



## Michael Neville

December 24, 1939 - April 2, 2011

Michael L. Neville died suddenly on April 2, 2011. Loving husband of Mary Jo for 46 years. Devoted father of Julie Alan Stewart, Amy Steve Townsend, Tim Pam Neville and doting "papa" to Mackenzie Stewart who endlessly entertained him. He also leaves a sister, Pat Ken Hannon, and many nieces, nephews and wonderful friends. He was preceded in death by son, Michael G. Neville. Until his retirement in 2009, he was a financial planner and partner at Professional Asset Management. Mike coached basketball since he moved to Royal Oak in 1977. He loved the game and the youngsters on his teams. He was a longtime successful 8th grade boys coach at Shrine Grade School and also coached at Shrine High School, Berkley High and Birmingham Groves. He loved spending time with family and friends around a roaring fire he built. He will be missed by many. Visitation will be Monday 5-9 p.m., prayer service at 7 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. He will be in state Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until the funeral mass at 10 a.m., held at National Shrine of the Little Flower Church, Royal Oak. Interment at Holy Sepulchre. Memorials to the Boys and Girls Club of South Oakland County. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

LV

“*Mrs. Neville, Julie, Amy and Tim, Just wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. It is amazing how little time I actually spent with Mr. Neville in my 33 years, yet how strong my memories of him are. I guess that is a testament to how wonderful a man he was.*

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**Laura Vaughn** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“*Dear Mary Jo, We were definitely saddened to hear about your loss. We send our sincerest condolences to you and your family. Sincerely, Michele and the Breech Family*

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**Michele Breech** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ET

“*Words cannot express the sense of loss or the void left in all our lives. I will forever remember Dad sitting by the fireplace, surrounded by family and friends. He was a wonderful man who will be deeply missed. Love always, ET*

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**Elizabeth Thomas** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“*My heart sympathy thoughts and prayers are with Mary Jo and her family at the loss of Michael a beloved husband and grandfather..*

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**Matthew F Stewart** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Mrs. Neville, Julie, Amy, and Tim, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Neville is such a large part of my childhood memories and I always laugh when I think about how he used to "hide" the beer in the fridge for us at Sunnybrook Farms. I will miss him, but he will always hold a special place in my memories. Much Love

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**Kathy DePaolis** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Mary Jo, So sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Neville was the best history teacher we ever had, teaching us so much more than just history. Everyone at St. Rose of Lima High School loved him. He was indeed the all time favorite teacher at that high school. He touched so many students in the most positive way and will continue to be happily remembered by all his students because we all knew how much he cared about us during those days at St. Rose. He once advised me to hold on tight to my motorcycle driving boyfriend whose last girlfriend didn't ... so he drove away "Ruthlessly." We laughed about it at the time, but I took his advice and have held on tight for 43 years...best advice ever. We will remember him fondly, keeping him and your family in our prayers.

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**Debbie and Larry Beck** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ I am very saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Mike Neville. Mr. Neville and his sweet wife Mary Jo had such a profound impact on my life. Mike was not only a passionate teacher but a great man, husband and father. In my days at St. Rose of Lima High I learned a lot from him about Civics, Economics and History but more importantly he taught me about character, integrity and faith. A teacher never just affects the present but also the future. It was a terrific letter of recommendation from Mr. and Mrs. Neville that tipped the scale in my favor for my admittance into graduate school. What Mike and Mary did for me and my future is more than they will ever know. How can I say thanks enough other than to say what the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches. Mary, I hope you remember me. May the good Lord comfort you and your family during this difficult time. With much love, Eli Essa and family

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**Eli Essa** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Mary Jo and family, Wishing you all the love and strength needed during this sad time. Mike will be missed by all who knew him. Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on loved ones for strength, and always remember how much you are cared for. With Love, Janice Brown

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**Janice Brown** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Mrs. Neville, Julie, Amy, Tim and family. I am so sorry about the loss of Mr. Neville. He was a great man who cared about everyone and will be truly missed. I just wanted to pass along my condolences and to let you know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Tracie Claramunt Munro** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Mary Jo, I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. I pray that God will strengthen and comfort you and your family. I'm sure he will be greatly missed! Tina Detroit PPL.

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**Tina Winston** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Mrs Neville, Julie Alan, Amy Steve, Tim Pam and Mackenzie. I am so sorry for your loss, Mr. Neville was a wonderful man. His laugh and contagious smile, will never be forgotten. Mr. Neville was a true gentleman, who cared for every child he coached. I will never forget the annual Christmas Eve/ Birthday Party at the Neville home. How much Mr. Neville enjoyed friends and family stopping by. Though he is not here with us on earth, he is having a good ole time up there! May you find comfort knowing that he touched so many lives. God Bless you all. With love, Jill Schindler Crossman

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**Jill Schindler Crossman** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Dear Mary Jo: We were so sorry to hear about Mike. So many old time memories and laughs. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Rose & Jim

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**Jim & Rose Ewen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Neville's passing. I have fond memories of playing basketball on his teams, both at Shrine Grade School and at Berkley High School. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

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**Stacey Smith Kuhn** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BQ

“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Many years ago Mike coached my son Stephen on the Shrine 7th grade basketball team. He was a great guy. Bob

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**Bob Quade** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Mary Jo and Family, Marty and I were so saddened to hear of Mike's death. He was such a dynamic person and unforgettable personality. We looked forward to playing bridge with him. We regret that we won't be able to be at the visitation or funeral because we are out of town, but please know that our thoughts are with you at this sad time.

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**Diane & Marty Alvin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Mrs. Neville, Amy, Tim and Julie, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have very fond memories of Mr. Neville and hanging out at your family home. He will be missed by many. My thoughts are with you at this very tough time.

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**Michelle Kraemer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ MaryJo, and all, What can we say? We are happy Mike's passing was gentle, and that he is now with Michael, but our hearts are heavy and filled with love for you. We are giving you a hug, just as God is giving one to Mike. We are here for you, even if you just want to talk or cry or replay some moment in time. The world will be a smaller place without the big smile of Mike. Love you so much, Elly and Bill

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**elly and bill cudney** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Dear Mary Jo and family, I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a kind man with a generous smile. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love, Geri Cooney

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**Geri Cooney** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to the family at this difficult time. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.

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**The Greenwood Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I have wonderful memories of Mr. Neville from my childhood, and they are spaced in time because I spent only one week with him every year while growing up. He was ALWAYS having so much fun and making all of the "grownups" laugh. He was bigger than life, yet he always took the time to listen when a kid had something to say. I miss him.

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**Cheryl Bosco Fisher** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike was a special person and will be missed. We have so many wonderful memories of our time together at Sunny Brook Farm.

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**Joe & Jan Bosco** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to all of you. We wish you happy memories. Love, Kathie and Bill

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**Kathie and Bill Townsend** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YM

“ Mary Jo & Family, May your hearts be filled with warm thoughts and treasured moments of your dearly departed. May this sorrowful time allow you to reflect upon all the joy that you once shared with your departed loved one. Many thoughts are with you right now. May they help you get through this tough time. Please know that God's love surrounds you at your time of pain, as does mine. If I can help, please know that I'm here for you with much love and many prayers.

Yvette Mayo - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ MaryJo & Tim and the entire Neville Family, While we never had the good fortune of meeting Michael personally knowing both of you and the way you talked about him we missed knowing a good man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless, Joe & Angela

Joe Havlik - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mary Jo, my heart goes out to you and your family. Prayers for strength and support are on their way. Imagine the celebration in Heaven when Mike arrived....

Mary Cooney Serio - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Mary Jo and family, we are saddened by Mike's passing. We send our love and prayers. Our memories of the Neville and DePaolis families at Sunnybrook are a source of joy and laughter which we share all the time. Dan and Mike are together shaking their heads at all of us! Love, Joene & the rest of the DePaolis'

Joene - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Dear MaryJo and family, I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was and is a wonderful man. In life he accomplished so much with love and dignity. He will be greatly missed. Alan and Norma

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**Alan/Norma Gorski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Mary jo, you have my condolences. I am praying for God to strengthen and keep you. your friend at PPL, independent associate, Deborah Daniels

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**Deborah Daniels** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ To Mary Jo, Tim and the entire Neville Family, we would like to send our condolences for the recent transition of your loved one. We are lifting your family in prayer. Allow the beautiful memories and love shared over the years to comfort you in this moment and in the days to come. Thank you for making a difference. God Bless.

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**Robert and Jocelyn Reid** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dear MayJoe and Family, My fiance, Karen and I would like to extend our sympathy to you all in the passing of your beloved husband, Michael. We will be praying for you and your family in the upcoming days. I also wanted to let you know that in The Holy Bible Scripture it says, "To Be Absent from the Body is to be with the Lord!" May God bless you today!

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**Pastor Gary Munger** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

*“ Mary Jo, we're very sorry for the loss of Michael. You guys have touched so many lives and I pray that you'll be filled with the peace that God can give in a time like this.*

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**Chad & Jessica VanHaitsma** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

*“ Mary Jo, I am so sorry for the loss of your best friend. May the memories of your time together be comforting in this great time of loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you now, and most especially on Tuesday.*

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**Rita Walker** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

*“ My sympathy and prayers to you and your family, Mary Jo, and to Pat Hannon and family. I have so many good memories of Mike from our days at St. Leo's. He was my good friend. Cathy*

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**Cathy Hannon McCabe** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

*“ Dear Mary Jo and Family, We were so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Our love is with all of you during this time. Our deepest sympathy and love to you! GOD BLESS! Love, Terry and Jean Roberts*

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**Terry and Jean Roberts** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

*“ The Peace of God, Which Passes all understanding be with You Ms Mary Jo and Mr. Tim. Our Prayers and Condolences are with You both.*

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**Rich & Kathrine Baker** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Mary Jo and family, I am sorry for your loss. Glenn Jaffas

Glenn Jaffas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hello Mary Jo...I'd like to extend my deepest sympathies to you and family members...May God be with you all.

Larry West - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Amy & Steve So sorry to hear of your Dads passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave & Marlene Lefke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Mary Jo I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear husband Mike. Roy & I always enjoyed the time we spent with him & you over the years. Now he & Roy will be able to have some laughs together again but most of all they are watching over us. In time, I know your memories of Mike will help give you & your family comfort. Big warm hugs.

Julie Kumm - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Mary Jo and family, When you lose someone you love, it seems like time stands still. Remember his touch, his voice, his strength, his love for you and his family. Though today may be difficult, look back on all your memories together and have comfort that his love and presence is still with you. He now is your guardian angel up there watching over you. We send you our deepest condolences and hope that these few words helps comfort your loss. You remain in our prayers. God Bless You!

MARK & MICHELE BENNER - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Mary Jo & Tim- Sorry to hear about Mr. Neville's passing. One thing I learned after my own Dad passed away was, they never really truly leave us, as we are part of them. My sincerest condolences. -Jim Cozzi

Jim Cozzi - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mike was wonderful friend and a great guy to coach with.

Mike Arce - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ MaryJo and Tim, I am sorry that you will no longer be with your Husband and Dad, physically yet I know he will be warming your heart and gave you lots of happy memories.

Amilda Coffman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Amy & Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Beth Conley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Tim, So sorry to hear about your dad. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are sending our love. I pray God will give your mother and family peace and great comfort as only He can.

Edie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BV

“*MaryJo, Tim and family - you guys are in my thoughts and prayers today. Just remember, God knows every tear you shed, and knows all your pain. I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and your dad. I wish I could have been there today for you MaryJo and Tim. My heart is with you both.*

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**Belinda VanHeulen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“*Tim, So sorry to hear about your dad. Knowing what I know about you, I am sure he was a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. David & Patricia Joseph*

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**David and Patricia Joseph** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM