



Thomas B. Mielke

October 3, 1938 - June 16, 2018

Mineral Point – Thomas Berthold Mielke, age 79, of Mineral Point, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville, after struggling with respiratory issues.

Tom was born on October 3, 1938 in New Ulm, MN to Reinhold and Ruth Mielke. Tom was the middle child of three children, older brother David (Ellen) and younger sister Beverly (Kenneth). Tom was raised in Milwaukee from first grade on and graduated from South Division High School. He went on to earn his Master's Degree at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. Tom met the love of his life Carol (Wierschke) during church youth group and they married at St. Martini Lutheran Church on August 14th 1965. They settled down in Mineral Point the following year and spent their life there.

Throughout Tom's life he was proud of many things but his greatest gifts came when they adopted their two children; Jill (Roy) and Jack (Sue). Tom loved his family greatly and adored time with his grandchildren; Jessica (Kevin) , Nicole (Casey), Bobby, Sam and Aaron. He later adored the smiles of his three great granddaughters; Becca, Tauriel and Avery. Family time was his favorite time.

Tom served the Mineral Point community for 50 years devoting his heart and time to many. Tom loved to teach. He spent 7 years teaching in Cudahy and 31 years at Mineral Point Schools, of which 12 years were as Principal and the remaining years were spent teaching in the elementary and middle school. Tom was dedicated to all of his past students and thought of them often and fondly after his retirement. Tom spent many years as a Cub Scout leader, volunteer for the Gundry house and local visitors center, and tour guide for the Railroad museum. Tom loved the Lord and served faithfully on the church council, as a Sunday school teacher and in any other way he could. He was always willing to get things done. Tom received the Citizen of the Year Award in 1979.

After his retirement Tom continued to substitute and volunteer in the schools, enjoying the students and staff. Tom and Carol also often traveled with friends enjoying new

adventures, fun places and great company. Tom loved people and could strike up conversation with almost anyone who would listen especially if he could teach something, share a story or make someone smile. When people speak of Tom they speak of his kindness, generosity and humbleness. His bright presence is sorely missed by all who knew him. Tom is survived by his wife Carol, children; Jill and Jack, their spouses, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews, relatives and beloved friends. Tom is preceded in death by his parents, in-laws and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 400 Ridge Street, Mineral Point. Pastor Cal Schaver will officiate. The family invites all who loved Tom to join them for a luncheon at the Mineral Point Elementary School gym following the service. Burial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday in Arlington Cemetery in Milwaukee. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and from 10:00 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Flowers can be sent to Faith Lutheran Church or in lieu of flowers donations can be made to the church.

The family wishes to thank the community and their church family for the outpouring love, prayers and support they've received during this hard time. They also wish to thank the Upland Hills staff for going above and beyond in the care of both Tom and family.

Cemetery

Arlington Cemetery

4141 South 27th Street
Milwaukee, WI, 53221

Events

JUN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Faith Lutheran Church

400 Ridge Street, Mineral Point, WI, US, 53565

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 10:50AM

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JUN **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ My sincere sympathy for your loss. Tom was an inspiration to me when I worked with him at the Mineral Point School district. He was always there at 7:00 and didn't leave until 5:00 each school day. We had many good conversations that helped me to grow as a person.

Phil Weier - June 20, 2018 at 08:09 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Mielke.



June 19, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Mielke.



June 19, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Mielke.



June 18, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ I was a student in 6th grade with Mr. Mielke back in the 60's- he was such a wonderful teacher - so kind and such a big heart. I learned more than just from the books - he was a great mentor and role model and a truly inspirational person and will be missed.
Carol (Clauer) Nielsen

Carol NIELSEN - June 18, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Mielke.



June 18, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ I remember Tom from when I was a student at the elementary school back in the early to mid 70's. He was the Principal then and I can still hear his voice over the PA system making daily announcements. When I was in second grade, he came to my classroom to teach us a song about Christmas break. In it we learned that we were going to have two week so off! I can also clearly hear him singing along with us then.

I have often thought of him throughout the years with fondness.

Rest in peace, Tom. Maybe we'll meet again.

Mark Ahrens

Mark Ahrens - June 17, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Mielke family of their loss of a loved one.

John Peters - June 17, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Tom was such a wonderful teacher, he made learning fun and he would even come outside at recess and play dodge ball with us. He introduced us to the "time capsule" and had a fantastic sense of humor! Rest in peace Mr. Mielke!!

Sherry Byous - June 17, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ Tom Mielke and Bob Flum hired me to teach kindergarten in 1972. Thank you, Tom, for your support during my 31 year career in Mineral Point.
Rest In Peace dear friend.

Sue Okas - June 17, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ I remember he always wore his ear muffs outside in the winter playing sports with us... very kind man... and a great person

Larry G. Schmitz - June 17, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss Jack. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. JoAnn & Doug Ferrel.

JoAnn & Doug Ferrel - June 17, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ Carol, Jack, and Jill, I am so sorry to hear that Mr. Mielke has passed he was such a great teacher to my boys. I am truly sorry for your loss. Mel (Godfrey) Loy.

Mel Loy - June 17, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“ Carol and family, you have my deepest sympathy. It was just last Sunday that Tom was able to go to church and the Pointer Cafe for lunch. I know he did not feel the best, but he made the most of life. He is in the Lord's hands now. God bless all of you.



Donna Toay - June 17, 2018 at 09:03 AM



“ Carol, Jill and Jack you have my deepest sympathy. I enjoyed our many times at the Pit Stop on Tuesday morning, when Frank was still alive.

Darlene J Dunbar - June 17, 2018 at 07:58 AM