



Michael E. Benedum

March 27, 1945 - June 28, 2017

Michael E. Benedum, (72) of Powell, OH, passed away on June 28, 2017 at the Kobacker Hospice House in Columbus, OH. Visiting hours will be held Friday, June 30 at Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 West Olentangy Street Powell, OH 43065 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 1 at 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Rd. S Powell, OH 43065. Burial will follow at Africa Cemetery, 5175 S. Old State Rd., Lewis Center, OH 43035.

Michael was born in Dennison, OH to Richard and June Benedum on March 27, 1945. He graduated from Dennison High School in 1963 and went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from Ohio Northern University and received his Master's Degree from The University of Dayton. Michael proudly served in the US Army and went on to marry his best friend, Susan E. Durnwald on June 20, 1970 in Fremont, OH.

Michael spent most of his career working in education as a Teacher, Coach and Athletic Director in New Philadelphia, OH. He was inducted into the Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 1986. Michael served as a conversation buddy and enjoyed spending time with people learning English as their second language.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents Richard and June Benedum.

Michael is survived by his spouse of 47 years Susan Benedum, children Michele (Theodore) Hersey, Matthew (Michelle) Benedum, Sara (Carlos) Gibson and Beth Anne (Eric) Pierce. Brother Richard (Sharon) Benedum and grandchildren Olivia and Sophia Benedum and Dylan and Blake Gibson, along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Michael never met a stranger and was a dear friend to many. He was known as a great story teller and loved spending time with family and friends. He was a family man and looked forward to spending time in Hilton Head, SC each summer with his family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Michael Benedum's name to...

Dennison Railroad Depot Museum
"Michael Benedum Memorial Fund"
P.O Box 11
Dennison, OH 44621

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to all the doctors and nurses whom cared for Michael during his final days.

Cemetery Details

Africa Cemetery

Delaware, OH

Previous Events

Visitation:

JUN 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation:

JUN 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
10700 Liberty Road
Powell, OH 43065
<http://www.stjoanofarcpowell.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Benedict was my ancient history teacher in New Philly (I graduated in 1979). My favorite memory of him is he called a General from about 200 BCE a “Carthaginian elephant jockey.” Nearly 50 years ago and I still remember that!* ”

Mercy (Heston) Destefani - March 16 at 06:48 PM



“ *Michael E. Benedum* ”

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.* ”



June 30, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.* ”



June 30, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.



June 29, 2017 at 11:54 PM



“ *Garden of Memories* was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.



June 29, 2017 at 09:21 PM



“ *Jill Arnett, Dan Helms and the A&WE Team* purchased the *Rainbow Reflections Basket* for the family of Michael E. Benedum.



Jill Arnett, Dan Helms and the A&WE Team - June 29, 2017 at 04:47 PM



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



June 29, 2017 at 04:44 PM

RW

“ Ryan and Jessica West purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael E. Benedum.



Ryan and Jessica West - June 29, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.



June 29, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.



June 29, 2017 at 01:20 PM

KB

“ Such wonderful memories of New Phila High School when Mike was Athletic Director and I was the advisor of the Red & Black Pack pep club.

karen brennan - June 29, 2017 at 01:02 PM

YF

“ *Your Seven LLC family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Michael E. Benedum.*



Your Seven LLC family - June 29, 2017 at 12:46 PM

JG

“ *Jim & Chris Gay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael E. Benedum.*



Jim & Chris Gay - June 29, 2017 at 12:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.*



June 29, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.*



June 29, 2017 at 10:12 AM



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



June 29, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Edwin Mason - June 29, 2017 at 08:11 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.*



June 28, 2017 at 10:40 PM

DL

“ *Family of Michael Benedum,*

I didn't know Michael - but I know his son, Matt. Based on the outstanding character, family values, and approach to life that I see in Matt, I know he had wonderful parents. Matt often spoke of his dad with great love and admiration.



I know your pain at this time is great. May GOD hold you close, and may time ease your pain but never fade the wonderful memories you hold of Michael.

*With greatest sympathy,
Doreen Luke
(Nationwide)*

Doreen Luke - June 28, 2017 at 09:26 PM

LP

“ *My family grew up next to Mike & Susie and their 4 fun children! We were so blessed to have such wonderful neighbors and that ornery Mike was always up to something. He will be sorely missed! Our love and prayers for comfort and strength in the days ahead. Hold tight to your beautiful memories! Much Love, Lisa & Tim Patton*

Lisa Patton - June 28, 2017 at 08:03 PM

DE

“ *Lots of great memories with Mike and the entire family, such a great loss. My thoughts are with all of you*

Donna McDaniel Eaches - June 28, 2017 at 07:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael E. Benedum.*



June 28, 2017 at 06:24 PM



“ *Richard Benedum was added to the Family Tree.*

Matt Benedum - June 28, 2017 at 04:04 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Matt Benedum - June 28, 2017 at 04:02 PM