



# Michael Francis Hopper

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It is with great sorrow that we announce that Michael Francis Hopper of St. Clair Michigan, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods at the age of 84, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 24th in Naples Florida.

Michael was born on January 18th, 1937 to Mildred and Frank Hopper in Detroit. He attended University of Detroit Jesuit High school where he was active in basketball and was an all-city tennis player and graduated from University of Detroit.

After graduating from college, Michael worked with several publications in sales until finding his calling as a Publisher for Technical Publications which later became Open Systems Media. He was an innovator in the publishing world, started several new editions and also sold a publication as well.

Michael married Janet Porter in June of 1966 and eventually settled in Grosse Pointe Woods where they raised their two children Elizabeth and Patrick. Michael was an avid boater (owning more than 15 boats in his lifetime) and belonged to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. He also captained his beloved trawler from Florida to Michigan. Michael also enjoyed tennis and platform tennis and golf. He later joined the St Clair Golf Club.

More than his career success and outdoor activities, Michael was best known for his love of God and dedicated husband, father, grandfather and friend. "You are my favorite" was a phrase that brings a smile to our family's faces each time my dad expressed it to someone. Michael had a way of making everyone feel loved. His countenance was marked with a warm smile, a welcoming hello and lots of laughter.

He will continue to be cherished by his wife of 55 years and his children Elizabeth (married to Todd Bowman and their 5 children: Abigail, Andrew, Anna, Ainsley and Amelia) and Patrick (married to Kate and their children Caroline and Patrick).



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Our hearts are full as we remember his life. A Catholic Mass will be held in his honor on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 12:00 pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church, with a visitation at the church from 11:00 am until time of Mass.



# Events

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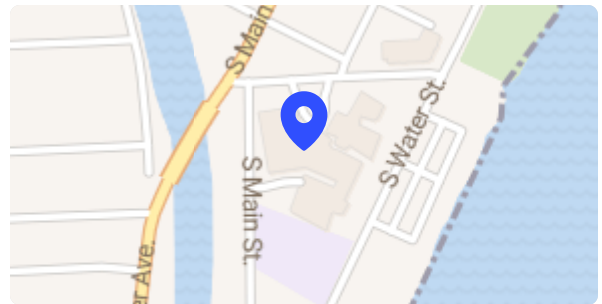
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, November 13, 2021

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Holy Cross Catholic Church, Our Lady on the River Parish**

610 Water St., Marine city MI 48039



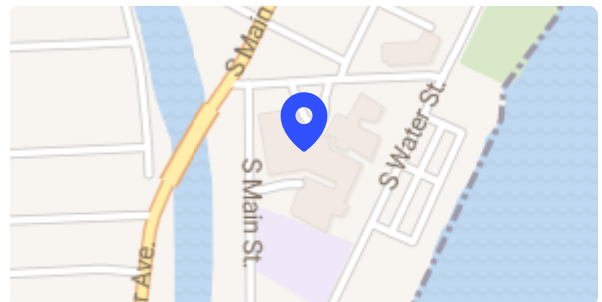
## Funeral Mass

 **Saturday**, November 13, 2021

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

 **Holy Cross Catholic Church, Our Lady on the River Parish**

610 Water St., Marine city MI 48039



## Cemetery Details

 Cremation



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hopper family.

November 12 at 10:20 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hopper family.

November 10 at 5:27 PM



**John Huntington** posted:

Janet, We are so sorry to hear about your loss of Mike . We have wonderful memories of activities we shared at the GPYC , athletic and social, and when our paths crossed many times over the years whether in GP, or Hilton Head or recently in Naples. He was a great guy, full of optimism and humor. We will miss him. John & Judy Huntington

November 10 at 1:53 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Hopper family.

November 10 at 12:30 PM





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JT

**Jim Tobias** posted:

Mike Hopper was a special "bud" who made you smile or breakout in laughter. What an honor to have him in our lives. To Janet, Libby, Patrick and Mike's entire family we send profound condolences. He often bragged about his entire family Janet, the love of Mike's life was a rock, supporting him fully as a man of God. Mike went to his own tune and Janet wrote most of the lyrics. Having known Janet and Mike since Patrick's Grosse Pointe Little League days, there are too many wonderful memories to capture here. Over the past few decades between Grosse Pointe, East China Township and Naples we traveled, played tennis, golf, Euchre, and went boating. Mike often reminded me that he excelled at all of the above. There was, however a picture plaque in a booth at Mike LeFevre's restaurant on the water which stated we "played 10,000 backgammon games. Score: Even". I think we were even in pranks in admiration for each other so I will cherish fond memories of a very special person, my "good bud" I was glad to call a friend. Joanne and I will look forward to continuing our friendship with Janet. Jim Tobias

November 7 at 7:54 AM

FP

**Fred Provencher** posted:

My condolences to the family. Mike and I were classmates at U of D High. While we went in different directions in life, we periodically ran into each other in out-of-the-way places. Mike was the first to run up with a smile on his face to say hi. Since we moved to Indiana, we have followed each other on Facebook. I always enjoyed the pictures he posted of his beautiful family and I know he will missed by all. He and the family are in my prayers. Fred Provencher

November 4 at 5:28 PM

JR

**Jim Ramsey** posted:

We met Mike and Janet Hopper on the water at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where they kept their trawler which they had bought in Florida and brought here on its own bottom. Always frugal, Mike was fond of coming by our boat for a free beer, which he felt we owed him in return for the honor his friendship. Finally, at the beginning of one boating season, I told him "Mike I am going to stock my refrigerator with twelve Budweisers this year. You can drink all twelve at once, or you can drink six on two occasions, or you can have one on twelve occasions, but after that you are on your own." Whenever Mike was back in Grosse Pointe from his home in East China Township, we made it a point to have lunch, usually at Mike's on the Water. We enjoyed our time there, catching up, talking with owner Mike LeFevre and listening to LeFevre's endless complaints about Mike Hopper beating him mercilessly at backgammon. "I have to supplement my modest fixed income somehow," was Hopper's typical response. We spent a lot of great times with Mike and Janet, both in Michigan and down in Florida. There will be no replacing this loveable old Irish curmudgeon, but we will honor his memory by remembering him and his friendship always. Marney and Jim Ramsey

November 4 at 11:52 AM



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**Richard Holbrook** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories. Richard Holbrook U of D High '55.

November 4 at 10:07 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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