



Wallace "Wally" Kimichik

July 24, 1938 - September 16, 2011

Wallace "Wally" Kimichik, 73, of Norway, died Fri. Sept. 16, 2011 at his home. He was born on July 24, 1938 in Norway, the son of the late John and Stella (Vivio) Kimichik.

Wally was an avid golfer and accomplished a rare feat, hitting nine hole-in-one's throughout the years. He enjoyed his time spent at Oak Crest and the friendships he made there. Wally was well known throughout the U.P., as he golfed in several tournaments and on several courses in the Upper Peninsula.

Wally married Carol Lardenoit at St. Mary's Church in Norway on Aug. 30, 1958. After retiring the couple spent their winters in Port Richey, Florida.

Wally is survived by his wife Carol, three children Alan (Jayne DeBakker-Kimichik) Kimichik of Williamston, MI, David (Brigitte) Kimichik of Dallas, TX, and Diane (Mike) Johnson of Plano, TX, one brother John (Mary) Kimichik of Gladstone, 6 grandchildren Drew (Jess) Kimichik, Joseph Kimichik, Kassie Kimichik, Samantha Kimichik, Nicole Kimichik, and Brooke Johnson, and one great granddaughter Kinley Kimichik.

He was preceded in death by one brother Henry Kimichik.

At Wally's request, there will be no services at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of the donor's choice or at justgive.org.

Condolences to the family of Wally Kimichik may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Our condolences to you, Carol, and your family. Lee and I have such fond memories of you and Wally and your trips to Dallas. Whether it was bravely trying some of Lee's Korean meals, walking through the arboretum or the sometimes exhausting dinners with the huge number of friends that Kimo and Diane have here in town, you always kept your smiles. One of my favorite memories is that of Wally remaining so encouraging and patient the couple of times we played golf, saying "you'll get the next one", after one of my several terrible, worm burner tee shots. He of course was in the middle of the fairway, a long way down, as he seemed to be on every hole. We are thinking of and praying for all of you.

Keith & Lee Sepessy - Friends - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our condolences to the Kimichik family. We really enjoyed the time we spent with Wally and Carol. We are so grateful that Wally was with us during last year's trip to Mexico. He will be missed by all.

Mike Murray - Westerville, OH - Friend - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our condolences to Wally's Family. I remember when Wally asked me who you {Carol} were at the skating rink,so he could meet you. I knew who you were because we were classmates.

*Charles F. Grosso & Family
Class of '58*

Charles F. Grosso - Erie, PA - Friends - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Kimichik family during this difficult time.*

Chuck Melchiori - MI - September 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *Goodbye -*

*I always took for granted,
what I thought I'd never lose.
Because I never thought it would happen,
until I heard the dreaded news.*

*They say you were chosen for his garden,
His precious hand picked bouquet.
"God really needed him,
That's why he couldn't stay."*

*Saying goodbye is never easy,
It's the hardest thing to do.
But what hurts me even more
Is not the chance to say it to you.*

*So today, Jesus, as you are listening
in your home above;
Would you go and find my grandpa,
And give him all my love!*

This poem was written by Tammy Marie Denué for her father. When I read it, I thought of my sweet grandpa and wanted to share it with all of you.

*Grandpa, you will always be in my heart. Please watch over us?
Stay near?
Love, Nicole*

Nicole Kimichik - Dallas, TX - Granddaughter - September 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I'll always remember the fun times we had when Wally would come down to Texas to see Kimo and Brigitte. He would play golf (of course!) and we'd always go out to dinner with a big group of friends. Gina and I are so sorry to hear about his passing but we will always cherish the memories and our condolences go out to his loving family. Wally will be missed very much...

Tom Landry, Jr. - Dallas , TX - Friend of Wally's son Dave - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Carol, Alan, Kimo, Diane, and all the Kimichik and Johnson families,

*We are so saddened by the loss of Wally, and you are all in our hearts and thoughts. We have had the pleasure of knowing Wally and Carol from their visits to Dallas, and we always very much appreciated and enjoyed sharing those good times. Though we have known Wally only in recent years, his integrity, decency, stoicism and good nature were apparent. A very special man, with a very special family. Love to all,
Joanie & Bruce Sostek, Alan and Rebecca*

Joanie & Bruce Sostek - Dallas, TX - friends - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as u go through this hard time in your lives !! We know what you are going through but we also know what kind of person Wally was and that is what we will always remember !! He was one of the good ones and we will all miss him and will always have him in our memories !! Thank God for those as he has made many for all those who knew him !!

Brian & Cheryl Adams - Naubinway , MI - Friends - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to he Kimichik family. He was a great person and will be sorely missed. God bless you in your time of mourning.

~Bob, Lisa, & Lew Lorenzoni

Lorenzoni Family - Crystal Falls, MI - Friends - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Carol and Family, My deepest sympathy goes out to you. I will miss Wally terribly. His presence at the Golf course has been missed. Wally and I had a friendship and caring for each other. He was a great man always giving me advise and watching out for me. I loved the man and will miss him deeply. The world lost a great man. I know Heaven is a little brighter. Carol, if you ever need anything, just call. So sorry for your loss.

Lisa Edberg - Vulcan, MI - Friend - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Carol, Al, Dave, Diane, and children,
It is with much sadness that we join you in saying farewell to a man who meant so much to you. I am glad we had the opportunity to spend some time with Wally in Cabo - his next to the last big trip ~ and so happy he and Carol were able to enjoy Alaska last year. It is not easy to see one you have loved for so many years depart from this life - even if he was needing the rest from his battle with cancer. He fought his illness with the help of your love and support but now rests in the place we all hope to be one day. I am sure these next months will be difficult ones as his loss is felt in many ways and especially during the holidays. Please know that we are here for you if we can help in any way. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God's blessings fill your hearts with wonderful memories and the strength to face each day in the way Wally would want for each of you!
Much love,
Roseann and Greg Poetz

Roseann Poetz - Mt. Pleasant, SC - Niece of Carol - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Wally had become not only a person I looked forward to playing golf with, but also for his friendship and hilarious nature. Wasn't sure who was losing their mind more on the golf course, he or Pepper. Lots of amazing memories. All the best in this difficult time. God Bless - Neal Steeno

Neal Steeno - Traverse City, MI - Friend (and golf nemesis) - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My memories of you and Wally go back to when you were in High School. God Bless*

Donna Wickman - Vulcan, MI - Friend - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Its hard to believe one of the best partner in golf tourneys is gone. What a pleasure to be part of his life. My favorite memory of him is playing in the Vegas tourney one year. I am waiting for our team to get there and I turn around and here he comes carrying his bag wearing a large winter overshoe, his gout had acted up. he says ; you ready to go partner" He will be missed. Thanks for everything WALLY..*

Jon Carlson - New Port Richey, FL - Friend and Partner in golf - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *We met Wally several times over the years. He was jolly, humorous and humble. All the times I spoke with him, I wondered to myself what the secret was behind he and his wife producing such wonderful, successful kids and grandkids. He must've been the proud man on the planet. We wish him well on his journey.*

Philipp & Christine Gawenda - Brownsville, TX - Our brother in law's father - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Dear Carol and all of the Kimichik family,

I am so sorry to hear about Grandpa Wally's passing. :(He and Carol were always such a delight to see when they came to Dallas to visit. Wally was always so friendly and I loved listening to anything he had to say because I so enjoyed his "Michigan accent". :) I also loved seeing his ritual of going for a walk with Carol in the neighborhood every day while they were in town :) I know that he will be dearly missed by the family and my heart truly goes out to all of you for your great loss. He was truly special and I am very glad to have known him.

*Love,
Tammy Perdomo
Friend of the Kimichiks (Dallas)*

Tammy Perdomo - Wylie, TX - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Carol.

I am so sorry for your loss. Wally was a great guy. The both of you's were get friends. I enjoyed our time together. Take care of yourself.

violet bogni - phoenix, AZ - friend - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ Hallo Kimo, liebe Familie Kimichik,

die Welt dreht sich weiter und doch ist von einer Minute auf die andere nichts mehr wie es einmal war. wir wünschen Euch allen viel Kraft und Gottes Segen, die neue Situation zu ertragen. Ich habe Herrn Kimichik als sehr freundlichen Menschen kennengelernt und freue mich, dass ich die Moeglichkeit hatte. Der ganzen Familie wuenschen wir alles Gute!

Herzliche Gruesse

Hannelore (aunt from Brigitte) und Hans

Hannelore (Gawenda) + Hans Ebner - Regensburg - Germany - Tante von Brigitte Kimichik - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Der Tod ordnet die Welt neu, scheinbar hat sich nichts verändert, und doch ist die Welt für uns ganz anders geworden.*

The death orders the world anew, apparently nothing has changed, and yet the world for us quite different. (I hope it is translated correctly)

Bettina Gawenda - Boppard / Germany - cousine from Brigitte Kimichik - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Carol and Family, so sorry for your loss of beloved Wally. My prayers are with all of you.*

Karen Lussier - McKinney, TX - Friend - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Carol, Alan, David, Diane and family,
I was so saddened to hear about Wally's passing. Everyone who knew him will miss him terribly and Oakcrest will never be the same without him. May you find the comfort of family and friends around you to help heal your hearts. My husband and I always looked forward to seeing you in Norway when we visited. Take care,
Doreen and John

Doreen and John Wilson - Allegan, MI - Friends - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Auntie Carol, Alan, David, Diane and families, My sympathy goes out to all of you at this very sad time. I know you will miss Uncle greatly--not a day goes by that I don't think of and miss my Mom. But I also am comforted by the fact that she is no longer suffering and is resting peacefully in her Heavenly Home. We all want our loved ones to be with us as long as possible but when their time on this earth becomes a daily struggle it is such a blessing when the Lord takes them Home. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do to help you Auntie, please don't hesitate to call me. Love, Marianne

Marianne McCarthy - Vulcan, MI - niece - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Auntie Carol, Al, Dave, Diane & families -
My sincere sympathy to you all at Uncle's passing. His proud and valiant fight is over and I already picture him on the links somewhere, making new friends with his quiet, gentle smile. He will be missed, no doubt, but may your memories and the love of family and friends hold you up when you need it most. We will be here for you whenever you need us. God Bless You All.

Sheri (Lardenoit) LeBombard - Vulcan, MI - Niece - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ We're sending our thoughts and healing mantras to Carol and the kids and grandkids. Life won't be the same, but his smile and his memory will always live on in all of us who knew him. Take Care, Cathy and Wendy

Cathy Temple and Wendy Nelson - Agawam, MA - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dearest Carol, Al, David, Diane and family,

I am heart broken to just learn of Wally's passing. I was in Michigan this summer and wanted to stop to visit the Norway house but the shades were often drawn and I chose not to disturb anyone. I'm not sure of the circumstances around Wally's death, but I know his life was about kindness, integrity, love for Carol and family and enjoying golf and other sports. He shared stories with me on more than one occasion of his love and appreciation for Carol and pride for his children; who they are and what they have accomplished. He was like a father figure to me and I am so grateful to have been cared for by him and to have had him be a part of my life. I know that you will miss him. My love and blessings to you all, Sally

Sally Bartolameolli - Houston, TX - friend - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ To Carol and all the family our deepest condolences. Wally was a very great freind and golf mate. He will be missed deeply by us. May God bless and keep you in this your time of sorrow.

Laverne & Lil Buzzo - Felch - Friend - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Carol and Family. My deepest sympathies on Wally's passing. I played a lot of golf with Wally back in the 70's and 80's. He was a great competitor and always a gentleman whether he was winning or losing.

Ray Famiani - Kingsford, MI - Friend - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Carol and the rest of the Kimichik family. What a great guy Wally was. I shot under 80 for the first time on a Thursday with Wally & Pepper. On their behalf they bestowed me with a pin reading "I broke 80". (It was a womans pin for when she turned 80yrs old). Many great stories and great times with this man. It was an honor to meet and call Wally my friend. God be with you all, he will be missed!

Jon Lasater - Norway, MI - Friend - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ The best memory I have of Granpa Wally is the last time I saw him.. Mom and I went to Mchigan for five days. After visiting during the day, we decided to go to Dairy Queen for ice cream.. Grandma and Grandpa Wally ended up being there unknown to us. I remember he was eating a strawberry sundae. Every time from now on when I pass a Dairy Queen I will remember Grandpa Wally. I miss you and love you!

Brooke

Brooke Johnson - plano, TX - Grand Daughter - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *God Bless You Carol and family.*

Wally was such a nice guy and so friendly, but always attached to Carol when we saw him, in his retirement. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Love in Christ, Dennis and Mary laFaive

Dennis and Mary LaFaive - Norway, Mich. - friend - September 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM