



Michael David Whitmer

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Michael David Whitmer (Mr. Mike), age 71, of Yale, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born on February 19, 1954, to the late David and Marilyn Whitmer. Mike was a graduate of Warren Cousino High School, class of 1973. He married Janet Gustin in 2004.

Mike worked as a custodian for the Algonac School District for over 30 years, spending most of those years at Fair Haven Elementary. He loved his job and took great pride in his work, and was affectionately known as “Mr. Mike” by the students. He also coached for the Hoops for Hearts program that Algonac offered for several years.

Mike was an avid card player, especially Euchre, Bingo, and Poker, and he enjoyed trips to the casino. He especially cherished the time spent at the family cottage with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; children, Jennie Whitmer, David Whitmer, Luke Whitmer, Connie (David) Keller, T.J. (Colette) Wilson, Cheryl Jagodzinski, Joshua Wilson, Ricky Whitmer, Isiah Whitmer, Karia Whitmer, Raymond Arneil, Jesse (Teresa) DuCharme, Rachel (Stephen) Uhlich, and Jacob DuCharme; grandchildren, Austin, Destiny, David II, Delanie, Faith, Taylor, Ella; great-grandchildren, Devin, Azzlynn, Paisley, Josie, Rowan, Autumn; brothers, William (Beverly) Whitmer Sr., and James (Salvador) Whitmer; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation arrangements are with Young Funeral Home, China Twp. A celebration of life will take place Saturday, September 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Richmond Community Center, 36164 Festival Drive, Richmond, MI, 48062. To leave a message of comfort, visit Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.



Events

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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, September 20, 2025

 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Richmond Community Center**
36164 Festival Drive, Richmond MI 48062



Cemetery Details

 Cremation



Tribute Wall

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Dan Bracey posted:

To Luke and the Whitmer family - I don't think I have met a more conscientious or caring person in my career as Luke and I'm sure that's a reflection of your father and family. My heart goes out to you all, and I wish you healing and recovery in the time ahead. -Dan Bracey

August 26 at 8:13 AM



Jennie Whitmer August 28 at 12:34 PM

Awww Thank you so much for the kind words ☐



Sue W. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.



August 26 at 3:20 AM



Sue Westrick posted:

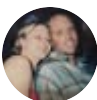
I worked for many years with Mr. Mike at Fair Haven Elementary. He was the best! My sympathies to the family.

August 26 at 3:18 AM



Jennie Whitmer August 28 at 12:35 PM

Thank you so much for the Kind words :)



Tara Jane posted:

I remember Mr. Mike from Fair Haven Elementary in the early 90s. He was such a staple and touched a lot of lives. RIP Mr Mike ❤️

August 20 at 4:53 PM



Jennie Whitmer August 25 at 7:57 AM

Thank you for the kind words ❤️



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TF

The Foote Family posted:

My 2 sons went to Fair Haven Elementary. Mr. Mike was always welcoming with a smile on his face. He was such a kind man. He will always be remembered in our hearts! Our thoughts and prayers to his family! ❤️

August 20 at 8:26 AM



Jennie Whitmer August 25 at 7:57 AM

Thank you for the kind words ☺

DG

David G. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Michael.



August 20 at 7:04 AM

NS

Nancy Sink posted:

Mike was a very special man. Upon marrying Janet he became an important part of our family. He was always willing to help, especially with our mom. I have fond memories of playing family euchre with Mike. Sending deepest sympathy to his family. Nancy Sink

August 20 at 6:38 AM



Jennie Whitmer August 25 at 7:59 AM

Thank you for the kind words ❤️ he loved your mom and we all enjoyed playing cards, poker and euchre lol Thank you for opening your house up for us to do those things :) oh and he absolutely loved your fish ☺



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DH

Danielle Saigh (Harrington) posted:

Mr. Mike was part of my childhood. I went to Fair haven elementary school and he was our custodian. I'm 40 now and can remember how kind he was and his laughter like it was yesterday. He always made everyone feel welcome and important. My deepest condolences to his family and all the lives he touched. He will forever hold a place in my memories.

August 19 at 4:31 PM



Jennie Whitmer August 25 at 7:59 AM

Thank you for the kind words ☐

VR

Vanessa Rice posted:

Mr. Mike will forever be remembered, he was one of the first people I met working at Fair Haven and made me feel welcomed and an important part of the school. He was always warm and caring and always made sure everything was the way it should be. Rest in Peace My Friend. God bless, prayers sent to your family.

August 19 at 1:55 PM



Jennie Whitmer August 25 at 7:59 AM

Thank you both for the kind words ☐



Lori Baker August 22 at 3:56 PM

I was so sorry to hear this news! I worked with him for several years at Fair Haven! He would do anything for me and all who worked there! He made every kid feel important every day!! would go visit him at Mt. Clemons General and bring him liters of the pop that he loved! RIP dear friend...until we meet again! Lori Baker

JB

Joe Bissett posted:

I'm sorry for ur losses I'm a lost of words Mr Mike was the custodian when I was in school I love him he was always so nice and caring for the students and help us get through our problems

August 19 at 12:23 PM



Jennie Whitmer August 25 at 8:00 AM

Thank you for the Kind words ☐



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Sheryl Stone posted:

Mr Mike was the first person , I met at Fairhaven that made me feel like family, before working there. Mr Mike was a man that was funny, serious, and very caring all at the same time, I will miss him very much. 😞❤️😞❤️

August 19 at 9:52 AM



Jennie Whitmer August 25 at 8:00 AM

Thank you all for the Kind words ☐ he made so many people feel like family, I am glad that is something I got from my dad ❤️



Geri August 20 at 3:28 AM

Mr. Mike was always helping the PTA with all the extra activities we did, especially the bonfires. He was always there making sure nothing wrong happened. RIP.Geri McCann and family.



Del Barnes August 19 at 12:54 PM

So very sorry for your loss. Mr. Mike was always courteous, funny and just an all around nice guy. He will be missed my many, many students and faculty. RIP.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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