



Michael Cahill

October 3, 1943 - October 3, 2005

"Michael Cahill"

KINGSFORD - Michael James Cahill, 62, of Kingsford, died peacefully on Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at Marquette General Hospital.

He was born on Sept. 11, 1943, in Chicago, the son of the late James F. and Dorothy (Stearns) Cahill. Michael graduated from Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill. in 1961. He received a degree in accounting from Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

On May 11, 1968, he married Mary Kay Rice in Bellwood, Ill. In 1971, they moved to Kingsford and have been residents here since that time. He owned and operated his accounting firm in Iron Mountain for many years. He was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Serra Club, and the Knights of Columbus. Michael had a special interest in the youth of this area and he coached youth soccer for 18 years. He was very active in the Cursillo and Youth Encounter movements.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Kay; four children, Michael (Mary Beth) Cahill Jr. of Alexandria, Va., Sara Cahill and John Cahill, both of Arlington, Va. and Maria (Michael) Hoisington of Faribault, Minn.; one sister, Nancy (Josef) Keller of Chicago; four grandchildren, Marin, Mick, and Cregan Cahill and Zacharius Hoisington; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Parish prayers will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and at 10 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Peter Keller, William Stearns Jr., Doug Roberts, Michael Hoisington, Todd Dooley, and Rick Johnson.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Michael Cahill online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mike helped me get closer to Christ than I have ever been before and for that I am truly grateful. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. I will continue to pray for all those whose lives were touched by Mike especially his immediate family, God Bless you all.

Al Chroman St. Matthews Table 10/05 - October 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ To all of the Cahill family...please accept my deepest condolences in the loss of Mike. He and your family reached out to me when I had my house fire right before Christmas in 1988. Within just a day or two, I was housed in Grandma's house, a new Christmas tree was up, and life seemed way less bleak. I have never forgotten that kindness. May you all find comfort in knowing how many lives he touched, and my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jane

Jane Juchemich - October 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ It was a privilege and honor to spend even a short time with such a spirit-filled man. Our visit was brief last weekend but Mike touched me deeply, in a way I will not forget. Some people we know for a lifetime yet we may not really connect with them. That was not the case with Mike. I will miss him too. Tom

Thomas Fuller - October 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Mrs. Cahill, Sara, and Family,
My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this most difficult time.

Lori Kuzniewski - October 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ Dear Maria & Family: We are deeply saddened by your loss and please accept our heartfelt condolences. I know how much love and caring your family shares and Mary Kay, my family and I will be forever grateful for all you and Mike have done. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. John and Heidi, Josh, Kyle, Ashley

Rucinski's - October 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this sad time. I echo the sentiments of so many Youth Encounterites when I say that Mike was such a big part of my experience with the movement. I feel that my life began that weekend I made my Youth Encounter, and he was a big part of it. Know that he blessed the lives of many, and he will be missed.

Jennifer (Smith) Renquin - October 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sarah & Family:
I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Even though I did not know your father, I know what a caring person you are and how you have influenced so many children in your teaching. I think of you often and wonder how you are doing. I am in Lansing now. May you find comfort in family and friends at this difficult time.

Nicole Gasper (LaPointe) - October 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Sara and family: Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Maryellen Magner - October 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ To the Cahill family,
My heart is out there for you. Since I started in Youth Encounter, so long ago, I have never imagined my life without the support of Mr Cahill. He had been there for an emotional lift for my confirmation and my wedding. Please know that my heart is there although I can not be. Our prayers are with you all!

Love,
Jenny Johnson-Gonzales

Jennifer Johnson-Gonzales - October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ To the Cahill Family~
There are not enough words in the human vocabulary to describe all of the goodness that Mr. Cahill brought to the world as a whole, but specifically to the world of Youth Encounter. It's fitting, then, that the only way to describe my present feeling comes from God. "And these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love; and the greatest of these is Love." Faith and Hope still remain. Love still remains. In this difficult time and always.

My prayers are with your family as well as with Mr. Cahill.
Faith Hope and Love always, Ang

Angela Gaudette - October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Cahill's passing. He was such a wonderful, caring person and will be missed greatly. I still remember hanging out with Maria in high school and being at your home spending time with everyone. My thoughts are with all of you.

Toni Strutz - October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Mary Kay and Family!
Our deepest condolences to you and all your loved ones. We've only knew Mike for a short time but he has shown us the Love of Jesus with his gentle heart. I (Doc) was blessed to have Mike at my table at this last Cursillo this past weekend and that because of Mike, the whole group became one in Jesus. I know that the Angels and Saints of Heaven were there to meet him. The memory of Mike will be cherished and carried in our hearts for the rest of our lives. May God's blessings and peace be with you and your family.
Love Ania Barys with family and
"Doc" Don Mihalski

Ania Barys and Don "Doc" Mihalski - October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Cahill Family,

I am so sorry to hear about Michael. He was a great man and someone I admired dearly. I still remember begging him to put me in the soccer game and his calm demeanor and simply telling me No. I will not forget how supportive he was of everyone around him and his passion for YE. I will be praying for Mr. Cahill and all of his family members. My hope is to be half the man he was!! God bless.

Chris Romanowicz
Oshkosh, WI

Chris Romanowicz - October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of such a wonderful man. I will always cherish the good times I had with Papa Bear. My thoughts and prayers go out to his many friends and family even though I cannot be there with you in person.

John Fox - October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Arizona desert is a little wetter with the tears I am sharing with you all. Mike was such a remarkable and caring person in my life growing up with soccer and all his tireless years with YE. My memories of Papa Bear would not be complete without thinking of the jokes that he often used from oatmeal packets because they were so corny. I may even have to cheer for the Bears this year in his honor-the Lord has provided me with an 0-4 excuse to not cheer for the Packers. Mike brought so much joy and comfort and peace to everyone who knew him. The family that he leaves behind are all testaments to his true caring nature and examples of Christian leaders. Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, I am with you." Those of us who knew Mike surely could say a part of him is with us, too. God Bless you ALL!! Find comfort with each other and the Lord with be with you!!*

Bill Rosene - October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Ray and Barbara Leonard - October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Mary Kay and family,
Please be assured of my deepest sympathy for all of you. I pray for Mike's peace in the presence of our Lord and I ask our Blessed Mother to obtain Jesus' healing compassion and peace for each of you.

Mary Kay, you and Mike have been such close friends to me. As I can only imagine how you will miss him, I know I will miss him dearly. Mike was a tremendous influence in my life. It was Mike who gently but persistently led me to Cursillo as my sponsor and it was through that Cursillo that I experienced a deep conversion in my life. I know both his and your prayers, Mary Kay, played a very large part in that. I will be forever grateful for Mike's Christ-like friendship to me. God willing, I hope to take his example with me into the priesthood.

I would like to share with you a sentiment of Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val, Secretary of State to St. Pope Pius X. This was shared with me by a good friend - who is now a priest - as I left the seminary he was at.

"[Physical separation from loved ones is eased] in the spiritual life, for there is always the Communion of Saints and we are always united in the Blessed Sacrament and at the same altar. The intercourse of prayer brings us all together on both sides of the grave, in time and in eternity."

May God bless and Mary keep you,

Greg Michaud

Greg Michaud - October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM