



## Michael Lee Payton

January 27, 1953 - November 11, 2020

Michael Lee Payton of Harper Woods, MI, died on 11/11/20 at age 67. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Margrete Payton. He is survived by his brother, Donald Lee Payton, his wife, Deborah Payton and two nieces, Erin Payton and Kelly Ommundsen. He is also survived by his loving girlfriend, Peggy Hare. No funeral service will take place due to Covid 19, all inquiries may be directed to the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Inc. In Novi, MI.

# Comments

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“ I attended Henry Ford High School and Michigan State University with Mike. I remember him fondly. My deepest condolences to his family. Charles Bates, Bremerton, Washington

Charles Bates - May 31 at 02:49 PM

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“ Mr. Payton was my swimming coach at Waverly High School where he led our team to the Class B State Championship in 1983. He was tough on us (especially during training during our Christmas "breaks!") but I'll always remember the last race of my last meet with him. It was my senior year and I had just lost the 100 back. I expected Mr. Payton to be upset as I had let him down after he had pushed me hard in training over many months. Instead, he was empathetic. He gave me a big hug and called up to my dad in the stands to say "I was a good kid."

I appreciated that moment of kindness when I was at my most down. It had an impact on how I handled that particular disappointment and the many others that life can throw at you over the decades. It's the kind of impact only a coach can make and his legacy will live on through that memory and the many others of my fellow swimmers.

My condolences to Mr. Payton's brother, family, and loved ones. I am sorry for your loss.

Chris Krupiarz - November 17, 2020 at 03:00 PM

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Don Payton - November 17, 2020 at 09:37 AM

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“ Donald Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Lee Payton



Donald Payton - November 16, 2020 at 04:43 PM

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“ Donald Payton lit a candle in memory of Michael Lee Payton



Donald Payton - November 16, 2020 at 04:42 PM