



## Harry Bates Price

June 4, 1948 - October 24, 2019

Harry Bates Price (Mickey) passed away peacefully in his sleep with one of his beloved books in hand on October 24, 2019.

Mickey was a life long resident of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and a graduate of Olivet College. He was very close to his family and friends and loved spending time with his nieces and nephews. He will be remembered as a wonderful son, grandson, brother, and a very fun uncle and friend.

Mickey was an avid outdoorsman. He was natural born sailor and spent many years on his beautiful sailboats entertaining family and friends. Also, an avid skier, soccer and hockey player, he shared his talents coaching at West Bloomfield schools and Cranbrook Schools. He loved his time as a teacher of history and government at West Bloomfield schools and at Cranbrook Schools. He has left a lasting legacy to those he coached, taught and mentored.

He is predeceased by his loving parents Harry Bates and Margaret (Knapp) Price and his grandparents Leo J. and Mary (Hudson) Knapp, Harry Bates and Irene (Lyons) Price.

Mickey is survived by his two sisters, Judith Gray (William) and MarySue Ryan (Edward). He is also survived by his four nephews: William Gray (Kristina), Ryan Spilhaus (Bethany), Tyler Spilhaus, Matthew Ryan (Adriana),

and his two nieces Kaly Spilhaus and Kaitlyn Adams (Chris). Also, his three grandnieces: Lillian Gray, Robin Gray, Mia Adams and his grandnephew, Griffin Spilhaus. As well as many loved cousins and their children.

We will all remember Mickey for his love of history, his humor and his ability to tell stories that would entertain and make you laugh. He leaves us all rich in memories.

A memorial service in celebration of Mickey's life will be held Sunday, Nov. 17th, 2019 at 1:00 pm, with a visitation from 12:30pm to 1:00pm, at William Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 West 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067 (4 blocks east of Woodward).

Following the service there will be a gathering for family and friends at the Cranbrook Upper School Library from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Parking is available at 520 Lone Pine or 550 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

The family wishes to thank Mickey's close friends who were a constant source of joy to him throughout his life.

If you wish, donations may be made to the American Kidney Foundation, The Alliance for The Great Lakes, or Cranbrook Schools (Please note "in honor of Harry Price" on the memo line).

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 17. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I just learned of Mickey’s passing....Mickey had a significant impact on my life growing up, as both a camp counselor at Echo Park and then a teacher and soccer coach at Cranbrook. He was the sailing instructor at EP camp, and taught my brother and me (et al) how to sail Sunfish on the ponds of Bloomfield hills.

When I arrived at Cranbrook, I was excited and relieved to see the familiar face of Mickey Price (my 7th grade history teacher) He wryly acknowledged me from camp and off we went...I remember his introductory speech to the 8th grade history class: anyone who buys him a spinnaker will earn an automatic A in the class. We all looked around at each other wondering what a spinnaker is...

I remember enjoying Mickey’s teaching style greatly and was very proud to earn a good grade in his class, one year even winning the History award for our grade.

When Mickey was introduced each morning at Echo Park, he ran down the outdoor amphitheater to the song M-I-C-K-E-Y P-R-I-C-E, to the tune of the Mickey Mouse song. It left an indelible mark on me. I was very sad to hear of his passing. In hindsight, I wish I’d made the time to come see Mickey after leaving Cranbrook.

My condolences to his family.

Doug Slotkin (middle school 1976-77)

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Doug Slotkin - November 27, 2023 at 05:24 PM

MW

“ Mickey had a tremendous impact on my life, as a teacher, mentor, coach, and friend. Mickey you left this world a better place! I will miss you!!

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**Michael Whitted** - November 17, 2019 at 11:59 AM

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**Mark Smith** - November 17, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Bates Price.



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November 16, 2019 at 01:26 PM

LK

“ Mickey,

*Today I donated to The Alliance for The Great Lakes in your honor. It seemed a fitting send off for you as well as a recognition of how our childhoods revolved around water. Mostly Wing Lake, but I certainly felt it was a Great Lake.*

*Miss you, cousin,*

*Laura Knapp*

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**Laura Knapp** - November 13, 2019 at 10:24 PM

BP

“ Mickey, my only male cousin, and I were walking through the woods across from his house. We were probably around 8 years old. We saw a fairly large mound of dirt sitting at the base of a rotted tree trunk. Ever the explorer, Mick decided to step up on the mound of dirt. With a big jump he landed in the center of the mound only to discover it was an extremely large Ground Wasp nest. They started to swarm us as we ran screaming from the woods with the wasps in chase. Mick ended up with countless stings. When I saw him last year for a lunch we had quite a laugh about our unfortunate experience. A good guy...that was Mick. Rest pal, rest!

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**Bud Price** - November 13, 2019 at 08:53 AM

TF

“ The Reuss Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Harry Bates Price.



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**The Reuss Family** - November 11, 2019 at 04:39 PM

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**Christine** - November 11, 2019 at 01:53 PM

JH

“ Coach,  
*You fought hard, and ran the race well. While you are gone, I am surrounded by the witnesses of your Integrity, diligence, honesty and intellect that you have left behind.  
I am thankful for you, and miss you.*

*Jon C. Houser*



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**jon houser** - November 09, 2019 at 06:20 PM

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**Sean** - November 07, 2019 at 11:48 AM

SO

“Mickey was a friend to many of us. For me and my sons he was a bridge from the old Cranbrook of the 1980's to the present day Cranbrook they attended.

*He was a friend and support system to the boarding members of the hockey squad of the late 80's (and many others). He was a counter balance to the intensity of our hard driving and outstanding coach Ted Kelley.*

*He remained the same friend to me and to my sons when I was 1000 miles away, and they were living in the dorms - and he never tired of wanting to be involved in our lives....even as he struggled so much with his health.*

*I remember the vigor and energy and vitality he brought to my peers on the hockey and soccer teams of the late 80's. I remember him being a thoughtful and caring mentor. He remained that - albeit less involved with the school in recent years. But Mickey cared so deeply about the kids and the programs and the school. It broke his heart NOT to be involved.*

*I take solace in the thought that he is no longer suffering in ill health, and he is reunited with his loving mother and father. I will miss him, and only wish I had been more willing and able to spend more precious time with him up until the end.*

*God Bless you Mickey.*

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Sean OLeary - November 07, 2019 at 11:01 AM

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**Sean OLeary** - November 07, 2019 at 10:43 AM

TK

“ Mickey was always around and always welcome in the Kelley household. There was always that special bond that existed between my father and he. "Herr Price" was, in many ways, a distant uncle who shared my father's passion for sports and history. My memories of Mickey began with sailing trips on his boat and he introduced me to that particular world when he taught me to use our Sunfish on Cape Cod. His mentorship as a teacher in our Middle School was also inspirational. In a nutshell, he cared. He cared about the students in his class (nicknames notwithstanding...) and he cared about the subject. Years later, as my life has taken me abroad, he always regaled me with historical perspective, especially when I moved to Germany.

*In many respects, Mick's greatest legacy will be the relationships he leaves behind. That was what made him special. He kept my father balanced from time to time, and he helped shape me into someone who understands both the power of our collective past and the restorative magic of the ocean's horizon.*

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Timothy Kelley - November 02, 2019 at 07:22 AM

SB

“ I am a better person for having Mickey (Mr. Price) as a eighth grader in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Mickey was generous with his time as a high school educator and soccer coach. He offered encouragement to help guide youth through adolescence and into their adulthood. I appreciated his friendship and direction in school. Social media allowed me to track Mickey down a few years ago. I sent Mickey a long handwritten note and received a phone call a week later. We both shed tears during the phone. It was remarkable! He remembered me as well as I remembered him. Thank you coach for the life lessons and direction. You will be remembered and you are special.



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Steven B Broyles - November 01, 2019 at 07:14 PM

RD

“ *Mr. Price was a beloved teacher at Cranbrook, not only because he shared his in-depth knowledge of history and politics with humor, insight, and depth, but also because of his ability to take a joke. I remember when our class filled his car with balloons. He laughed, said a witty comment, and embraced the prank for what it was--a juvenile attempt at showing our love for a great teacher. He made an impact on the lives of many, and will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace.*

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**ROBERT E DANIELS** - November 01, 2019 at 01:59 PM

MR

“ *14 files added to the tribute wall*



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**MarySue Price Ryan** - October 31, 2019 at 03:56 PM