



# Michael W. Capelety

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## M ichael Capelety Obituary

Michael W. Capelety, 66, of Grafton, Ohio, died unexpectedly at home Wednesday, December 11, 2024. He was born August 25, 1958 in Elyria, Ohio. He was a 1977 graduate of Elyria High School, where he met his beloved wife, Patti Capelety. From 1977-1981, he proudly served with the US Navy and specialized in avionics aboard the USS Ranger in San Diego. Soon after the Navy, Michael earned an Associate Degree in electrical/electronics engineering technology from Lorain County Community College, which was a perfect fit for his natural talent – fixing and tinkering with things. Mike was employed at NASA Glenn Research Center for 40 years, from where he retired as a Quality Assurance Specialist for Space Flight Hardware. During his time at NASA GRC, Mike contributed to the Artemis program, the Space Shuttle program, the International Space Station, and microgravity research aboard the KC 135, receiving numerous awards for his efforts in ensuring the safety of the hardware used in the mission. After retiring, he served as a contractor for Bastion Technologies for 5 years.

Mike was well-known for his infectious laugh, quick-wit, and great sense of humor. He enjoyed bow hunting, deer hunting, riding ATVs, walking in the woods, sipping a good cup of coffee, making a fire, and spending time with his family, friends, and his dogs (Moo and Lucky). Mike especially loved his lifelong friends from Elyria High School. He was also a member of Elyria Elks Lodge #465 and West Branch.

Mike is survived by his wife of 38 years, Patti Jo Capelety (nee Gibbons); mother, Iris Capelety (nee Schumaker); son, Nicholas (Mary) Capelety of Bay Village; daughter, Angela (Andrew) Mucha of Olmsted Township; granddaughter, Cora; aunt, Imogene Hambrick and numerous cousins, whom he loved greatly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mike Capelety in 2007 and a baby sister.



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Family and friends will be received on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 12:00 PM with a service to follow at 2:00 PM at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria, with Deacon Bob Lester officiating. Amherst Veterans Military Honor Guard will present military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society or the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Michael W. Capelety, please visit our floral store.

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## Tribute Wall

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AC

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Michael W. Capeley** posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Michael W. Capeley We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

January 29 at 9:43 AM

PS

**Payal & Andrew Sanchez** posted:

Jade joy was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capeley by Payal & Andrew Sanchez . Send Flowers Please accept my warmest condolences. I'm truly sorry for your loss. We love you all dearly and are always here for you! Payal & Andrew Sanchez

January 29 at 9:43 AM

TB

**Tim & Bonnie Best** posted:

Medium basket garden was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capeley by Tim & Bonnie Best . Send Flowers We are truly sorry for your loss. Please accept our warmest sympathy. Tim & Bonnie Best

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GM

**Gus Martzaklis** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael W. Capeley by Gus Martzaklis . Plant a Tree Sncere condolences to the family. Gus Martzaklis

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MA

**Mark And Danielle Stannert And Amelia** posted:

Spring's bounty basket was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capeley by Mark and Danielle Stannert and Amelia. Send Flowers Love and hugs to you in this time of sorrow. We are thinking of you all. Mark and Danielle Stannert and Amelia

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KD

**Keeli Deimling** posted:

Large spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capelety by Keeli Deimling . Send FlowersThinking of you with loving memories of Michael. Wishing you comfort.Keeli Deimling

January 29 at 9:43 AM

MF

**Mike, Vonna Criss And Family** posted:

Large basket garden was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capelety by Mike, Vonna Criss and Family. Send FlowersPatti, Nick, Mary, Angela, Andrew and sweet Cora,We love you all so very much. Our continued prayers are sent to help you through this difficult time. He will be missed.Mike, Vonna Criss and Family

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SB

**Sean And Tammy Beckman** posted:

Among the clouds basket was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capelety by Sean and Tammy Beckman. Send FlowersOur sincere condolences on your loss.Sean and Tammy Beckman

January 29 at 9:43 AM

SE

**Sandra Murtaugh Ester** posted:

Red designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capelety by Sandra Murtaugh Ester. Send FlowersHolding you all in my thoughts and heart. I will always remember his kindness and his smile! I hope you are able to turn to your memories of Mike and find comfort and peace. Love to all of you.Sandra Murtaugh Ester

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WH

**With Much Love, Tom, Shelley, Katherine & Bill Hassler** posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capelety by With Much Love, Tom, Shelley, Katherine & Bill Hassler. Send FlowersWith deepest sympathy, we honor Michael's enduring spirit and cherish his memory.Patti you and your family are in our prayers for peace and comfort during this time of great sorrow.With Much Love, Tom, Shelley, Katherine & Bill Hassler

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ES

**Expression Of Sympathy** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael W. Capelety. Plant a TreeMike and I worked together for many years. I will truly miss him as a friend and co-worker. My deepest condolences to his family at this time of sorrow, and may you find strength and peace in Mikes memory. Ad Astra MikeSincerely,Brian and Vanessa Loucks

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SJ

**Sina Javidi** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael W. Capelety by Sina Javidi. Plant a TreeMy deepest sympathy during such a difficult time.Sina Javidi

January 29 at 9:43 AM

PF

**Peggy L. Raines And Family!** posted:

Medium basket garden was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capelety by Peggy L. Raines and Family!. Send FlowersSending you love and prayers in the memory of Mike. He was a great co-worker and friend! May God shine his love on you and give you strength during this difficult time!Peggy L. Raines and Family!

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FR

**Frank And Karyn Root** posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capelety by Frank and Karyn Root. Send FlowersWith heartfelt condolences, may Mikes memory be a cherished treasure. Love and hugs during this time.Frank and Karyn Root

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ST

**Sherwin Williams Fp&A Team** posted:

Healing touch was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capelety by Sherwin Williams FP&A Team. Send FlowersPlease accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.Sherwin Williams FP&A Team

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PA

**Patti, Nick, Angela, Mary, And Andrew** posted:

Red and white elegance wreath was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capeley by Patti, Nick, Angela, Mary, and Andrew. Send FlowersWe love you, honey and dad. Our lives will never be the same, but we know your spirit lives on. Thank you for all you did for us. You are our role model and best friend - you are our everything.Patti, Nick, Angela, Mary, and Andrew

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IC

**Iris Capeley** posted:

Softness and love was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capeley by Iris Capeley. Send Flowers

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BP

**Bridget, Megan, Surya, Leah, Katie, Julia, Abbi, And Phoebe** posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capeley by Bridget, Megan, Surya, Leah, Katie, Julia, Abbi, and Phoebe. Send FlowersAngela, we are so sorry for your loss and are thinking of you and your family during this time. We are always here for you and keeping you in our prayers.Bridget, Megan, Surya, Leah, Katie, Julia, Abbi, and Phoebe

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NB

**Nasa Grc Quality Engineering And Assurance Branch** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael W. Capeley by NASA GRC Quality Engineering and Assurance Branch. Plant a TreeMike was a valued member of our organization. We'll miss him, his professionalism, and humor. Sincere condolences to his family during this time.NASA GRC Quality Engineering and Assurance Branch

January 29 at 9:43 AM

EH

**Emily Stanley & Gerard Hornby** posted:

Tender thoughts was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capeley by Emily Stanley & Gerard Hornby. Send FlowersIf our affections be tried, our affections are our consolation and comfort; and memory, however sad, is the best and purest link between this world and a better. ~ Charles DickensEmily Stanley & Gerard Hornby

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**Taylor And Steven Perkins** posted:

A dream in pink was purchased for the family of Michael W. Capeley by Taylor and Steven Perkins . Send Flowers Sending all of our love and prayers to your family in this difficult time. Taylor and Steven Perkins

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**Maria Havenhill** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael W. Capeley by Maria Havenhill. Plant a Tree Mike was an excellent quality professional and a wonderful person. My sincere condolences to the entire Capeley family. Maria Havenhill

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**Anonymous** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael W. Capeley. Plant a Tree

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**Nick Varaljaj** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael W. Capeley by Nick Varaljaj . Plant a Tree You were and are a good soul Mike-Godspeed Nick Varaljaj

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**Anonymous** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael W. Capeley. Plant a Tree Please accept our sincere condolences during this difficult time. We have many fond memories of Mike, Patty, Nick, and Angela. We are so sorry for your loss.

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GK

**Greg Kimmach** posted:

Mike was a great guy to talk to and from whom to learn. I met Mike in the late 80s and worked with him for a number of years. While extremely saddened to hear of his sudden passing, I am glad that I got to talk with him relatively recently. I offer my deepest condolences to the entire family.

January 1 at 4:21 AM

TM

**The Laird/Wong Families: Stephanie, Aaron, Rachel & Jessica; Chip, Kelly, Emma & Graham, Mark & Pam** posted:

We continue to hold all who deeply loved Mike in our hearts. We send you love and light as you grieve, hoping to comfort you as you navigate life without an extraordinary husband, father, & friend. The Laird/Wong Families: Stephanie, Aaron, Rachel & Jessica; Chip, Kelly, Emma & Graham, Mark & Pam,

December 28 at 2:21 PM

MF

**Mary Ann And Joseph Fyda** posted:

Patti we are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time and the weeks ahead. Thinking of you and giving your family strength at this difficult time. No words can express how we feel but know we are here if you need us. God bless!

December 21 at 9:04 AM

DP

**Dan Paul** posted:

I had the honor of working with Mike while as a sub contractor for NASA. Mike was my primary contact on hardware turnover to NASA and was a great person to be around. He and I often shared past experiences of our time in the Navy. I am proud to have known him and will miss his quick wit and humor. To the family, I am truly sorry and saddened for your loss.

December 21 at 4:01 AM



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TR

**Terri Rodgers** posted:

We will miss working with Mike. Please accept our condolences. GRC Reliability and System Safety Engineering Branch

December 20 at 7:18 AM

JM

**John Miller** posted:

Mike and I both had parallel paths and careers ending up at NASA. Although there was an age difference, we both honorably served in the US Navy on aircraft carriers and attended Lorain County Community College earning the same technology degree. While working at Abex in Elyria, Mike's father, Mike Sr., was my supervisor while I attended college part time prior to going to NASA. He had many conversations with me about the opportunities in the Navy while Mike was still in high school. That may have had some influenced along the way to his very productive and accomplished career. Ultimately, Mike and I at times even worked in the same area at NASA. There was no better colleague or shipmate than Mike. He will be dearly missed. You have my deepest and sincere condolences. Fair winds and following seas Mike, as you sail through the gates of Heaven, may you rest in peace.

December 18 at 3:58 PM

TC

**Thomas J. Cmarik** posted:

I met Mike at NASA 40 years ago. We were both electronics techs & veterans and had an instant connection. It was always nice to run into Mike at the Lab. I am very sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family and friends. Sincerely, Tom Cmarik

December 18 at 8:07 AM

MC

**Molly Campolo** posted:

I'm so saddened to see this! I've cut Mike's hair for years as have other stylists here @ Absolute Hair Co. We will miss him! Prayers and condolences for family and friends during this difficult time 🙏🙏

December 18 at 7:19 AM

MC

**Molly Campolo** posted:

I'm so shocked and sad to see this! I've cut Mike's hair for several years as have other stylists here @ Absolute Hair Co. We will miss him! Prayers and condolences to family and friends during this difficult time 🙏

December 18 at 7:15 AM



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VC

**Vicki And Mike Crable** posted:

I had the great honor of working with Mike on a number of projects at NASA over the years and he was a professional, as well as a friend. I more recently got to know Angela and that allowed me to see what a great father he was, as he raised a wonderful young woman. There are no words to take away the grief you are feeling, but I send my deepest sympathy to the entire family. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

December 17 at 11:19 AM

SN

**Scott And Patricia Numbers** posted:

Mike was a great co-worker in Quality Assurance and a good friend at NASA for decades of our time together there. His work was always of the highest caliber, and we shared many personal insights over the years about more than NASA.... life events, retirement plans, and so on. The online sentiments from Nick and Angela were touching and helped to temper the sadness of this time. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family, a donation has been made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society in Mike's name.

December 17 at 8:16 AM

DF

**Dale Force** posted:

Michael provided quality inspection for the SCaN Testbed KA-band radio amplifier I was buying.

December 16 at 5:48 PM

SD

**Scott Darpel** posted:

I had the great honor of having Mike support at least two of my teams. He was a steady, calming force, and someone I could always depend upon. He was always so easy to work with, and just an incredible man. I hope your family finds comfort in your memories and each other.

December 16 at 6:34 AM



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CC

**Carol Corcoran** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. I was the nurse at Emerald Village when Mike moved Iris in. He was so very kind. My husband worked with Mike at NASA. We discovered later that we both knew him. I would sit and chat with Iris ( one of my favorite people) she would speak about all of you and share stories. Joe always said how great Mike was to work with at NASA. My heart is broken and Joe and I will keep you in our prayers. Carol and Joe

December 16 at 5:41 AM

KH

**Kathy Harcula** posted:

I had the honor of working with Mike for a number of years. He will be missed by many. May he rest peacefully...My sincere condolences to the family.Kathy Harcula

December 16 at 5:05 AM

MH

**Mark Hyatt** posted:

My sincere condolences. Mike was a colleague and friend. He will be missed by those who had the good fortune to meet and work with him.

December 15 at 7:09 PM

JS

**Janie Spires** posted:

Patti I am so sorry for your loss. I am glad we got together last year and caught up on our lives. I know there isn't any words to really comfort you, but please know we are thinking of you and we care.

December 15 at 2:30 PM

DS

**Debbie Shumaker** posted:

It truly breaks my heart to hear about Michael. I always enjoyed it when we were together. I'll never forget that time that you guys stayed with me in Fayetteville at my house when grandma passed away. Hope all of you all will be OK. I know you will just so sad to hear about someone passing away like that you're not expecting it. By the way, this is Michael's cousin Debbie from. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you all

December 15 at 12:44 PM



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**Pat Gustoff** posted:

Please know our family is sending the entire Capeley Family our prayers, love and hugs during this extremely difficult time. We too are feeling a great loss for a wonderful man who touched our lives in so many different ways for so many years. He was always positive and ready to turn a stressful situation around. We enjoyed our kids together and celebrate their accomplishments together and be sounding boards for each other when we needed a friend to lean on. We'd laugh often and celebrate with a few cocktails when the kids went to bed or with a sitter. The Gustoff family felt like family with all of you as we lived, loved and celebrated our families, sports, fun times, sad times, and shenanigans (as Nick put so eloquently in his post). Frank depended on Mike when he started coaching and Mike on Frank as they started the children's soccer fields at LCC. Building the first field on their own. Mike was the engineer who built the first goals that were for the little kids which has grown extensively for our community. We all are better for the love and friendship Mike shared with us and will cherish his memory. Rest easy Dear Mike with God, knowing you have touched the life of so many of us with your laugh and friendship. You will be truly missed by many. 🙏❤️

December 15 at 12:14 PM



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