



## Michael Graham

August 5, 1940 - September 8, 2018

Mike Graham...est. in Royal Oak on August 5, 1940 passed away in Linden, Michigan on September 8, 2018 surrounded by his family in the comfort of his own home.

Mike is survived by his wife Vera, whom he was married to for 55 years.

They, together, raised 5 daughters...Vickie, Mickey, Tracy, Julie and Sara (age respective oldest to youngest).

From those 5 daughters came 4 wonderful son-in-laws...Bill, Pablo, Eric and Chris.

Lastly and importantly, he left behind 12 grandchildren...Emily, Jack, Brenna, Mitch, Sofia, Cecilia, Luca, Leah, Katie, Maxine, Bella and lastly, the youngest, Libby.

Mike Graham was by far the kindest, most loving, caring husband and father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and friend that anyone could ever imagine.

Those left behind are hugely voided in their hearts and in their lives.

Mike was mainly devoted to his family...who can all say they share an infinite

amount of irreplaceable memories of the time spent from growing up in Royal Oak to vacationing at his and Vera's home on Hubbard Lake, where they both resided for over 10 years in retirement. Hubbard Lake allowed many years of family bonding and memory making that shaped the Graham family into one that would be impossible to recreate...fabulous!!!

Aside from his family, Mike was a long time Allstate Agent, which provided over and above what his large family needed to grow.

He loved hunting, fishing, golf, bird watching, camping...really anything that allowed his family to be together. He was the glue...the Grand Puba.

Bottom line, Mike was all about making other people happy...and would have done anything for anybody. All who knew Mike, loved Mike. That's who he was!

Visitation Thursday, September 13, from 2 - 8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak.  
Funeral Mass Friday, September 14, at 12:00 p.m. (11:30 a.m. in state) at St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak.

Memorials appreciated to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 Donate Now ([https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=2681&mfc\\_pref=T&2681.donation=form1](https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2681&mfc_pref=T&2681.donation=form1))

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Mass

SEP **14.** 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
730 S. Lafayette Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ Like all of Mike's friends, I always had a great deal of respect for Mike, Vera and their beautiful family. I was living at Hubbard Lake at 645 Oak Street and found the log home on Pine Street that Mike and Vera purchased. Mike was an amazing friend, so smart and so talented. I socialized, hunted and golfed with Mike over many years and enjoyed his sincerity and those little things he would willingly do for you.

*I am deeply saddened by his passing and wish to convey my sincere condolences to Vera and family.*

*Farewell My Friend,*

*Pat Meehan*

*Florida*

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**Pat Meehan** - October 08, 2018 at 05:02 PM

LS

“ Linda, Mike and Sara purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Graham.



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**Linda, Mike and Sara** - September 13, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.



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September 13, 2018 at 09:52 AM

IS

“ *Ingrid, Britt and Kirsten Smart purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Graham.*



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**Ingrid, Britt and Kirsten Smart** - September 13, 2018 at 09:09 AM

RB

“ *To Vera and Family--  
We send along our sympathy. We enjoyed Mike as a neighbor for his many years on Pine Street at Hubbard Lake. All of us were sad to see the Grahams move away.*

*Condolences to all.  
The Counsellors,  
Rick and Becky*

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**Rick and Becky** - September 13, 2018 at 07:22 AM

TD

“ Mike has been a great friend to our family for over 45 years. In the last 20 years through various hunting trips, I got to know him even better. He was a great man, who I really grew to admire. He was good at all the important things. It was a great father, a great husband, a great friend and an excellent businessman. He was very smart and a great handy man with a terrific sense of humor. Yet he was humble about all that. Whenever I saw him, he always wanted to know about what was going on in my life and how my family was. He loved and was proud of his family and talked about them all the time.

*He was an integral part of a great group of guys. We had so many great times and so many great laughs. Mike was at the heart of all of it. And we all know things will never be the same without him.*

*When I first heard that he died I said a prayer, and thanked God for putting Mike Graham in our life and especially in the life of my father. He was my dad's best friend. Everybody should have the kind of friend that Mike was to my dad. Through four decades, those two had a model friendship. I know that Mike enriched my dad's life in so many ways. With the exception of his immediate family, there's nobody who loved or is going to miss him more than my dad.*

*God Bless you and Rest in peace Mike.*

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**TOM DEVITT** - September 12, 2018 at 09:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.



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September 12, 2018 at 07:37 PM

DM

“ We remember Mike dearly ~ He was such a wonderful neighbor (on Linwood Ave.) to the Mc Donough family for many years as well as many of the families on the block. He was such a caring person who would always drop what he was doing to help someone when need be. We always thought of him as the gentle giant. May you rest in peace Mike ~ Someday we will see you again ~



Love,  
Tim, Diane and Sheryl McDonough

(Mac and Peggy McDonough)

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**Diane McDonough** - September 12, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.



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September 12, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.



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September 12, 2018 at 12:05 PM

MS

“ *Meritor Financial Shared Services purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Michael Graham.*



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**Meritor Financial Shared Services** - September 12, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.*



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September 12, 2018 at 11:14 AM

NF

“ *Nick, Linda, Andy and Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Graham.*



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**Nick, Linda, Andy and Families** - September 12, 2018 at 10:23 AM

DB

“ I FIRST MET MICHAEL GRAHAM WHEN WE HUNTED DEER AT THE RAYCO LODGE IN ROSCOMMON MI. HE HUNTED THE TRIANGLE IN THE NEAR CENTER OF THE PROPERTY. THE HUNT TEAM (FAM, JOE, RIPPER. AND TOMMY) COULD NOT WAIT TO HEAR HIS STORIES. LOTS OF DEER BUT NO SUCCESS. WE ALSO HUNTED MR. FAM'S FARM. SAME STORY BUT MIKE CHANGED THAT WHEN HE MOVED TO HUBBARD LAKE..MICHAEL WAS AN INCOMPARABLE HOST AT GRAHAMSVILLE. HUBBARD LAKE FOR THE GOLF OUTINGS. HE MADE SURE EVERYONE WAS ACCOMMODATED AND MADE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE. HE ALWAYS TOOK CARE TO SEE PERSONALLY THAT I WAS TAKEN CARE OF. MICHAEL YOUR QUIET AND GENEROUS NATURE DEALING WITH ALL OF THE TYPE A PERSONALITY'S FROM SAINT BENEDICT H.S (ESPECIALLY THE CLASS OF '55). IS A TRIBUTE TO YOU AND YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR BEST THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.. DONALD BIESCHKE '55 .

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**DONALD P. BIESCHKE** - September 12, 2018 at 08:15 AM

CH

“ *Cecile Ayles, Mike and Cyd Higgins purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Michael Graham.*



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**Cecile Ayles, Mike and Cyd Higgins** - September 11, 2018 at 10:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.*



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September 11, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ *Mike was such a nice man. I always admired how he built an addition to his home for his mother to live with he, Vera and the girls. Nice, pretty daughters, one of whom was a favorite babysitter for my kids. My husband knew him from working at Sears and their affiliation with All State Insurance. God will reward a man who is so good to the women and people in his life.*  
*Bill and Paula Edson and O'Halloran Family*

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**Bill and Paula Edson** - September 11, 2018 at 10:18 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Mike's entire family. I always enjoyed being around Mike. He had a way of making everyone feel relaxed. He was a great guy. Love to all. Jim and Colleen George.*

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**Jim George** - September 11, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.*



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September 11, 2018 at 06:02 PM

MM

“ I spent a lot of time at the Graham house when I was a teenager, it was always so much fun to be around that much action with 5 girls! Mr. Graham seemed to be always around, teasing us in a loving way❤️ What a nice man,, my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you!

*Maribeth Marshall (Beth McClure)*

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maribeth marshall - September 11, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.



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September 11, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.



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September 11, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.



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September 11, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.*



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September 11, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Graham.*



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September 11, 2018 at 08:15 AM



“ *Jacqueline And Jeffrey Dymm lit a candle in memory of Michael Graham*



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**Jacqueline and Jeffrey Dymm** - September 10, 2018 at 09:30 PM



*Big hugs to your family. Such a big loss and he will be dearly missed. Sending our love and prayers* 🍷🙏

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**Jacqueline and Jeffrey Dymm** - September 10, 2018 at 09:32 PM

VK

“ *Sweetest, wisest most loving man ever!*”



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**vickie kyle** - September 10, 2018 at 07:25 PM