



Mike Funovits

July 17, 1955 - December 29, 2019

A Celebration of Life will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, MN for Mike Funovits, age 64, who died Sunday at Assumption Community in Cold Spring.

A gathering of relatives and friends will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the funeral home.

Mike was born on July 17, 1955 in Fargo, ND to Mike and Laura (Alvstad) Funovits and graduated from Fargo North High School and attended NDSU. He married Cathy Runsvold on June 13, 1977 at First Lutheran Church in Fargo. Mike was a lifelong PGA member and was the Golf Professional at Mapleton, ND, Fergus Fall, MN and Watertown, SD and finished his career at Dunham Sports as a Manager in Willmar, MN.

Survivors include his loving wife, Cathy; sons, M. Benjamin (Samantha) and Samuel; and his sister Julie Dahl (Mike).

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mike Funovits*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Cal and I have such great memories of Mike and golfing fun in Watertown. We are so sorry to hear of Mikes passing. He always had a big grin and made you feel like you were family. He outfitted me with my first set of golf clubs. Kathy did her best to teach me how to use them. I still can't hit out of the sand for the life of me! Mike will be greatly missed by many!
Our deepest condolences to Kathy and family!*

Colleen Breske - January 04, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ *So sorry, Cathy and Family, for the loss of Mike. Prayers for comfort and peace to you all.
Annette Anderson-Whitson - former co-worker of Cathy.*

Annette Anderson-Whitson - January 04, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mike Funovits.*



January 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DH

“ I truly enjoyed Mike’s company. When he was at Watertown Country Club it was just fun being there. He and my Dad enjoyed each other’s company along with Danny Dunn, Dr John Ward, Ole Nygaard, Gary Hunter, Dr Soil (Dave Edison), Bill Newcombe, Chris Meyer, Paul Hinderaker, Rich Kosier, Dave Wolsky, and others. Quite a crew of characters.

Mike was very knowledgeable re the Rules of Golf. I attended a PGA/USGA rules meeting and after I came back Mike had me serve as a ranger during the ProAm golf tournaments. I never called anything on one of the players but would notify Mike. Mike never argued with a player but would give the rule book to the player opened to the pertinent section and then ask the player what should be done whether it was a two-stroke penalty or disqualification or whatever.

Before the tournament Mike and I would go around the course and make sure “Ground Under Repair” was marked, the hazards were marked correctly, etc. I came out early one day and Mike said he had made coffee as he did not drink coffee. But what he had made was tea. He just started laughing as he had filled one of the worker’s thermos with tea and we thought it would have been nice to see the expression on his face when he thought he was going to have a drink of coffee.

Mike never gave a putt. If a player made a good putt that was close and expected somebody to “give the putt” the player would ask “Is that good?”, Mike would say, “Not bad”.

Mike was a big fan of Ben Crenshaw, having met him twice and on one occasion shared pizza with Ben and his wife. When Wilson Sporting Goods would ask Mike what clubs he would like to use as he was on their staff, he would say, “just give me whatever Crenshaw is playing”.

I think he really liked hockey better than golf but he paid for it re his

many knee operations.

He will be missed. The best to Cathy and the boys.

Dr James R Horning - January 03, 2020 at 12:31 PM

DH

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Dr James R Horning - January 03, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *Eternal Paradise was purchased for the family of Mike Funovits.*



January 03, 2020 at 11:41 AM

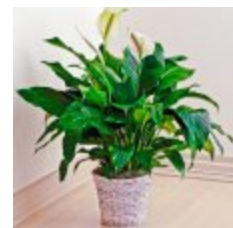
BM

“ *Cathy and family, please accept my condolences, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I have nothing but great memories of you and Mike from early Fargo days. It is no surprise so many people have reached out to let me know about Mike, he was an extremely well liked character. Bill MacAskill*

Bill MacAskill - January 03, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mike Funovits.*



January 02, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mike Funovits.*

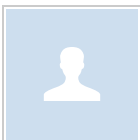


January 02, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ *Cathy, Ben and Sam, so very sorry for Mike's passing. The last couple of months we reminisced about the Fargo days. From our first meeting with our trombones to the infamous bus ride in June of '77 (he didn't even tell his boys about that) how many guys are out there that remember that ? Prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Dave McFarland - January 02, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mike Funovits.*



January 02, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mike Funovits.*



January 01, 2020 at 11:23 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mike Funovits.*



January 01, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ *Cathy and family. We are very saddened to hear of Mike's passing. We have many great memories of your family's time in Fergus Falls. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Eric and Jolene Larsen

Eric Larsen - January 01, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mike Funovits.*



January 01, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *So sad to hear about Mike's passing. On behalf of all of his friends in the Fargo North Class of 1973 (pretty much the whole class!) we will miss him as he was a great guy (we were in Sunday School together too!).*

Dave Bartholomay - January 01, 2020 at 10:10 AM

Julie Knutson

“ Cathy & family, We want to express our sincere condolences for your loss. So many years have passed and seemed like never a dull moment with the Funovitz family nearby. We have good memories of those days, and still remember Mike's infectious laugh. May your memories provide you all comfort. Thoughts & prayers to you all. ❤️
Lonnie & Julie Knutson

Julie Knutson - December 31, 2019 at 11:58 PM

BC

“ Bob and Kathy and the whole Crank family send our deepest sympathies. Mike had such an infectious laugh that we'll always remember. I was one of his worst golf pupils ever he once told me (which I had already known), and because I was bald like Mike he suggested to me at the end of a lesson: "Why don't we just put our heads together and make an a-- out of ourselves?" Good times with a real fun guy!

The Bob Crank Family

Bob Crank - December 31, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mike Funovits.



December 31, 2019 at 11:15 AM

EJ

“ Cathy and family, Please accept Beth's and my condolences on Mike's death. It makes me so sad to learn that we have lost him. As I think you know, Mike meant an awful lot to me and he had an extremely positive impact on my life during those good-old days at Edgewood. For a high school kid, he had an incredible rapport with people--with customers and fellow workers--and I learned so much just by watching him. He was a hard worker in the pro shop--working all-day shifts for days in a row. As you well know, he had a great sense of humor and we had a lot of fun at the golf course. I've never met a kid that age who liked so much wake up early to tee off at 7 a.m.--just a killer! He gave me my first nickname. I always think very fondly of Funni. I can assure you that I will never forget him.
Erik Johnson, Fargo.

Erik Johnson - December 31, 2019 at 09:46 AM

AB

“ I have such fond memories of our days at Fargo North together, Mike was always a delight to be around and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers
Cathy.

Anne Buckingham - December 30, 2019 at 09:34 PM

LR

“ Tim and I are so sorry to hear “Funni” passed. I remember when I first met Mike over at my parents, Del and Mary Helen's house. He had this infectious laugh. Our condolences to you and boys, and Mike's sister.

Lynn Rhinhart - December 30, 2019 at 09:14 PM

TK

“ *Cathy, I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Thinking and praying for you and the boys. May God help you find comfort and peace.*

Tammy Kellogg

Tamara M Kellogg - December 30, 2019 at 08:43 PM

LT

“ *I remember zMike so well during gbthe pro ams in Watertown*

Prayers to your family 🙏🙏

Louise Towle - December 30, 2019 at 07:11 PM

EK

“ *Prayers to the family. I was honored to work with Mike at Dunhams. Great guy.*

Ellen Kling - December 30, 2019 at 06:56 PM

RH

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Mikes family. He was such a joy to work with at all the stores we opened together.. god bless Ronda Hartje Store 82 Spencer ia*

ronda hartje - December 30, 2019 at 06:52 PM

BS

“ *So sorry for your loss Cathy. Prayers go out to you and your family. Bonnie Struss.*

Bonnie Struss - December 30, 2019 at 06:09 PM

JH

“ *I am saddened to hear the passing of Mike. He and Kathy we're great Neighbors. R i p*

Joan hakeman - December 30, 2019 at 06:06 PM