



Edward Skiba

March 23, 1953 - July 10, 2020

SKIBA, EDWARD Age 67 July 10, 2020. Beloved husband of Mary (nee CUSMANO). Loving father of Stacey(Mark)Johnson & Eric Skiba. Proud Papa of Julia, Gracie & Jack. Dearest brother of Ramona(John)Dettloff, Joann Skiba & Theresa Hlywa. Also survived by many loving brothers in law, sisters in law, nieces & nephews. Ed began his 44 year career with Chippewa Valley schools as a music teacher. Keeping in touch with his former students was something Ed was passionate about. In order to do so, he formed and became Director of the Alumni Choir at Chippewa Valley High School. Ed ended his professional career in 2019 retiring as the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for Chippewa Valley. Along with teaching, Ed coached Little League Rec Baseball for many seasons in Clinton Township. He and his wife Mary, own The Mary Skiba School of Dance. A huge Disney Fan, Ed looked forward to his yearly trips to the Magic Kingdom with his family, especially his grandkids. Visitation Monday 4-8pm, Tuesday 4-8pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile (Shelby Township). Funeral Wednesday Instate 10:30am at St. Michael Church 40501 Hayes (btw. 17 & 18 Mile Rds.) until time of Liturgy at 11:00am. Donations are welcome to the Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

**Please be advised that in observance of the governmental order from the State of Michigan. When in attendance we kindly ask, for the safety and well being of the family we serve, that everyone wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Visitation

JUL 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Instate

JUL 15. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
40501 Hayes Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Liturgy

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
40501 Hayes Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Very sad to hear of Ed’s passing, may god rest his soul. 🙏
Mary and family, May a lifetime of memories comfort you during this time. 🙏
With deepest sympathy,
Donna and Michael Dunn Family*

Donna Dunn - July 26, 2020 at 02:37 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Skiba was our choir teacher and drama director for at least one year in the mid 70sp at Tower High School. In a school where I didn't seem to fit anywhere else, choir and the musical we did that year were places I felt special and where I belonged. Mr. Skiba helped me shine and instilled a love for*

Judy (Smith) Paladino - July 26, 2020 at 11:44 AM

JP

. . . Music and singing that has stayed with me all my life. Godspeed Mr. Skiba.

Judy (Smith) Paladino - July 26, 2020 at 11:48 AM

BB

“ *He was one of the nicest administrators I worked for at the high school. I had great respect for him and so appreciated him bringing his choir to one of my secretarial meetings. We also had a few laughs at times- something you have to do to survive working in a high school! I am shocked to hear of his death and deeply saddened. I am so happy I was able to attend his retirement party and talk to him briefly.He will certainly be remembered as one of the best. My deepest and sincere sympathy to his family. Barb Baker*

Barbara Baker - July 21, 2020 at 03:54 PM

TN

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Mr. Skiba for a a lot of years with organizing Chippewa and Dakota commencements. I was very sad to hear about this. I will keep his family in my prayers. He will be missed...he was a wonderful man!!
Teresa Nardozzi*



teresa nardozzi - July 16, 2020 at 10:54 PM

RS

Dear Mary:

I am so sorry to hear about Ed! I just heard about his passing and I am so very sorry for you and your family. He was such a great guy and will be missed! God bless!

Rosanne Serra

rosanne serra - July 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM

PS

“ *Deeply saddened to hear of Mr. Skiba's passing. He was my choir teacher at Warren High and those are some of the fondest memories of high school. My prayers go out to Mary and his entire family. I like to think the choir master in Heaven is saying "Sing, Skiba Sing" at this very moment. Rest in peace, Mr. Skiba*



Patti Starr Sutton - July 16, 2020 at 12:25 AM

MR

“ *Ed was a great man because he was a humble man. He had a gentle, kind and compassionate way that made me think of the Lord. Ed touched many lives with the love of the Lord within him. He always made me laugh and I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. I can so see Eds brightest smile when God reached out His hand to Ed to say " Come my son, well done, thou good and faithful servant."*

*Deepest Sympathies,
Marie Rogers*

marie rogers - July 15, 2020 at 09:08 AM

CK

“ *I met Ed when I joined the Chip staff in 1972 as an English teacher. His warmth and enthusiasm and energy electrified his music students who garnered numerous awards over the years. As a colleague, Ed was always upbeat and so friendly! I loved his wit and kindness and boundless enthusiasm for all things Chippewa. Because Ed was one of the Good Guys I was fortunate enough to know during my 33 years at Chip, I am sure heaven is celebrating the arrival of such a wonderful spirit. Carol Kohut*

Carol Kohut - July 15, 2020 at 01:29 AM

LS

“ Ed Skiba was one of the most genuine people I had the pleasure to have known. His dedication to his family was evident. He leaves a tremendous legacy to education that now shines through his children and family.

He reached so many lives through his love of the arts. He inspired thousands of children to appreciate music, and

become passionate about pursuing their education in the arts. He could find the positive in everyone and help them build up strength. I saw this when he would take time out of his busy schedule to stop by Algonquin and coach my classes prior to going to festivals, working with them, giving them encouragement and strength.

I will never forget the day, a little over a year ago, he personally came to Fox to deliver some encouraging news, despite how he felt. He was in pain and had his arm in a sling after surgery, but that would not stop Ed from being the outstanding administrator he was. It makes me cry to think about that moment. How, despite some challenging health issues, his dedication gave him strength to keep going. That perseverance is evident in his family, who he loved and cared for. I just wish he had been given more time to enjoy retirement with Mary and their beautiful family. I do know this. Right now he is hearing Matthew 25:21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Ed is most likely conducting a choir of angels, while assigning parts for the "Hallelujah Chorus".

God Bless Ed Skiba. God Bless you Mary and your incredible family. We are so blessed to have had Ed part of our lives. He will be missed so very much, but his legacy of music and education will live on. I am so very sorry for you and for your family. I can't imagine your sorrow...but I can imagine the joy you must have had throughout the years...because he brought us all so much joy.

Linda Smith-Fox Elementary Music



Linda Smith - July 14, 2020 at 08:38 PM

EY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God's blessings comfort you and keep you strong.

Elaine Yager

Ryan Yager Collins

Elaine Yager - July 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM

KH

“ Truly sadden of the passing of such a wonderful and caring administrator who touched so many lives of our Lincoln Middle School students, families and teachers. You can still hear his coined phrase echoed in our hallways , " Lincoln Middle School where we build champions for LIFE." He expected every student to excel to their full potential. He also had a smile that would up a room. He cherished music and entertained us during the holidays. I was honored to work with him. Prayers for his wife, family and friends during this most difficult time. ❤️

Kathy Heikkinen - July 14, 2020 at 05:12 PM

DS

“ We are deeply saddened to hear about Ed. You our in our thoughts and prayers. He was always kind and caring. You never seen Ed without a smile on face. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him

Diane & Jim Schneider - July 14, 2020 at 04:56 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



James Calderone - July 14, 2020 at 04:07 PM

FW

“ Our deepest condolences to Mary and all the family on the loss of your dear husband, father and grandfather.
I have many fond memories of working with Ed at Chippewa Valley High School, especially as administrators. When things were hectic and discouraging, Ed would cheer us up with "Have you made a difference for someone today?" putting everything back into perspective.
Well, Ed, you have made a great difference to many students, teachers, parents and all of us who got to know you.
Mary, may God's love strengthen you and your family.
With our sincere sympathy,
Frans and Jan Weits

Frans Weits - July 14, 2020 at 11:37 AM

KC

“ I am truly saddened to hear of the passing of Ed Skiba. I worked with Ed for many years.

Through that time Ed exhibited profound Educational Leadership, compassion for students, staff, community, he was a true humanitarian. Ed dedicated his entire life towards the enhancement of education. His legacy will live on, he will be honestly missed, and I send my deepest condolences to his wife and family. I hope your riding free my friend on your motorcycle and playing the piano loudly for all in heaven to sing with you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Otto-Capicchioni

Kathleen Capicchioni - July 14, 2020 at 10:36 AM

JF

“ We were so sorry to hear about Ed’s passing and wanted to send our thoughts and prayers to his entire family. We (Schimmel family) lived across the street from the Skiba’s on Streefkerk and attended school together with Ed and his siblings. Ed was a great man, well liked, and he will surely be missed. With our sincere condolences, Sandy, Darlene, Judy, & Larry.

Judy Schimmel Frank - July 13, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 13, 2020 at 06:17 PM

MS

“ From the moment I met Mr. Skiba...the very moment, day one as a young kid playing baseball...he treated me with an unbelievable amount of respect and kindness. Mr. Skiba always had a bright smile on his face, and it was incredibly uplifting as a young ballplayer. He made my life better in so many ways growing up in Clinton Township and was always a GREAT friend to the Saad Family. The lasting impact he left on all of our lives will be carried on for years to come as I pass on the same values and pleasantries to my children. To Mary, Stacey and especially my good friend Eric, we mourn with you and celebrate the wonderful life of Ed.

Michael Saad + Family (Gene, Christine, Julie and Erin)

Michael Saad - July 13, 2020 at 06:09 PM

DP

“ Mr. Skiba was a passionate teacher and musician. I am privileged to have been able to sing and act with him on the THS stage. Heartfelt condolences...

Dan Plets - July 13, 2020 at 05:50 PM

CB

Our deepest condolences to the Skiba family. As an example of a life well-lived, in every facet, Ed was that and more! He has been a tremendous supporter of career and technical education (CTE) and he understood the value of it from personal experience, as he told me more than once about how electronics helped him best to understand math. I miss his humor and smile, his genuine dedication to students, his support and encouragement (he once left a baseball in my office with a note "You hit it out of the ballpark!"), and how he affectionately called me "Claire Bear." He was like a kid in a toy shop the day my husband photographed him sitting in the Tucker at Stahl's Museum. We were looking forward to a return visit from Ed to Stahl's where a private tour of the more newly acquired musical instruments was awaiting him. I will always be grateful, both professionally and personally, for the gift of having had Ed in my life. You are in our prayers as you endure the loss of this incredible man who touched so many lives in very positive ways. He will be missed! With love, Claire and Bob Brisson

Claire Brisson - July 14, 2020 at 12:36 PM

SM

“ Jim and I were saddened to hear of Ed's passing. We had the great pleasure of working with him for many years at CVS when he was the choir director, an assistant principal, and assistant superintendent. Ed was a dedicated educator who cared deeply about students and was greatly respected by the staff. Ed was passionate about public education. He also was a great friend. He devoted to his family and was so proud of his children and grandchildren. Ed touched countless lives during his long career. He will be greatly missed. We extend our deepest sympathies to the entire family.

Sue Myers - July 13, 2020 at 04:17 PM

JA

“ Ed was a favorite visitor to the Special Ed Department. We always looked forward to his smiling face. He loved to tease us and we loved to tease him. I'll never forget his disdain for my "dancing goats at Christmas" video we sent everyone as our Christmas card. He said, "Jane, what do goats have to do with Christmas?!" I said, "Well Ed, that's how we all feel on the last day of work before Christmas break! And after all, they're dancing to Jingle Bells!" But, he wasn't buying it and even wrote and recorded a song for me about the silliness of having Christmas goats! He was the BEST and we will forever remember his "Have an average day" comment he left us with as he left our department. We love you Ed...God has you safe in His arms now. No more pain, no more suffering...perfect peace is yours. Love you always...Jane Agrusa (Special Ed Secretary)

Jane Agrusa - July 13, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 13, 2020 at 02:15 PM

TS

“ The Wyandot Staff purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Edward Skiba.



The Wyandot Staff - July 13, 2020 at 12:31 PM

LM

“ Ed was a guidepost for many of us as we entered the world of central office administration. He could always be counted on for advice as well as for his amazing sense of humor. I am deeply saddened that his retirement plan to spend more time with his family, and especially his grandkids, was cut short.

Lisa Montpas - July 13, 2020 at 11:26 AM

RH

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ed very closely during my time in ELA curriculum. Ed was a supreme advocate for children especially those that struggle. I will miss the warm smile and the stories of his beloved grandchildren. Ed left this world knowing he made a difference in education and his personal life. I am so sorry for the family’s loss. I wish I could be there, but circumstances will not allow me.

Rose Harrison - July 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 13, 2020 at 10:53 AM

SP

“ Scott Pitts purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward Skiba.



Scott Pitts - July 13, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 13, 2020 at 10:46 AM

SP

“ I am so deeply saddened to learn of Ed's untimely passing. He was, truly, a renaissance man, with talents that touched the lives of everyone he encountered. An excellent educator and educational leader, a gifted musician, and a man who valued family above all else, are but a few of the hallmarks of Ed's impact on his world. I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to work along side Ed in Educational Services (CVS), and i was blessed by his friendship. I hope that the esteem, respect, and admiration for Ed's many gifts and talents will serve to bring some level of comfort to his family. To Mary, Stacey and Mark, and all Ed's family, I offer my sincere condolences, and my prayers for Ed's continued presence in your hearts through an abundance of loving memories of a truly wonderful man.

Scott Pitts - July 13, 2020 at 10:44 AM

DD

“ Remembering Mr. Skiba from choir at CVHS! Great instructor and very nice person. Remember doing, "Saturday in the Park". He was a fan of Chicago. Also remember the morning he has to go when his baby was born. RIP, Mr. Skiba. Prayers to your family.



Dawn Davis - July 13, 2020 at 10:40 AM

CT

“ Chris Thole purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of Edward Skiba.



Chris Thole - July 13, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 13, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 13, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ *Cheryl's Classic Treats Box was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 13, 2020 at 08:15 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 13, 2020 at 08:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 13, 2020 at 07:57 AM

DC

“ *David and Sandy Cannan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edward Skiba.*



David and Sandy Cannan - July 13, 2020 at 06:48 AM

YF

“ Your Trace3 Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Edward Skiba.



Your Trace3 Family - July 13, 2020 at 06:47 AM

LF

“ Our prayers and condolences go out out to Mary, Stacey, Eric, Mark, Julie, Gracie and Jack. Our heart is so heavy right now and cannot even comprehend the grief we are feeling with the loss of our dear friend Ed Skiba. We go back a long time as we remember when Ed came to Chippewa Valley High School as the new choir director and then assistant principal. When Ed left CVHS to go to Lincoln Middle School we felt such a great loss then but we were so happy that he came back to CVS to work in our central office administration. Ed had the vision that CVS needed and he contributed so much to make it a better place for students, staff and community. We have so many memories of Ed that are imprinted in our hearts. We are so saddened that he could not fulfill his retirement dreams of writing songs and playing his guitar as he had hoped. We will never forget you Ed and your memory will forever be in our hearts. Until we meet again. Rest in peace.....love you!

Lou and Tony Fiorvento

Lou Fiorvento - July 13, 2020 at 01:11 AM

LF

Sorry Julia, spelled your name wrong above.
Lou Fiorvento <3

Lou Fiorvento - July 13, 2020 at 01:17 AM

DN

“ 4 files added to the album Showboat 1979



Douglas Naylor - July 13, 2020 at 12:29 AM

DN

You had quite a run...

Douglas Naylor - July 13, 2020 at 12:32 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden* was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 08:13 PM

TL

“ *The Dettloff family - Sean, Carmen, Zeke and Lolo* purchased the *Sweet Sincerity* for the family of Edward Skiba.



The Dettloff family - Sean, Carmen, Zeke and Lolo - July 12, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 07:36 PM

LA

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Ed's passing. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ed in CV. Ed was a kind and sincere man, a great leader with great wisdom and visions, very compassionate, funny, always had a smile on his face, and truly wanted the very best for all students, staff, the community, and our country. So, all of us who were very blessed to know Ed, are definitely better people and will continue to support excellence in public education and Ed's light & kindness.

So rest in peace Ed, and I do know you are Heaven's new music director, and you are eating delicious Polish foods and all your favorite foods that you always enjoyed talking about with me! 😊 Thanks for all you did for CV! God bless and comfort Mary and your entire family. You will be sorely missed, Ed, but you will always be fondly remembered. ❤️

Sincerely,
Linda Amrozowicz

Linda Amrozowicz - July 12, 2020 at 07:13 PM

CP

“ Such very sad news. Sending prayers to the Skiba family. I had the privilege to work with Ed maybe 40 years ago at Warren Parks and Rec and got back in touch with him when my daughter danced at Mary's. Ed was truly remarkable at anything he did. He had talent in so many areas and was someone everyone admired. We are all a little better because of him! He will be so missed. Skiba Family-please know he may be gone but never forgotten!

Claudia Pfromm

Claudia Pfromm - July 12, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 12, 2020 at 05:49 PM

KM

“ *Sending prayers to your family. Mr Skiba was my music teacher at Warren High School. I have always remembered him and especially when Mary would come I to our choir room and help. I will never forget the huge ice cream sundae we made in a gutter and we called it the “pigs trough”. Lol. He was a fantastic teacher and mentor and had a profound impact on my musicality going through life.*

kelly marocco - July 12, 2020 at 05:07 PM

JW

“ *We were saddened to hear that Ed had passed on but we know Heaven will welcome him. He was a thoughtful and caring gentleman with a sly sense of humor. I enjoyed my years working with him at CV, whether it was through a classroom contact, helping me with the Variety Show or some other administrative duty like graduation or just crossing paths outside of school as friends. To Mary, Stacey, Eric, and all his family we send our prayers and love. Ed will be remembered as a good and kind man--a great legacy.
The Wojcickis-- Jim, Jacque, Matt, Mark and Rachel*

jacquelyn wojcicki - July 12, 2020 at 04:53 PM

JP

“ *As an educator in CVS, I had the privilege to work with Mr. Skiba in several committees. It was always so wonderful to see Ed’s passion for education and student development. Additionally, he always made you feel like an integral part of the committee. He respected everyone’s ideas and beliefs, even if they were different from his own. I would run into him occasionally at Partridge Creek, and he would always go out of his way to say hello. I was always impressed that he always remembered my name. Mr Skiba was a great man and his legacy will never be forgotten*

Jessica Pugliese - July 12, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 03:38 PM

B(

“ Mr. Skiba was an inspiration to me throughout my high school years at CVHS (83'-87') and beyond. His passion for music and teaching was evident, and he challenged us to excellence. I have always loved to sing, but it was my high school years that really developed my voice. From competition in New York in 9th grade to the production of "The Music Man" in 12th, it was his talent and dedication that made it all possible. Thank you, Mr. Skiba, for helping us become our best selves. Thank you for believing in me and helping me believe in myself - I am forever grateful. I will never forget you. God bless and comfort the Skiba Family.

Becky Blake (Agius)

Becky Blake (Agius) - July 12, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 03:10 PM

AB

“ Ed Skiba was a mentor to me @ CVHS. He always encouraged my singing and was an early influence in my pursuing a vocal music degree. He will be sorely missed!

Amy Butterer - July 12, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 02:32 PM

BT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Ed Skiba's family. I was a teacher at Chippewa Valley High School when Ed was one of the Assistant Principals @ CVHS. I remember Ed as very personable, fair and highly intelligent. He was very well liked and respected by both students and staff. His dedication to offering the best public education to all of our students was an inspiration to us all. It was an absolute pleasure to work with Ed. I feel blessed for having known him. Mr. Edward Skiba will be very sorely missed. May God Bless him and his family.

Barbara Tymrak - July 12, 2020 at 02:30 PM

PS

“ Paul and Pam Sibley purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Edward Skiba.



Paul and Pam Sibley - July 12, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Love and hugs to the Skiba family. Ed had such a profound impact on my life - he was my mentor and idol and friend. He encouraged and motivated me - and was the reason I received a music scholarship at Oakland University. My years in choir at Chippewa Valley were the best ever, and we have been so blessed to continue making music with him and sing his awesome originals in the Alumni Choir. He was the kindest, most generous, funniest, caring teacher and friend. He is loved by anyone who meets him, and will be missed terribly. We will continue to Share His Light.

Dawn Surma - July 12, 2020 at 12:38 PM

SS

“ My heart aches for you, Mary, and your sweet family. From the first day Lary met Ed he said he felt like he met a brother. When we met I felt like the Skiba family was another branch of our family. I’m sure the “Ed and Lary Show” is going on again. We are all blessed having Ed in our life! The love and respect we have for all the Skiba’s will continue. With Love and Prayers, Sharon and the Selby Family
❤️

Sharon Selby - July 12, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 09:16 AM

JM

“ Not sure how short I can make this...Ed was my principal at LMS. Some of my cherished memories are from my interactions with him & Lary. They were the best times ever. Ed, "Master Bunny" as I called him, was a genuine, caring & humorous individual. He will be missed greatly & remembered fondly. Please take comfort in knowing how much Ed meant to so many. He was a wonderful man. Be proud.

Judy A. Maloney - July 12, 2020 at 08:44 AM

KJ

“ My heart is breaking for Mary, his children and grandchildren. Ed was one of my best friends in high school, and was our class president (1971). We both went into teaching but he returned to our alma mater where he launched an impressive career. He never lost his kindness, empathy, or his gentle touch. Rest In Peace dear friend.

Karen Tripp Jinnett - July 12, 2020 at 08:34 AM

KL

“ My condolences to the family of Ed Skiba. I will Always hold very fond memories of having him as my Choir teacher @ Warren High for my Junior and Senior Years. Class of “1981”. He was a Great teacher and a Very Nice man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this most difficult time!!

R.I.P. Mr. Skiba- You will Never be forgotten!!



Kimberly Leplow - July 12, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 12, 2020 at 07:56 AM

SF

“ Although I did not meet Mr. Skiba since working for Chippewa Valley, based on the tributes I've read, clearly he served our school kids well and with passion, and will be missed by so many friends and family. Please accept my condolences and may God richly bless your family and give you His peace that passes understanding.

Susanna Fox-Biretta
Clinton Valley GSRP

Susanna Fox-Biretta - July 12, 2020 at 07:09 AM

SP

I'm inexpressively saddened to learn of Ed's passing. Loved by family and friends, respected by colleagues, and admired by educators and artists alike. It was my good fortune to be his associate in Educational Services (CVS), and a blessing to be his friend in the workplace. His legacy of dedication and talent lives on through his family, and he lives in each loving memory. My sympathies and prayers are with Mary, Stacey and Mark, and all the family.

Scott Pitts - July 12, 2020 at 10:45 AM

MW

“ *We are very sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Skiba. My Mother, Theresa Whisnant worked along side Ed for many years at Lincoln Middle School. She was very fond of him and always mentioned how much she enjoyed working in the office with him. He will be very missed!*

Mary Whisnant-Lodico - July 11, 2020 at 11:37 PM

AB

“ *I joined the CV alumni choir a few years ago and was lucky to have been able to work with Ed for the last few years. Going to practice and laughing at his jokes and performing music with him (especially his own creations) was such a great thing to have in my life after working all day and taking care of my own kids. It always brought me such joy. There sure aren't a lot of people out there with passion and dedication like Ed. I will treasure the memories of being in his choir with him and I'll never forget his dad jokes and how hard he always made me laugh! Love, Angela Bury*

Angela R Bury - July 11, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ *Mary, Stacey, Eric and Mark, we just don't have the words to express, all that Ed meant to us; very personal, and different experiences! For Amy, he was a constant, a driving force behind all those who strived to be better, a true family man. For Justin, a confidant, mentor and friend! We are so saddened by his passing; grateful for knowing him, and thankful for his person! Thank you for the memories Ed, and rest well! Love, The Caba Family*

Amy Caba - July 11, 2020 at 11:13 PM

TD

“ *My deepest condolences to his family. Ed will be missed; such a wonderful and caring person. May he Rest In Peace. God bless!*

Tonda Durasevic - July 11, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 11, 2020 at 09:56 PM

RK

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. He was such a nice man, always had a warm smile and hello.*



Robin Klotz - July 11, 2020 at 09:42 PM

MZ

*Dear Mary,
My sincere sympathy to the Skiba family! Never in my life did I work with someone who cared more about his employees than Ed. His thoughtfulness and inspiring ways made my job a journey I will never forget. We weren't his staff, we were like family! As his secretary for many years, I was enlighten by his spirit for life, his never ending support and his sense of humor that made each day a joy! Ed helped me through many difficult times in my life and I will forever be grateful. He was truly blessed to have a wonderful wife and children and grandchildren that were the epicenter of his life. Every day he had a story that portrayed the love he had of each of them. After retirement we remained great friends, still supporting each other and sharing our life stories as they unfolded. My last conversation with Ed was on July 3rd, his last words to me were love ya my "sister" friend, take care and we'll talk again soon, I will miss him always! Rest well my dear friend, the fight is over!*

Micki Zarzycki

Micki Zarzycki - July 12, 2020 at 12:12 PM

JH

“ I apologize for the length of my post, but I felt it was important that Ed's family see just how much he meant to me. I suspect my story is not unique.

I was a short, fat kid as a freshman at CVHS in 1985. I had always been smart and felt like I could sing pretty well. I had a small, close group of friends but I was relatively awkward and in many ways lacked confidence. At some point in the second half of that year Ed saw something in me. I'm not sure how or why. He had gotten to know me and knew that science and music were my real passions and one day pulled me aside to let me know he thought I would be the perfect person to represent CVHS at a 2 week art and science camp at Western Michigan. He would be my faculty sponsor and if selected I would receive a full cost scholarship. I was surprised and certainly a bit unsure about going, but I went through the process and was selected. At the same time he made a late year decision to promote a 5' 2" kid that couldn't dance to the concert singers as a sophomore. Again, not sure what exactly he saw but I was really honored. That 2 week camp changed my life. I was around 100's of kids like me. I found out it was pretty cool not being all that cool. I had my first (albeit brief) girlfriend. I came home with a confidence I didn't think I would ever have and never looked back. There isn't a way to know if I would have ended up in medical school, had the confidence to move 600 miles away, and been happily married for 23+ years if Ed hadn't been part of my life. I am certain though that I am a better person for having known him and I cannot think of a teacher/mentor that had a more positive effect on my life. Thankfully at the time of his retirement I shared some of these thoughts with him. Not quite to this extent, but enough that I hope he knew what he meant to me. I hadn't seen him in 30 years, but I will miss him terribly. RIP Ed. Thank you for all you gave.

Jeff Huggett - July 11, 2020 at 09:36 PM

 Eric Skiba

Jeff, thank you so much for sharing this story. Brought tears to my eyes.

Eric Skiba - July 12, 2020 at 12:43 AM

JH

He was a great man. I hope he knew how many lives he changed for the better.

Jeff Huggett - July 12, 2020 at 11:44 PM

FS

“ So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I have fond memories of Ed while working at CV. Blessings to you his family. Rest In Peace Ed. Fran Soper

Fran Soper - July 11, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 11, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 11, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 11, 2020 at 07:40 PM

RO

“ *Mary, Mark and Stacy, Eric and grandkids,
We are very sorry for your loss. We crossed paths with Ed for years as our kids grew up together and now our grandkids. Ed was devoted to his family and was there to support at every occasion from dance and choir to rainy, cold football and baseball games. We will miss his smile, encouragement and cheering from the sidelines. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Rich and Linda Ostrowski - July 11, 2020 at 07:04 PM

KA

“ KAITLYN ,JONATHON EVE & ALYSSA purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Edward Skiba.



KAITLYN ,JONATHON EVE & ALYSSA - July 11, 2020 at 06:27 PM

LT

“ LOVE THERESA purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Edward Skiba.



LOVE THERESA - July 11, 2020 at 06:27 PM

SE

“ My sympathies are with the whole Skiba family. My fondest high school memories are of time spent with Ed and my chorus family as well as at the dance studio. A dynamic man and dedicated teacher. You will be missed by all. The angels are definitely singing. Stacy (Renkes) Elshami

Stacy Elshami - July 11, 2020 at 06:06 PM

RF

My condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to Mary and the entire family. Some of my fondest memories were the times we danced the Motown Revue in the recitals that Mary and Ed put on. Ed was a very good man and he will be sorely missed. The world was a better place with him in it, and a lesser place without him.

Rick Foulon - July 11, 2020 at 07:04 PM

PH

My condolences to the Skiba family. May God give you the strength at this very sad time. My prayers are with all of you.

Patricia Hornung - July 11, 2020 at 10:30 PM

J(

“ I am so heartbroken to learn of Ed's passing. I was a former student of his while he was the choir director at CVHS. Funny memory...during rehearsals he would yell out " It's all your fault Schmitt"... anyways...the joke followed me through high school and beyond. He inspired me, and it was because of him that I persued my own teaching career. I was honored to teach in the same district (Van Dyke Schools). I also remember that he came to my high school grad. party. He gave me the copy of the commencement speech that he delivered. I still have it..30 years later...and read it from time to time. Mr. Skiba...you were and will always be an inspiration in my life. It was an honor to have been a student, colleague, and friend of yours. I wish your family peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Jennifer Jones (Schmitt) - July 11, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 11, 2020 at 04:48 PM

FK

“ From: The Dettloff Family (Ramona, John, and kids) purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Edward Skiba.



From: The Dettloff Family (Ramona, John, and kids) - July 11, 2020 at 04:43 PM

JD

“ Ed was an amazing family man, educator, boss and friend. His leadership reflected the passion he had for providing the best education for all kids. Regardless of the position you held, Ed valued you as a person. He was respected by staff, students and parents. He was so proud of his family and loved giving updates especially on his grandkids. I was blessed to have had the opportunity to work for and know Ed. He will be missed!!
My condolences go out to Mary, Stacey, Eric and the rest of the family.

Jerry Davisson - July 11, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.*



July 11, 2020 at 04:31 PM

SW

“ *He certainly touched everyone’s heart that knew him. May you RIP my friend. God be with you and watch over his family.* 🙏📖

Sandee Wieseckel - July 11, 2020 at 04:14 PM

JS

Mr. Skiba had a way of making us all feel included. I remember choir and Concert Singers with him and he was often the best part of the day. May you rest in peace, And know that you touched so many people on your path. Thank you.

jim Schutz - July 11, 2020 at 04:29 PM

DB

So sorry 💔....Deb and Nick Billardello

Debbie Billardello - July 11, 2020 at 08:04 PM

VR

As John and I were talking we could not think of a nicer guy then Ed. Always positive with that smile. Our heart hurts but God you sure got an Angel with him and he will help lead many for you. God Bless you

Vicki Reynolds - July 12, 2020 at 08:41 AM

JM

“ *I worked as a 8th grade math teacher under Ed's leadership when he became the new principal at Lincoln MS in the Warren Van Dyke Public Schools. It goes without saying, Ed was a beloved gentleman, principal and friend to students, teachers and staff. He could always be counted on to fight for what was right... a remarkably courageous administrator. I have to day, not to the detriment of any others, that Ed turned LMS around following our lengthy planning process and then implementation of becoming a middle school as they were intended to be... a place of nurturing, kindness , caring for and educating students. This was not an inexpensive undertaking, and I can imagine that Ed had to press to get this all accomplished. Students who were at LMS during Ed's 10+ year tenure were blessed to be there, as were I and my fellow teachers. I pray that the righteous God of mercy will bless Ed's family with a peace that only He can provide, and will surround them with friends, family, and found loving memories.*

John Maggetti - July 11, 2020 at 04:07 PM

DM

“ I worked for Ed for 14 years never met a finer Gentleman. we had many talks about Sport,Music and current events...Always looked forward to those encounters. My heart go out to Mary,Stacey and Eric and the rest of the Family your friend Dave Matteson

David Matteson - July 11, 2020 at 04:01 PM

DS

“ Ed and I became friends during the summer of 2001 when we had the opportunity to travel to New York City with Mary Skiba's dance group, of which my daughter Mary was a part of. We were the "chaperones" that had to make sure 70 some girls got on the subway train all at the same time and got off at the same stop. But the best part was when the girls were in class, Ed, me, my wife, son, and other daughter took advantage and toured the World Trade Center (1 month before it came down) and then took in a Yankees game. Ed was a true gentleman and a lot of fun to be with. I will never forget the moment, at the first Chippewa game after the Towers came down, when I saw Ed. We both were silent, had the same feeling in our gut, and gave each other a huge hug. I rarely had the chance to talk to Ed since then but he will never be forgotten. A down-to-earth guy who will be sorely missed by all.

Dave Schweiger

Dave Schweiger - July 11, 2020 at 03:40 PM

SC

“ Steve, Paula, Sherry, Bryan, Paul, and Courtney purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward Skiba.



Steve, Paula, Sherry, Bryan, Paul, and Courtney - July 11, 2020 at 03:30 PM

MR

“ I knew Ed when we worked at Chippewa Valley Schools and was always impressed that such a gentleman could have a taste for the finer things in life like spam and white castles. His humor was dry and frequent even during difficult times. He would share stories about his family and how proud he was of their accomplishments. He spoke lovingly about his wife and frequently added some humor to that topic. I was blessed to know such a fine person. My deepest condolences to his family. I know he loved all of you dearly.

Michael Reeber

Michael Reeber - July 11, 2020 at 03:23 PM

MF

“ Ed was one of the kindest, caring, sincerest principals I have ever worked with. He was concerned for students, teachers and workers throughout the LMS school in Van Dyke.
Sincere condolences to Mary, Stacy and Eric and all the grandchildren. God has him safely in His arms rest assure. Ed left a beautiful footprint on this world.

Marilyn and Gary Fenn - July 11, 2020 at 03:14 PM

DW

“ Our condolences and sympathy to Mary and the Skiba Family on Ed's passing. I had the pleasure of knowing Ed in many capacities , first as a teacher at Warren High, as a teacher at Chippewa Valley when I was an Assistant Principal, and as a colleague when Ed became an Assistant Principal when I was hired as Principal . Ed was an excellent educator in all of his positions and a friend to all who knew him . Ed touched many lives in his years in education and he will never be forgotten for all that he did for the many students and teachers whose lives he touched .
With warmest regards,
Don Weichert (Lois)

Don Weichert - July 11, 2020 at 03:00 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked at Chippewa in the Board office. Ed was such a sweet, personable man and his smile was always so warm and friendly. I will always have a special memory of going to Tiger games on the bus that he arranged. He will be so missed. RIP Ed Skiba.

Jo Ann Swanson - July 11, 2020 at 02:34 PM

AG

“ Ed was such a special man.Ken loved working with him and calling him a friend. I'm sure those two will get things going upstairs! Mary,Stacy and Eric know we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.The Gherardini family

Anne Gherardini - July 11, 2020 at 02:09 PM

PH

“ Mary, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of you dear husband. I'm have very fond memories of seeing him at all the sporting events when the boys were younger. You are all in my prayers 🙏📖
Sincerely,
Patty Blaker Hanley

Patty Hanley - July 11, 2020 at 02:08 PM

GM

“ Sending love and condolences. So very sorry for your loss. I will always remember Ed as a fine man who was totally dedicated to his family and to the students and staff he served. May he Rest In Peace.

Geri Marturano - July 11, 2020 at 02:03 PM

BF

“ Brother Lar.....Uncle Larry Facione purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Edward Skiba.



Brother Lar.....Uncle Larry Facione - July 11, 2020 at 01:58 PM

WA

“ A dear friend and colleague for many years. You will be missed.
Walt Andriaschko



Walter Andriaschko - July 11, 2020 at 01:54 PM

BB

“ I worked with Mr Skiba at Lincoln Middle School in Warren. Such a wonderful principal. He was well loved by everyone. He made sure he came into the cafeteria to say Hi to all of us cooks. It was a sad day when he left our school. So sorry for your loss. Rest In Peace Ed 🙏🙏

bonnie. baker - July 11, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 11, 2020 at 01:22 PM

LA

“ I'm so sad to hear of Mr. Skiba passing away. I was part of the CVHS alumni choir for the past few years. He was such a sweet man and I will miss him terribly. Sending prayers to his family.

laurie albrecht - July 11, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 11, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Edward Skiba.



July 11, 2020 at 01:05 PM