day Parade Committee. While he was not teaching me, he actually was. I am thankful from all that I have learned from Mike.

Corey Sine - January 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Prayers for the Guinivan family. Coach was a blessing to many, including myself. Sarah Klaiber Mattes '01

Sarah Klaiber Mattes - January 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I remember Mike as a young man swimming competitively on Hershey swim teams. My condolences to his family who have lost a good man. I hope you will find solace in fond memories of Mike. Sincerely, Jim Henry

Jim Henry - January 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I knew Mike for many years and enjoyed playing cards and conversing with him about a multitude of subjects. Recently I had the opportunity to work with Mike on several volunteer projects and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. What really amazed me was Mike's ability to work with many differ personalities and bring everyone together to achieve a common goal. Mike will surely be missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Mark Torborg - January 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Michael R. Guinivan

January 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am so, so, so.. very sadden by this news. Robert, my heart, prayers and love go our to you and your family during this very difficult time . Mike was a great guy and wonderful to do business with. He was very involved in the community and will be greatly missed. Blessings to all! Carmen Swinehart, Tom Troccoli

Carmen Swinehart - January 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Michael R. Guinivan

January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Oh Tia, we are so sorry... What a terrible loss... We hold you and your family in our hearts. With big hugs, Stefanie Valar & Ed Hauck

Stefanie Valar & Ed Hauck - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Michael R. Guinivan

January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Mr. Guinivan, I just wanted to say thank you for always having patience with me during high school. I was a goofy, disruptive, loud, and obnoxious kid but you stayed on me and kept me focused. You taught me that there was an entire world of design and photography out there waiting to be conquered. A few years ago I was given a prestigious award and thanked you and a college professor publically. Later that year I asked around about you on facebook but the last any of us heard you were no longer working for the Middletown Area High School. I wanted to reach out and tell you how much you meant to me. I wanted to tell you that I am NOW a designer AND photographer and its all because of you... Mr. Guinivan you chose to help me and I really don't know why but i wish i could tell you to your face how much you and your teaching meant to me. You saved me and for that I will FOREVER be grateful. May God Bless your lovely soul. Your student always... ~Amanuel Ghebremichael

Amanuel Ghebremichael - January 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ A Dear, kind and decent man loved by many! I have had the pleasure on numerous occasions to present him with the precious blood and holy body of Christ! God rest your soul Mike! May God ease the hearts of your dear family and friends! Sincerely, Anton & Cathy Spinelli

Anton Spinelli - January 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Mike was a wonderful neighbor for many years, until I moved away. Always willing to give a hand. Very involved in his family and ready to talk to you to help you through problems. Mike will be greatly missed. Hesven has gained a wonderful man. Laretta Jones Rieker

Laretta Jones Rieker - January 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Michael R. Guinivan

January 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ RIP Cuz. I will always remember Mike when he & Tia were dating/engaged. I was a kid & he was the quiet giant. None of the men in the Crispi family were as tall as Mike. Over the years I found him to be a wonderful dad, coach & a hard worker when it came to helping the extended familia! He was always very humble. Even tho the family hasn't been together in years, he will be missed.

Sara M. Crispi - January 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM