



Michael G Pilenza

October 12, 2017

Michael Gabriel Pilenza, 69, long time resident of Delran NJ, passed away at his home on Thursday October 12, 2017, surrounded by his family.

Mike was a business teacher and Director of Athletics at Moorestown High School for 31 years. He began his teaching career in 1977 and immediately became involved in student activities. He was class advisor for many graduating classes, began the senior class trips to Disney World, ran the school store, was business manager for the school plays and musicals, announced games, supervised clubs and activities, organized and ran the concession stand for all sports, business manager for student funds, MEA President and chief negotiator for many years, integral part of the MEA grievance committee, and part of the middle states evaluation committee.

Mike was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. When he wasn't traveling the world with his wife, he loved being with his six grandchildren. Whether it was a wrestling match, piano recital, baseball, football or soccer game he was their number one fan. Sunday dinners were special family times with laughter and conversation.

Husband of Janyce. Father of April (Sean) Theis, Michele (Alan) Wheeler.
Grandfather of
Sean, Luke, Lily Theis and Jackson, Bradley and Colette Wheeler. Also

survived by his sister, Donna (Andre) Intartaglia and their children Olivia and Anna Intartaglia. His sister-in-law, Ali Kaiza and her children Michael (Vanessa) Kaiza, Rachel Kaiza and her fiancé Davey Reese. His sister-in-law, Wendy Kaiza and her husband Michael and mother-in-law, Olga Kaiza.

Viewing Tues., Oct. 17, 2017 from 6-8 PM at the Lewis Funeral home, 78 East Main St., Moorestown, NJ. Mass of Christian Burial Wed., Oct. 18, 2017 at 10:30AM at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 214 Nassau St., Princeton, NJ. Burial will be at Princeton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the Pilenza families ask that you make a donation to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Moorestown team, Pilenza's Peeps. These donations will help support cancer patient programs and ground breaking research. Donations can be sent to 1851 Old Cuthbert Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Cemetery Details

Princeton Cemetery

29 Greenview Ave
Princeton, NJ 08540
<http://nassauchurch.org/about/princetoncemetery/>

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lewis Funeral Home
78 E Main St
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 235-0009
lewisfh@msn.com
<https://www.lewisfuneralhomemoorestown.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Pauls Catholic Church
214 Nassau St
Princeton, NJ 08542

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael G Pilenza*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Michael G Pilenza*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I would like to let Mr. Pilenza's Family know how much I respected him and enjoyed our conversations as I walked passed him sitting outside, enjoying the salt air and sun at his and Jan's house in Brigantine. I greatly appreciate his willingness to have me intern in his classroom. His upbeat 'can-do' personality was infectious and I always walked away from our chats feeling great. I'm so sorry Mr. Pilenza had to deal with such a horrible illness. I'm sure there are few who dealt with it better than him. Mr. Pilenza, thank you for being such a bright light, happy, funny, and caring person who did so much for community.*

Jessica Stack - June 18, 2018 at 10:52 AM



“ *Just heard about Mike's passing. Even though I have not seen Mike for many years I always had a tremendous amount of respect for him as a colleague and as a friend. My condolences to Jan and the entire family.*

Jack Don

Jack Don - October 18, 2017 at 08:51 AM

VT

“ I worked with Mike at MTPS for many years. I worked on student funds in the business office when I began working in 1982. Mike was a kind, patient teacher and a pleasure to work with. He was kind and fair. I'll miss him.

Vicki Tyson

Vicki Tyson - October 17, 2017 at 09:12 AM

TC

“ Pilenza family, please accept my deepest and sincerest condolences. Mr. Pilenza was a great man and it was a privilege to know him. So very sorry dor your loss.

Tug Cash - October 16, 2017 at 08:11 PM

AT

Thank you, Tug...a lot of great memories on Cooperskill. Thank you again for reaching out about my dad. We appreciate it.

April Theis - October 19, 2017 at 11:30 PM

DD

“ Deepest sympathy to Mrs. Pilenza and your entire family on the passing of your beloved husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Don De Maise and workers at Land Creation Landscaping LLC of Delran, NJ

Donald R. Demaise - October 16, 2017 at 09:51 AM

TH

“ *Just heard the news about Mike. Jan & Family please accept our deepest condolences, thoughts, & prayers. We always remember Mike through the gatherings of the Directors of Athletics either at the mountains or AC or wherever they decided to congregate. We certainly bonded as a family there for sure. We've lost a great one in Mike but will hold some wonderful memories close to our hearts. We'll touch base soon Jan to catch up - Love always to all, Tom & Suzy Holcomb & Family*

The Holcombs - October 15, 2017 at 05:24 PM



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



October 15, 2017 at 04:52 PM

BS

“ *So sorry to hear of Michael's passing. He will be greatly missed. Our prayers & condolences go to you, Jan, April, and Michelle and families. May Mike rest in peace. God Bless.*

Bruce & Rosemary Smith - October 15, 2017 at 01:50 PM

JF

“ Dear Pilenza family:

I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

Johnson family - October 15, 2017 at 08:03 AM

BG

“ Mile you fought a good fight! You shared your love ❤️ and well being to all those around you! Your family, students, colleagues, friends and many, many others that crossed your path! We all appreciate your wealth of knowledge, kindheartedness, and endurance as you fought that dreadful disease! No more pain, or suffering! Farewell my Dear Friend! To your precious Family, you have my deepest sympathy and love ❤️! May God comfort and keep you in His loving arms and give you peace! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Barbara Gary - October 14, 2017 at 11:01 PM

SM

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Pilenza family. The Masters Family, Don, Steve, George and Jeff.

Steve Masters - October 14, 2017 at 12:41 PM

JH

“ There are so many wonderful memories of Mike. One of his greatest gifts was telling a story. It didn't matter if you heard the story twenty times - he'd have everyone in hysterics, perhaps adding an embellishment or two. His smile, strength & determination, the way he put people at ease, his immeasurable love of family and friends are all part of his legacy. Go in peace, my friend. You'll face no battles in Heaven!

Jean Haynes - October 14, 2017 at 10:57 AM

MF

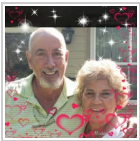
“ So grateful to have worked with Mike through the Moorestown Education Association as secretary. He was a great leader and educator who gave selflessly to others. My thoughts and prayers are with the family as we mourn the loss of a wonderful man.
Marilyn Frynkewicz

Marilyn Frynkewicz - October 14, 2017 at 08:15 AM

JB

“ From your fellow classmates in the ND Class of '67—rest in peace Mike.

Joan Burkholtz - October 13, 2017 at 10:14 PM



“ I always enjoyed our year end golf trips and other outings. Mike was always fun to be around and a good friend. My thought and prayers are with his family.
Bill McNally

Bill McNally - October 13, 2017 at 08:15 PM

CG

I don't think I can add anything more that hasn't already been written about Mike's unsurpassed personality and character. Memories abound with our years at Moorestown High School, Senior Trips, Medford Lakes, ski trips to Vermont, golf, but most of all will be the memories of Mike and Jan in Colorado skiing, golfing, horsebackriding, you name it. Brian, Mark, and our grandsons, Michael and Matthew, remember him well. His zest for life...especially on those ski slopes knew no bounds. He loved those snowy mountains! We will all take many runs here in Colorado for you, Mike.

*Brian and Cindy Gaffney
October 17, 2017*

Cindy Gaffney - October 17, 2017 at 11:45 AM

PG

To the Pilenza Family--what wonderful, fond, warm, and fun memories of Mike at Moorestown High School. I don't think I've met anyone as generous as Mike was--with his time, his heart, his advice-the shirt on his back. "It isn't what you get from life; it's what you give to life." Well, Mike did both. He gave and gave-to his friends, family, his students, the MEA. But he also got more out of life than anyone I can think of. He lived it to the fullest and shared it with his dear wife Jan and children and grandchildren. He made everyone feel special and welcome. He will be missed.

*Perri Geller-Clark
October 19, 2017*

Perri Geller-Clark - October 19, 2017 at 08:52 PM