



## Francis "Mike" Hoard

August 5, 1938 - May 30, 2024

Francis "Mike" Hoard, of Washington Township, Michigan, passed away on May 30, 2024 at the age of 85. Mike is the cherished husband of Diana; the loving father of Mary (Andrew) Bambury and Jennifer (Ron) Clark; the beloved grandfather of Michael (Ashley) Burlingham, James (Hilary) Burlingham, Elizabeth Bambury, and Stephen Banbury; the adored great-grandfather of Lian, Livia, and Lucas; and the dear brother of Susan Hoard. His wife Diana's children Darcy, Jillian, Noelle, and Matthew, and her 11 grandchildren were also well loved by Mike. Mike was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary, his sister, Patricia Jaskula, and his brother, David Hoard.

Mike proudly served in the United States Army for 4 years. He worked for Utica Community Schools as an educator and an administrator. He was also a Past President of the Utica Education Association. Mike had a passion for being outside, often spending time fishing or traveling. He enjoyed going on many cruises with Diana. He was a true handyman. He seemed to always be building something. Mike was the go-to guy for anything that needed to be built or fixed. Mike was known for his quick wit and his incredible sense of humor. Above all, Mike loved his family. He enjoyed spending time with them and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren hold a special place in his heart. He will be deeply missed.

Mike's family will receive friends for visitation on Monday, June 3, 2024 from

11:00 a.m. until the time of his celebration of life service at 12:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. Please share a story or leave a tribute at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly Township, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
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utica@sullivanfh.com  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Susan... I am so very sorry to hear of your brothers passing. I hope you remember me as the neighbor in the condos that you helped with writing so I could continue with my education to become a teacher. I just retired from UCS this year. I will always be grateful to you ! Would love to connect... I am on facebook  
Prayers to you and your family .  
Denise McCarthy ( Hirschmann)

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**Denise McCarthy** - June 21, 2024 at 12:52 PM

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“ Mike was one of the founders of the Utica School's Yooper Club. He worked with Red Harding, Pat Monette, and Shirley Berry to get it off the ground. Good old Monte Carlo mostaccioli and karaoke.  
Great times and we even awarded scholarships to kids from the UP. Like most Mike efforts, we had fun and still got things done.  
Mary Lu Lockhart

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**mary lockhart** - June 04, 2024 at 04:10 PM

RC

“ I love you so very much Mike.  
Thank you for everything you have done for Jennifer and me!!!  
You will be missed and always prayed for without ceasing!!!  
Love,  
Ron Clark

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**Ron Clark** - June 02, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ Dear Mary, Jennifer and family, Thinking of you with prayer and healing at this most sad time in your life. Your mom was a friend of mine as well as your dad. May you have peace in the years to come. Most sincerely, Dorothy

Dorothy Busch - June 02, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ Dear Susan, Thinking of you with love at this sad time. You lost your brother and best friend. Prayers for you in the years to come. Please except my sincere condolences.

Dorothy Busch - June 02, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ Dear Diana and family, with special thoughts and prayer thinking of you with love and caring today. In times of sorrow, love heals. In all time, love remembers



Dorothy Busch - June 02, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ Your friends at BCBSMA purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Francis "Mike" Hoard.



Your friends at BCBSMA - June 02, 2024 at 09:17 AM

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“ We are very sorry to hear about the loss of Mike. He was a great neighbor and such a wonderful gentleman who will be truly missed!

*Our deepest condolences - Neil & Ann Marie Childs*

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**Ann Marie Childs** - June 01, 2024 at 09:36 PM

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“ Art & Judy von Ploennies purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Francis "Mike" Hoard.



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**Art & Judy von Ploennies** - June 01, 2024 at 12:11 PM

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“ Art & Judy von Ploennies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis "Mike" Hoard.

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**Art & Judy von Ploennies** - June 01, 2024 at 12:11 PM