



## Michael R. Rothlisberger

January 17, 1949 - November 27, 2016

Michael R. Rothlisberger, age 67 of Upper Sandusky died Sun. Nov. 27, 2016 at Fairhaven Health Care Community. He was born Jan. 17, 1949 to the late Louis & Flora (Brown) (Rothlisberger) Coons. At the age of 9 Michael's father died and his mother married Joseph Coons who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his daughter Anne Bacon who died June 18, 2015 and a sister Barbara (Fred) Green.

He married Suzanne Touchette on Jan. 29, 1972 in John Stewart UMC, and they later separated. Mr. Rothlisberger is survived by a daughter Jamie Rupp, Upper Sandusky, a son-in-law Alec Bacon, Upper Sandusky, four grandchildren Liberty "Libby" Rupp, Aiden, Ashton, Andrew Bacon, sisters Dorothy (Tom) Newell, Upper Sandusky, Natalie Jo (Don) Dannenhauer, Nevada, Sarah Jenney, Huron, Wendy (Bret) Rochotte, New Breman, brothers Mark (Debb) Coons, MO, Robert (Sharon) Coons, NC, Charles (Kathy) Coons, Upper Sandusky.

Mr. Rothlisberger was a member of John Stewart UMC. He graduated from USHS with the class of 1967, and then graduated from BGSU with his teaching degree. He later would earn his Masters in English from Ashland University. Mr. Rothlisberger taught English & Social Studies for the 8th and 9th grade levels for over 20 years, and was an administrator, football and track coach throughout his teaching career. He loved children and students,

and would do anything to help advance their studies, and he did not care if the administration agreed with his methods. Mr. Rothlisberger enjoyed music from the 60's, reading, car shows, collecting ties and movie memorabilia. He was an avid OSU Buckeyes and Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30AM Thurs. Dec. 1, 2016 in the Bringman Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Doug Pummell officiating. Interment will follow in Old Mission Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 3-6PM Wed. Nov. 30, 2016 at Bringman Clark Funeral Home. Visit [www.BringmanClark.com](http://www.BringmanClark.com) to send a condolence or to share a memory. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Michael Rothlisberger's name may be made to the Michael Rothlisberger Scholarship Fund in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 East Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Mission Cemetery\*

on East Church St., about 500 feet east of SR  
53 and 67, on north side of town  
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

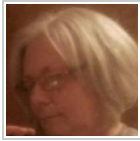
Bringman-Clark Funeral Home  
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## Service

DEC **1**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Walton lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Rothlisberger*



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**Diane Walton** - December 01, 2016 at 10:18 PM



“ *Jason G Balduf lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Rothlisberger*



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**Jason G Balduf** - November 30, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ *My football coach in '82 and my English teacher in '84, Mike is one of the teachers who influenced me me most during Jr. High. He will be missed.*

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**Mike Merrick** - November 30, 2016 at 07:07 PM



“ *Amy Nickelson lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Rothlisberger*



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**amy nickelson** - November 30, 2016 at 12:55 PM

LS

“ Love, Doug and Julie Simons purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael R. Rothlisberger.



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**Love, Doug and Julie Simons** - November 30, 2016 at 02:48 AM

PG

“ Dorothy, sorry for your loss. Mike was a pleasure to care for! I will miss our talks about the Rothlisberger families! Love you ! Pat Gault



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**Pat Gault** - November 29, 2016 at 05:48 PM

VO

“ From two of Mike's classmates (USHS 1967), we offer sincere condolences at this fine gentleman's passing. He will be sadly missed by so many in this community whose lives he impacted with his unique positivity as a teacher, family member and friend. Sincerely, Vicki and Van Orians

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**vicki Orians** - November 29, 2016 at 04:47 PM

JH

“ I will miss watching the Ohio Buckeyes with Mike and bring him bacon wraps.. such wonderful memories.. You will be missed my Friend. judy hooten



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**Judy Hooten** - November 29, 2016 at 07:39 AM

TL

“ Terry Lane lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Rothlisberger



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**Terry Lane** - November 29, 2016 at 07:12 AM

MH

“ I remember Mike had the most beautiful red 1959 Chevrolet in 1967. I still judge cars against that standard...at least in my mind! Unfortunately, I lost contact with him after we graduated USHS.

*My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.*

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**Michael Hare** - November 28, 2016 at 10:49 PM

MA

“ Mike ... Ridgedale ... great memories ... singing 60's and 70's tunes and California dreaming on such a winters day. Authorities take heed. Mike did what he could to make days brighter. He loved his daughter tremendously and he will be missed.

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**mary** - November 28, 2016 at 08:21 PM

MA

“ Mike ... aw, yes. Great memories. Those were the days, my friend. We thought they'd never end.

*Most of all he loved his daughter tremendously.*

*He and I sang tunes all the time when he worked at Ridgedale. He used it as a fun way of connecting to students and a generation of parents who appreciated his humor and easy punishment.*

*We often ended written phone messages with a 60's or 70's song title that would drum through our heads the rest of the day.*

*Sometimes if a student came to the office with a write up but could 'name that tune' Mike would give a half hearted serious look and say, "behave." He would squint, smile, shrug his shoulders and give the student a free pass back to their next class. He felt the staff member and student only needed a few minutes of space to feel normal again.*

*Mike encouraged me to become a volunteer working for him with students who desired to join his "You are worthy" type camp that he wanted to open someday out west. He wanted every student who felt like an under dog to feel "worthy." When he felt defeated by frustrated students and felt he needed some sort of back up he would pull me into the office to tell those students each person belongs someplace special with people who care about them. Then he would tell the student we can all run away together out west if that child could create an escape route without getting any of us in trouble with the school or the law. In saying this the student was required to either write out the plan in detail or go back to class and behave. As you can guess writing seemed to be too much work so they returned to class with a quieted attitude! Problem solved!*

*He was a non- bossy type of boss. He made me laugh.*

*Winters may be cold in Ohio, but Mike had a warm heart. He was*

*always California dreamin'.*

*Authorities take heed. He was good. He will be missed.*

*Mary McKnight*

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**mary** - November 28, 2016 at 08:10 PM

JD

“ *Mr. Rothlisberger was my ninth grade English teacher. We had to give a speech and during the time we were to present them he was home sick so he had the speeches videotaped. I get extremely nervous and talk fast when I do. I remember him telling me he kept trying to take it off fast forward. I will miss him. My condolences to his family.*

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**Jennifer Mc Pherson DuBois** - November 28, 2016 at 07:30 PM

DB

“ *He used to be across the hall from my step mother when she was at Fairhaven and i would stop in and chat with him as i knew a lot of his relatives. He was always a nice guy Sorry for your loss Dave Bucher*

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**David Bucher** - November 28, 2016 at 06:10 PM

SR

“ *I had Mr. Rothlisberger for English and he was a great teacher!!! I remember going up and asking him to dance with me at a Jr. High dance and he did, the song was " You drop the bomb on me" he had some good moves. Rest in peace my friend 😊*

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**Sharri Racheter** - November 28, 2016 at 04:54 PM

Holly  
Higgins

“ *Very sorry to hear about Mike's passing. He was one of the best teachers* ❤️



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**Holly Higgins** - November 28, 2016 at 04:29 PM

KK

“ *To Michael's family - You are in my thoughts and prayers as you grieve for the loss of Michael in your lives. I always emember Michael with great fondness. He was patient and kind with us silly girls during the turbulent years of high school. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. - Karen*

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**karen k.** - November 28, 2016 at 04:22 PM