



Deacon Ralph M. Gutman

October 30, 1944 - December 5, 2020

GUTMAN, Deacon Ralph Michael, entered into eternal life Saturday, December 5, 2020 at MVH. Ralph was born in Dayton, Ohio on October 30, 1944 to Ralph H. and Mary Alice (Wehner) Gutman. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 26 years, Mary Jayne (Cate); his sister Carolyn Leis; brother John Gutman and sister-in-law Carol Gutman. He graduated from Patterson Co-Op High School, the University of Cincinnati with a BSEE and MSEE and GMI with a MSME, and from the Athenaeum of Ohio. He spent almost his entire career at GM, retiring and then at Dayton Phoenix until 2013. He was ordained to the Diaconate in 2013, served at both Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and most recently at St. Francis of Assisi Parish where he served until the time of his death. Ralph served the Cursillo Community as assistant spiritual director and was active in marriage preparation and bereavement for the Archdiocese.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth, whom he married in 1994; his three children: Ralph M. Jr. (Laura), Eric, Betsy (Shane) Harrison; his two stepsons, Charles (Shelley Johnson) Listwan and Michael Listwan. Ralph has 13 grandchildren who lovingly called him Bubba, Papa, Grandpa or Grandpa Mike: Amber (Jimmy) Flores, Erich (Laura) Gutman, Jennifer and Rachel Gutman, Bradley, Noah, Matthew and Chloe Harrison, Kristen and Benjamin Gutman, and Jackson, Samuel and Owen Listwan.

He is also survived by his brother, Lawrence and sister-in-law, Rose; nieces, nephews, cousins, Deacon brothers and the Cursillo Community.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, services will be limited to only family. There will be the opportunity to watch the Mass on livestream at <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MjQzNzlwMw==> on Saturday, December 12 at 9:30am. Ralph will then be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Vincent De Paul at St. Francis of Assisi, Catholic Cursillo of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or to the Special Wish Foundation. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff of MVH for their exceptional Care. Arrangements entrusted to Westbrook Funeral Home, Kettering.

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery

1625 Calvary Drive

Dayton, OH, 45409

Comments



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Ralph M. Gutman.



December 12, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ Mary, please accept our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family during this terrible period. Over the last few days I thought back over some special times I recall when thinking of Mike. My memory is rapidly fading so some of these recalled moments may not be accurate.

First, Mike was only a few years older than me so I really looked forward to when my parents visited his. His brothers and sister had the largest and greatest toy box I had ever seen, thus making for a great visit. I remember the annual family summer picnic hosted by his Mom and Dad; always a great time. I remember watching Mike and his brothers working in their basement electronics work/hobby shop. This helped develop my desire to learn more about electronics. I recall when Mike demonstrated his Judo/Karate skills to my parents, sister, brother, and I. Both Karole and I recall how Mike single-handily oversaw and directed the setup of Immaculate Conception Parish's summer festival tents, booths, electrical wiring, and etcetera for more years than I can recall. Karole and I lived only a few blocks from Mike when his family lived in Belmont. Their front lawn Christmas decorations were a must see for everyone in the area. In conclusion, over the many years I have only met a few people that would gladly give you the coat off their back, Mike was one of these individuals. We can only hope Mike is now praying for us.

Love,

Doug & Karole Borgert

Doug & Karole Borgert - December 12, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ Betsy, Shane, and family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you more than you know and pray for healing hearts.
The Caudill Family

Tiffany Caudill - December 11, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon Ralph M. Gutman.



December 10, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ Mary,
I am so sorry for your loss. Jeanne and I was shocked when Susan contacted us about Mike. Our thought and prayers is with you and your family

John & Jeanne Borgert - December 10, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mary and family. We treasure the experience discussions we shared with Ralph and Mary on the many Cana ii weekends. Sorry for your loss. May all find peace in God's love. John and Carole Muhlenkamp

John Muhlenkamp - December 09, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss and the loss to our faith community! God Bless !
Margaret LaParre

margaret laparre - December 09, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ Mary was so saddened to read about the passing of Ralph! My prayers are with you at this time and I will keep you in my prayers!

Debbie Goldberg

Debbie Goldberg - December 08, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ Betsy, I met your dad and step-mom after you had Matthew. He was so welcoming and kind. I am so very sad for all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May all your wonderful memories of him help you in the days ahead. Peggy Van Blarigan

Peggy VanBlarigan - December 12, 2020 at 07:42 AM



“ I remember when Mike was my neighbor in Belmont, I was having trouble with my 1972 Nova. I bought the needed part (a starter) but had no idea how to take the old one off and put the new one on. Mike saw me in a quandary asked what I was trying to do . I explained and he said "Oh I could help you that should only take about 20 minutes." 2 hrs later we were both under the car and I was being tutored in the mechanics of the car. The car was fixed, the job was done and Mike stood there with that Mike smile and said "see that didn't take too long" . I don't know what my face looked like but I realized something that evening. Mike wasn't just the guy down the street who put a model train in his yard and decorated the house and tree at Christmas, he wasn't just the guy who was so proud of our flag that he followed every rule in putting the pole and flag up lighting and all, he was just a big guy whose spirit was still a kid. Mike was not JUST... anything He was special in how he related to and cared about others. He wanted to help because he could and derived pleasure in helping others. WoW! We will truly miss the person but will always have the memories of our relationship with Mike and the whole family.
Rick and Judy Jobst Belmont neighbors

Rick and Judy Jobst - December 08, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ Deacon Ralph, Thank you so much for bringing me Our Lord when I had surgery. I got to know you not only @. Immaculate Conception, but, here @ St Francis. Thank you so much for the love you have of your faith and keeping your faith so clear to me!
Mary Margaret Fiely



Mary Fiely - December 08, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Marie and I were blessed to have Mike as our wonderful neighbor for 16+ years. I'll always remember our impromptu backyard chats, Mike's extensive kindness and his positive optimism on life. I'll especially remember his soft spoken nature, generosity and willingness to serve our community even after his retirement. Mike, until we meet again, God Bless and God Speed!

To Mary and family: We're sending our sincerest condolences and prayers to you as no words we say could ever replace Mike's presence. Our time on Earth is short and your lasting faith in GOD will surely reunite you all in eternity. We believe in our hearts of hearts that Mike is where he needs to be already serving again, under God, but on a bigger stage.

We stand by and will assist you in anyway we can, just--flash your porch lights!

Sincerely,

Moe & Marie & LaBrie

Moe LaBrie - December 08, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Mike is truly going to be missed. They brought me into their family when Shane and Betsy were married and I really appreciated that. Rest in peace Mike and may God be with the family.



Cathy Harrison - December 08, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Deacon Ralph was truly a wonderful and warm human being. I had the pleasure of doing volunteer work with him. I will miss his smile and his unending spirituality. My prayers go out to Mary and his family. Rest in Peace, Ralph!
In sorrow and in joy, Chris Davis

Chris Davis - December 08, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ Deacon Ralph resided over my Step Father's funeral services this past June. Just want to let you know I have your family in my prayers and am thankful for his giving nature.

Cindy Struckman

Cindy Struckman - December 08, 2020 at 08:23 AM