



## Michael James Huizenga

October 13, 1948 - September 14, 2019

Michael James Huizenga, 70 of Manchester, Michigan passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at his home with his family by his side. Mike was born October 13, 1948 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late Francis Huizenga and Heidy (Wiedman) Huizenga. On June 14, 1969 he married Georgia "Ann" McCue, and she survives along with their children John (Cathy) Huizenga and their children and grandchildren, James Huizenga and daughter, Erika Huizenga (Chad Higgins) and their children. He is also survived by siblings Sharon Huizenga (Pat Cleary), Ted (Sandy) Huizenga, Dora (Jeff) Rautiola, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Mike celebrated his 50th anniversary with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in October of 2018. He was a Master Electrician and chairman of the Ann Arbor Joint Electrical Training Committee for some time and then continued to be a member of the committee where he received an award for his years of service. Mike joined Utilities Instrumentation Service in 1982 and worked there until he retired. Mike was also a property owner along with David Wheeler. Together they owned 306 North River Street in Ypsilanti (H&W Properties) where UIS was housed from 1984 until 2013. He also was field superintendant on the electrical construction of the original St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on Huron River Drive near Ypsilanti. Mike and Ann lived in Saline for 24 years before they purchased land and built their home on 13+ acres in Bridgewater Township in 1994. Mike became a "farmer" and loved tinkering with his

tractors, lawn mowers, hay cutting equipment, trucks, Gator, golf cart, and Corvette. He was also good at construction and built 2 barns, horse stalls, a chicken coup, and created electrical fencing pastures for 2 horses. He took pride in all that he did and it showed; as an electrician, husband, father, and grandfather (papa). He set a wonderful example for all those that came to know him. Mike fought courageously against heart problems since 2011 and most recently was diagnosed with terminal leukemia 16 months ago. He was given one year to live, but he continued to fight and was able to join his wife in a 50th wedding anniversary celebration given by their children. He loved his family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They were a source of joy and they loved to play and tease each other. He had a jovial personality, but he was also a great source of strength and knowledge. Though he will be greatly missed, his memories will last forever. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, 301 E. Michigan Ave., and on Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 12:00 Noon. Rev. Tom McCue and Pastor Michelene Sample officiating. Burial will take place following the service and will be held in Washtenong Memorial Park, 3771 Whitmore Lake Road, Ann Arbor, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Gift and Records Administration, 3003 South State Street, Ste #8000 Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Memo Line: Rogel Cancer Center. To leave a memory you have of Mike, to sign his guestbook, to leave a memory, or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Washtenong Memorial Park

3771 Whitmore Lake Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
<http://washtenongmemorialpark.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
[rbfhsaline@hotmail.com](mailto:rbfhsaline@hotmail.com)  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
[rbfhsaline@hotmail.com](mailto:rbfhsaline@hotmail.com)  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Funeral Service

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SEP **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Graveside Service

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SEP **19**. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Washtenong Memorial Park  
3771 Whitmore Lake Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
<http://washtenongmemorialpark.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael James Huizenga*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dearest Family, Friends, IBEW Local 252, AAJATC, UIS Corp, and Contractors,*

*Whether you called, visited, sent a card, flowers or food, made a contribution, spoke kind words of condolence, left messages on Facebook, or attended Mike's visitation or funeral, I want to thank you all for your support during this difficult time. Special thanks to IBEW Local 252 for the beautiful Bible, and to those who selected Mike to receive the "Greg Stephens" award for "Alumni of the Year" which was presented to me on September 27th at the 2019 graduation ceremony for the new apprentices. I also want to thank three very special people for sharing their thoughts and memories of Mike; Rev. Tom McCue, Pastor Michelene Sample, John Salyer, and David Wheeler. I also want to extend my sincere thanks to Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home. Both Steve and Larry were extremely compassionate and helpful, they even recognized that Mike was a big Michigan football fan and wore their U of M neckties on the day Mike was laid to rest. Once again, thanks to all of you. You have been a great source of comfort, and it fills my heart with so much joy and pride to know that my "better half" was loved and admired by so many.*

*Sincerely,  
Ann Huizenga*

Ann Huizenga - October 04, 2019 at 03:16 AM

JW

“ It s seemed only yesterday when I had the privilege of many conversations with Mike about JATC committee work. He was always one you could look up to for his compass was always set to the best of the industry. Bless you Mike, your family and friends.  
Jack

Jack W - September 19, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael James Huizenga.



September 18, 2019 at 09:04 PM

LM

“ Lori McCue sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael James Huizenga



Lori McCue - September 18, 2019 at 06:54 PM

LM

“ Lori McCue lit a candle in memory of Michael James Huizenga



Lori McCue - September 18, 2019 at 06:53 PM

LM

*May the Lord be with the family at this time of loss*

Lori McCue - September 18, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael James Huizenga.*



September 18, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Huizenga.*



September 18, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael James Huizenga.*



September 18, 2019 at 07:54 AM

ER

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



erika - September 17, 2019 at 11:28 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon - September 17, 2019 at 09:24 PM

LL

“ *It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to a wonderful friend. He was one of a kind and it was always a pleasure having a conversation with him. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. Love to the family. Gary & Linda*

Linda Lutz - September 17, 2019 at 07:01 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Michael James Huizenga.*



September 17, 2019 at 06:00 PM

CC

“ Cheryl L Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Michael James Huizenga



Cheryl L Carpenter - September 17, 2019 at 05:09 PM

LH

“ Love, Cassandra, Justice & Jarrod H2 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael James Huizenga.



Love, Cassandra, Justice & Jarrod H2 - September 17, 2019 at 05:08 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon - September 17, 2019 at 04:46 PM

DW

“ Huizenga Family - So saddened by your loss. Mike was an amazing friend, collaborator and inspiration to the entire Wheeler Family. We loved him dearly. We will miss him so very, very much. Our love, prayers and support- David, Ila, Quinci, Piper, and Keeley Wheeler

David Wheeler - September 17, 2019 at 12:46 PM

DF

“ Don, Tom, & Cindy Frasure purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael James Huizenga.



Don, Tom, & Cindy Frasure - September 17, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael James Huizenga.



September 17, 2019 at 09:32 AM

BH

“ Erika:

*I am so sorry about the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Brenda Hegwood - September 17, 2019 at 07:23 AM

 John N  
Cathy  
Huizenga

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John N Cathy Huizenga - September 16, 2019 at 10:26 PM

TS

*I'm sorry for your loss John. You're in my prayers*

**Tracy Shelton** - September 17, 2019 at 03:10 PM

LA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Lauren** - September 16, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michael James Huizenga.*



September 16, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Kimberly Hartman Basler** - September 16, 2019 at 07:16 PM

HA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Haley - September 16, 2019 at 06:19 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Haley - September 16, 2019 at 06:18 PM

CY

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cynthia - September 16, 2019 at 06:16 PM

HA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Haley** - September 16, 2019 at 06:15 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**John Huizenga** - September 16, 2019 at 06:01 PM

PA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Patricia** - September 16, 2019 at 05:49 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon - September 16, 2019 at 05:38 PM

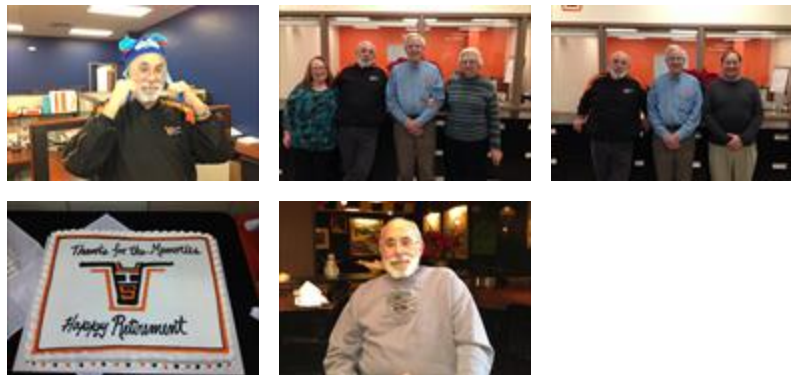
PA

*My Wonderful Brother, Mike. I love you.*

Patricia - September 16, 2019 at 05:54 PM

GM

“ 6 files added to the album *UIS Memories*



Gloria Murray - September 16, 2019 at 05:29 PM

UI

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



UIS - September 16, 2019 at 03:00 PM