



## Dr. F. Michael Saigh

December 8, 1952 - October 5, 2024

Dr. F. Michael Saigh, 71, of Norway, MI, passed away Saturday, October 5, 2024, at his home.

Mike was born December 8, 1952 in Stambaugh, MI, son of the late Frederick M. Saigh II and Lorraine J. (Ropelle) Saigh. He graduated from West Iron County High School in 1971 as the valedictorian of his class.

Mike was the fourth of six children born to Fred and Lorraine Saigh. During high school days, Mike stayed busy with sports and working. He played football, basketball, tennis and liked to reminisce about the glory days. He and his siblings spent every summer on the water of Fortune Lake in Crystal Falls, MI. In the summers, when he was not water skiing with his family, he was a lifeguard at Fortune Lake, drove ambulances, and worked at the nursing home. He knew from a young age that he wanted to take care of people.

Mike attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI where he excelled in academics and intramural sports. He remained in Ann Arbor to pursue medical school and graduated in 1979 as a family physician. Following medical school, Mike completed his residency at Bons Secours Hospital in Detroit, MI. During this time, he met Margaret "Peggy" Cole and they later wed. They returned to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and settled in Norway, MI where they had three children and he began a family practice. Mike

originally began his career alongside Dr. Gladstone before moving into his own office in 1991. The practice grew throughout the 90s and Dr. Vicky Jakel joined the practice. Mike was also medical director for multiple nursing homes in the area and his son's practice in Wisconsin.

In addition to private practice, Mike staffed Anderson Memorial Hospital alongside Drs. Gladstone and Hayes. This was where Mike delivered all three of his children. Throughout his career, he also worked in many different capacities at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital, including working shifts at the emergency department.

Mike and Debi enjoyed their life together at Hamilton Lakes. He loved having the grandchildren come spend time boating and playing on the beach. He found joy in the grandchildren developing their passion for sports and supported them at their games. Mike and Debi enjoyed traveling to historic locations and he was proud to share his knowledge of history. Together, they also enjoyed motorcycle and ATV rides with friends.

In his spare time, Mike played cards at the B&B Boys Club where he was a two-time cribbage champion. There was always enough time to squeeze in a "quick" game of cribbage no matter when or where, especially with his son Justin for "chump change". Mike's competitiveness was evident in every cribbage game that he played.

He was an avid hunter and looked forward to spending time at camp and in the woods. He also loved racing cars with his two sons. He was a lifelong tennis player and he could remember every major point when he won or lost. He was fond of Eric Clapton and attended many concerts, including two at Madison Square Garden.

If you ever spent any time talking with Mike, you knew his passion for politics

and Michigan football. He attended two University of Michigan National Championships, three Rose Bowl games and countless regular season games. When speaking with Mike, it was as if he was a part of the team and proudly supported his son while playing for the Wolverines. Not to mention his infamous voicemail "Go Blue." He was a steadfast republican and longtime admirer of Ronald Regan.

Mike was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his fiance, Debi Phelps-Saigh; sons, Drs. Justin (Kaylynn) Saigh and Drs. Jonathan (Amy) Saigh and their children, Coco, Stella, and Sebastian; daughter, Jessica (Dan) Saigh Waite and their children, Eva, Emily, and Ezra; Debi's daughters Dana (Bill) Voss, and Loni LePage and her children, Zayden, Zuri, and Zahlia; brothers, Terry Saigh; Fred III (Kelly) Saigh; Mark Saigh; Pete (Patty) Saigh; sister Barbara Saigh-Chudik and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 12th at Redemption Hill church in Kingsford. A memorial service will follow at 1:00 pm at the church. Rev. Alex Tunnicliff and Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hopman will officiate. A luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the "Dr. F. Michael Saigh 'Go Blue' Memorial Scholarship" at 844 Pyle Dr. Kingsford, MI 49802.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dr. F. Michael Saigh online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron

Mountain with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Redemption Hill Church  
332 S Carpenter Ave  
KINGSFORD, MI 49802

## Memorial Service

OCT **12.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Redemption Hill  
332 S. Carpenter Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Saigh Cousins: Richard, Rita, Michael, Hedy, and Gloria, extend our belated, prayers, love and condolences to Dr. Michael F. Saigh; and family.*

Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Sajgg - November 29, 2024 at 06:10 AM

MA

“ *Our deepest condolences to Dr. Saigh's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dr. Treated myself and family for years. Loved listening to sports stories about his boys and Michigan State. 🙏*



Mr & Mrs Jason& Lisa Anderson - October 18, 2024 at 08:41 AM

PF

“ *I was saddened to hear of Dr. Saigh's passing. My father thought the world of his good friend, Mike. I have no doubt that all the old pals are playing a rowdy game of cards in a heavenly garage full of laughter and love right now. My family's thoughts and prayers are with your whole family right now.*

Paul Furlow - October 16, 2024 at 04:48 PM

DR

“ *I truly enjoyed going to see Dr. Saigh. He was a remarkable man and I loved chatting with him during my appointments. I always learned something from him even when the conversations were brief. My condolences to his family.*

David Ray - October 15, 2024 at 10:09 PM

PW

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Dr. Saigh's passing. May you be comforted by his legacy and love for his family and friends. Hugs to you, Jonny and Justin. I'm so sorry for your loss. Ma Williams

Pauline Williams - October 13, 2024 at 11:53 PM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.  
Love, Sheila

sheila sorresso - October 12, 2024 at 12:55 PM

JD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. May God's love and all your cherished memories help to comfort you at this sad time. You are all in our thoughts & prayers.  
With Sincere Sympathy -  
Sid & Janet Dye and Family

JD - October 12, 2024 at 11:06 AM

BG

“ Justin,jonathan,Jessica and family. Sending prayers to you at this sad time. May memories of happy times sustain you.  
Aunt barb

Barb garber - October 12, 2024 at 09:20 AM

LF

“ Love, Chris Eliason and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. F. Michael Saigh.

Love, Chris Eliason and family - October 11, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. F. Michael Saigh.



October 11, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ I met Mike in 1988 when I came to DCH. He appeared to possess the world's largest U of M wardrobe and even his car had those colors. As someone who graduated from MSU's residency program I felt it my duty to needle him mercilessly about that and he happily responded. We always had smiles whenever we argued about our differences and we had a lot of laughs over the years. I recently saw Mike and got to take a ride in his new C8 Corvette, during which he may have (slightly) exceeded the speed limit. We had planned to meet again this month. He lived a full life, and I will miss him. My condolences to all who loved him.

Dennis Whitehead - October 11, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ Dave and Sharon purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dr. F. Michael Saigh.



Dave and Sharon - October 11, 2024 at 12:34 PM

MS

“ Mike Subu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. F. Michael Saigh.

Mike Subu - October 10, 2024 at 09:18 PM



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October 10, 2024 at 09:18 PM

PA

“ May your memories carry you through this difficult time. With heartfelt sympathy to the family. Paulette Runkel and Cory Runkel

Paulette - October 10, 2024 at 06:28 PM



“ Mike, your fellow classmates from the West Iron County Class of 1971 are grieving today and forever. You were a leader and athlete for the Wykons and will be missed.

Dan Hinch - October 10, 2024 at 12:15 PM

SB

“ Living on the same lake as Mike and Deb has given us an up close view of how much they enjoyed being here. It was especially fun to see Doc do hot laps around the lake before he docked his boat. Running into him from time to time was especially enjoyable as he never minced words when it came to sharing his political views. We sure will miss him! Our sincere consolation to his entire family. Deb if you ever need a hand over there just come find us. Sue and Allan Burklund

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**Sue and Allan Burklund** - October 09, 2024 at 11:01 PM

JC

“ I met Mike during my tenure at DCHS. We loved having Mike come due a shift with us in the emergency department. He also helped us many times in the after hours clinic. Mike became a real friend and I enjoyed riding motorcycles with him a Deb. Will miss you Mike.

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**John Cox** - October 09, 2024 at 08:47 PM

SC

“ Stephen Chudik purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. F. Michael Saigh.



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**Stephen Chudik** - October 09, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JB

“ We have known Dr. Saigh through Judi’s professional relationship in healthcare with him & John & Judis friendship with him through our sons & our Kingsford community. As a fellow healthcare professionals I always appreciated the all the care he gave to his patients , and the respect & leadership he gave other health care professionals. We were blessed to know him through our personal relationships also. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family.

John & Judi Bjork - October 09, 2024 at 01:55 PM

D2

“ D2C purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. F. Michael Saigh.



D2C - October 09, 2024 at 11:13 AM

D2

“ D2C planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. F. Michael Saigh.

D2C - October 09, 2024 at 11:13 AM

FT

“ On behalf of the Soha Family our condolences, love and prayers, are with Michael and his family, as they grieve the loss of their loved one. Michael and family will be remembered in Masses for them. May he rest in peace.  
Fr. Rod Soha TOR and Family

Fr Rod Soha TOR - October 09, 2024 at 10:20 AM

MM

“ Mary Mantei purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Dr. F. Michael Saigh.



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Mary Mantei - October 08, 2024 at 08:20 PM

MM

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Mary Mantei - October 08, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Dr. F. Michael Saigh.



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October 08, 2024 at 04:34 PM