



Michael Alan "Mick" Birge

November 6, 1959 - August 15, 2017

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Dateline Jasper, IN

Michael Alan "Mick" Birge, age 57, of Jasper, Indiana, died on Tuesday morning, August 15, 2017, at his home. He was born in Jasper, Indiana, on November 6, 1959, to Jerry and Margaret (Blueher) Birge. He married Starlene Allerellie on August 7, 1987, in Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Mick was a 1978 graduate of Jasper High School, a defensive end for the Wildcats' 1976 and 1977 state football runner-up teams, and a 1982 graduate of Franklin College, where he played football and baseball. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper and the Jasper German Club. He earned numerous honors during a long career in radio and television in Kemmerer, Casper, and Laramie, Wyoming, Lawrenceville, Illinois, Evansville, Terre Haute, Indianapolis, and Jasper. He was the television basketball play-by-play announcer for the University of Evansville and radio basketball play-by-play announcer for Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis.

After working for a number of years for the statewide Wyoming Radio News

Network, he returned to Jasper in 2010 as radio and TV news director for Dubois County Broadcasting before creating and serving as CEO of his own online television news and sports station, NewsNow Dubois County, which is also featured on area Spectrum Cable systems.

He is survived by his wife, Starlene Birge, his parents Jerry and Margaret Birge, Jasper, IN, two sons, Adam Birge and fiancé Rachael Woodward, Indianapolis, and David Birge, a senior at the University of Southern Indiana, one daughter, Antoinette Birge, a sophomore at Ball State University, one brother, Joe Birge and wife Jill, Brentwood, Tennessee, five sisters, Joan Little and partner Dan Wilhite, Evansville, IN, Marlene Cocchetto and husband Alan, Fairview, PA, Marilyn Scherer and husband Doug, Zionsville, IN, Marcia Rhodes and husband Ron, Newburgh, IN, and Jennifer Birge, Jersey City, NJ, and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends may call from 2:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, August 18, 2017, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. A parish rosary will be prayed at 1:45 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Funeral services for Mick Birge will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at St. Joseph Church in Jasper, with burial following in Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Mick Birge Scholarship Fund in care of Dubois County Community Foundation, 600 McCrillus St., Jasper, IN 47547.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Alan "Mick" Birge*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Brenda Delapaz lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge*



Brenda Delapaz - August 11, 2019 at 03:59 PM



Condolences and deepest sympathy to Mick's family. Huge loss. Love and prayers.

Brenda Delapaz - August 11, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ *So sad to hear of your passing, I will always remember Mick as the kid that would just never stop on the football field and that perseverance served you very well. My heartfelt best to all in the Birge family.*



May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.

Mike "Satch" Sander

Mike Sander - September 28, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ Sorry I couldn't be there. Mick was a one of a kind, stick in your memory guy. I will always remember him going at life full force. He was a person you could count on and be good to call him friend. I hadn't seen Mick much over the years and will regret not being able to reconnect more. Thoughts and prayers go out to the whole Birge family.

Brian Rees - August 19, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ He will be missed by all. Prayers for the family. Class of 78 Michael Lannon and family.



Michael Lannon - August 19, 2017 at 12:01 PM

AB

“ My heartfelt sympathy. Mick was a big joy for our family and the community, and a loyal, generous, selfless friend to so many. My heart goes out to your whole family. Angela Bies



angela bies - August 19, 2017 at 02:25 AM

DV

“ Dave VanHoose lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



Dave VanHoose - August 18, 2017 at 05:31 PM

To be called 'woke' in a world that sleeps through suffering is to insult - it is the Gospel. Woke means awakened by compassion, guided by truth. Humbled by grace. Committed to justice - not just for some, but for all."
Pope Leo XIV

“ *Antoinette, we are so sorry for your loss. Please now you are in our prayers. May God's peace provide you and your family comfort.*

David, Mary Jo, Hannah and Tori Sullivan.

David Sullivan - August 18, 2017 at 03:32 PM

DN

“ *Our condolences from the Customer Inspection team at Masterbrand Ferdinand Operations to Star and her family*



diane nix - August 18, 2017 at 11:24 AM

CS

“ *Sorry for your loss. He was good at his trade. Bless all of you. Mark and Carol Schroering.*

carol schroering - August 17, 2017 at 06:53 PM



“ *Bjørn Andersen lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge*



Bjørn Andersen - August 17, 2017 at 03:34 PM

CH

Our thoughts and Prayers to Mick's entire family. He was an amazing young man and had a love for life and people that just shined through to everyone he came in contact with. He always shared stories of his children and how proud he and his wife were of them. He will be missed by the entire community and those who knew him everywhere.
Mike and Christy Harder

christy Harder - August 17, 2017 at 07:08 PM

KR

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mick's family and friends. He was such a good man to his family and kepted his community informed of the local news and events. He will be especially missed by his out of town friends and peers because he helped us feel connected to our hometown of Jasper. RIP Mick!*

Karen Hopf Riley - August 17, 2017 at 11:28 AM

JB

“ *Many prayers for Mick's family! Mark(Goose) and Jan Block*

jan Block - August 17, 2017 at 10:01 AM

JU

“ *Very sad to learn of Mick's passing. My prayers and love go to the Birge family at this very difficult time.*

Denise Wilkinson Underhill

J. Denise Wilkinson Underhill - August 17, 2017 at 09:32 AM

LG

“ *We are saddened to hear of Mick's passing and our prayers go out to the family.*

Larry, Becky, and Matthew Grohovsky

Larry Grohovsky - August 17, 2017 at 08:42 AM

NL

“ I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of Mick. My deepest sympathies to all of his family members.

Nick Likos - August 17, 2017 at 08:36 AM

CR

“ Continued thoughts and prayers to the entire family and loved ones...{{hugs}}



Christine Seger Rue - August 17, 2017 at 08:32 AM

KM

“ Jerry and Mag,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. Please know we will keep your family in our prayers and hold you in our hearts. Love to you all, Kelly, Danny, Luke & Beau May

Kelly May - August 17, 2017 at 08:17 AM

JZ

“ Jean Kuper Zupan lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



Jean Kuper Zupan - August 17, 2017 at 07:50 AM

ES

“ *ED SCHULTHEIS lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge*



ED SCHULTHEIS - August 17, 2017 at 07:47 AM

SG

“ *Very saddened to learn of Mick's passing. He was a wonderful father, son, brother and friend. Sincere condolences and love to all of our cousins from the Birge family. Steve and Fernanda Grohovsky*

Steve and Fernanda Grohovsky - August 17, 2017 at 07:36 AM

LK

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Borge families as Mick will be remembered as great broadcaster. Also I remember him in high school as huge Elvis fan who died the day before Elvis' death anniversary. Dave and Linda Kuper Kristoff*

Linda Kristoff - August 17, 2017 at 06:40 AM



“ *Thank you for being so hospitable when our family visited you, Star and the kids in LV in 2001. We shall never forget how you took care of us as a perfect host. Love to Starlene, Antoinette and David from Sanne and Bjørn, Denmark*

Bjørn Andersen - August 17, 2017 at 12:37 AM

SE

“ *Sandy Elmore lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge*



Sandy Elmore - August 16, 2017 at 09:35 PM

TA

“ *Mick,*

Thanks for letting me be a small part of NewsNowDC. I really enjoyed broadcasting Raider football with you last fall. I know you were chasing your dream with NewsNowDC. My most heartfelt condolences to your family.

May you rest in peace,

Tom "Chick" Alles

Tom Alles - August 16, 2017 at 08:29 PM

 Joyce Ann

“ *Joyce Ann lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge*



Joyce Ann - August 16, 2017 at 08:05 PM

 Joyce Ann

My heart goes out to all of Mick's family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mick was a great guy and friend.

Joyce Ann - August 16, 2017 at 08:08 PM

DZ

“ Having been schoolmates of Mick's in high school, we knew him as a person of generosity, strong character and loyalty. Though it has been years since we have spoken, we will always remember his smile. Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire Birge family.

Deanna Zehr & Angie Zehr-Flick

Deanna Zehr - August 16, 2017 at 07:28 PM

LS

“ Leigh Ann Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



Leigh Ann Smith - August 16, 2017 at 07:09 PM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Birge family. Mick was an incredibly loving and loyal family man, friend, and community member. He will be greatly missed by many.



Chris Hinkle - August 16, 2017 at 06:48 PM

CA

“ Jerry and Maggie, my thoughts and prayers for you and your entire family. I am so sorry for your loss!

Connie Mehringer Adams

Connie Adams - August 16, 2017 at 06:46 PM

RP

“ Rest easy fellow Grizzly.....
Condolences to the entire family.

Randy Pease
Franklin College class of 79

Randy Pease - August 16, 2017 at 05:55 PM

LO

“ Mick was a great friend and classmate. I enjoyed talking and catching up with him at basketball games. He was great at his job. Prayers to all of his family and friends.

Lisa and Steve OBrien

Lisa OBrien - August 16, 2017 at 05:35 PM

LH

“ Larry & Lorie Kalb Hubbs lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



Larry & Lorie Kalb Hubbs - August 16, 2017 at 04:48 PM

 Bev
Weyer

“ I am so sorry for your loss.
Antoinette is like a sister to my daughter. My favorite memory is when Mick and Star were watching the fireworks show with us. They knew that Antoinette had to work late and hoped she could share it with us. She arrived and walked through the smoke from the fireworks and Mick shouted "Netters"!! They were so excited and proud of her always!

Bev Weyer - August 16, 2017 at 04:45 PM

ST

“ Attended school with Mick in Jasper and the JHS class of 1978. I am still in shock that he has left us so soon. Sending prayers to all his family.... He will be missed.

Sandy Tyler - August 16, 2017 at 03:53 PM

TK

“ Tammy Kieffner lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



Tammy Kieffner - August 16, 2017 at 03:24 PM

RG

“ I never met a guy so dedicated to his family and his career. Gosh, how I love Mick. He was a go-getter (a chip off the old block.) I will miss seeing him VERY much. I had a lot of respect for him as he was just the greatest guy--so much enthusiasm in reporting the news. I will always appreciate the production he put together last Christmas when he featured my dad (Mauri Gutgsell) singing the *Panis Angelicus* in a video. It was so professionally done. Mick, you can now kick back and listen to Mauri sing all you want. You guys never met here on earth, but I know you will have a good time in heaven together. (He will remind you of your own dad--another man I truly love and respect.) Rest in the peaceful arms of Jesus, my friend.
Reen Gutgsell

Reen Gutgsell - August 16, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen*

From Ron, Marcia and Jordan Rhodes of Newburgh, Indiana



Marcia Birge Rhodes - August 16, 2017 at 02:51 PM

SH

“ *Mag Jerry and Family, I'm so sorry to hear the sad news of the passing of Mick. Gone too soon, loved and needed by all. I remember he and Eddie playing together, being friends, back in the day in Evansville, on S Henning.*

I'll be thinking about you through this trying week and beyond.

Prayers & sympathy, Sarah Berger Humphrey Muncie IN RIP Mick



Sarah Berger Humphrey - August 16, 2017 at 01:55 PM

JP

“ *Mick was a fellow 1978 JHS classmate and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great guy and had the gift of storytelling and what a memory he had ! My deepest sympathy to Mick's family and friends.*

Julie Plowman - August 16, 2017 at 01:36 PM

CB

“ Charles And Donna Brittingham lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



charles and Donna Brittingham - August 16, 2017 at 01:06 PM

DC

“ Diane M Carie lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



Diane M Carie - August 16, 2017 at 12:55 PM

SG

“ Sara Kempf Gabrel lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



sara kempf gabrel - August 16, 2017 at 12:38 PM

SG

Rip my friend Mick you will be missed

sara kempf gabrel - August 16, 2017 at 12:38 PM

MM

“ *Very sorry to hear about the loss of Mick. Thoughts and prayers to the entire Birge family during this difficult time. He was such an all around good guy. He was always friendly even if it didn't know you well, he was very kind. I always enjoyed the posts of his family. I pray for comfort and strength to his family during this difficult time and always keep the memories close at heart.* ”



Mary Jane (Spellmeyer) Miller - August 16, 2017 at 12:13 PM

BK

“ *Brian And Kris Ketzner lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge* ”



Brian and Kris Ketzner - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 PM

BK

Our prayers go out to Mick's family. He was a great man. He was a friendly guy, and, always willing to help. He was a great band dad, cheering on Antoinette and the Marching Wildcats. May God give comfort and strength to his family at this time of grieving.

Brian and Kris Ketzner - August 16, 2017 at 12:05 PM

CM

“ I am very saddened by the passing of such a wonderful, family-oriented man. Mick was always friendly and went out of his way to talk to everyone. I truly enjoyed all his "proud papa" posts on Facebook. His love for his family was always genuine. May his family gain strength in knowing how much he loved them. My deepest sympathy...

Carol Sunderman Meyer

Carol Meyer - August 16, 2017 at 11:43 AM

AH

“ I am so very sorry! I recall him as always smiling, the friendliest guy who seemed to know no stranger. He left behind a wonderful legacy in his family and as a role model to many.

angela himsel - August 16, 2017 at 11:10 AM


Jennifer
Wolf

“ Jennifer Wolf lit a candle in memory of
Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



Jennifer Wolf - August 16, 2017 at 11:07 AM

RM

“ Mick,
I'll miss you so much. We truly had a great friendship. You've been so kind to me through the years, starting in high school! You treasured your Family and Friends, as we treasure moments spent with you. I'll miss the smiles, laughter and honest and serious talks. How I wish we had more of those.
My hope is that your safe with our Heavenly Father along with those loved ones who passed before, and of course Kent. You two really shared some good times! Know that your loved and missed!
Forever Friends! Ruth Meyer 🌸

Ruth Meyer - August 16, 2017 at 10:48 AM

LB

“ To the entire Birge Family, our sincere condolences and sympathy on the sudden passing of Mick. His drive and love for Jasper and Dubois County will be missed.

Lee and Kathy Boehm - August 16, 2017 at 10:46 AM

DK

“ Donna And Jim Kluesner lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan "Mick" Birge



Donna and Jim Kluesner - August 16, 2017 at 10:35 AM



Marlene
Cocchetto

“ RIP, big brother. My heart is breaking and I will miss you terribly! We will all gather around Star and the kids and help them through this. I love you, Mick!

Marlene Cocchetto - August 16, 2017 at 10:32 AM

JM

*Oh Jonie, I am so very for your lose. At God hold your families hands together and know you will see your brother in heaven.
GOD BLESS, Joni Matthews*

joni matthews - August 17, 2017 at 01:04 AM

BP

Looking back to high school as a classmate, I will always cherish to have been one to sit besides Mick in Mr. Brewer's English class. It was always lively and fun!! I loved your spirit, love and caring attitude, I will miss you. Condolences to your family and loved ones.

Brenda Wening Pfister - August 17, 2017 at 09:03 AM

SM

*Jerry and Mag,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.
Speed Miller*

Speed Miller - August 17, 2017 at 12:11 PM