



Dr. Michael Giessel

January 28, 1948 - April 29, 2018

Dr. Michael D. Giessel, 70, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Sunday, April 29, 2018.

Dr. Giessel was born January 28, 1948, the son of John and Inez Birzer Giessel, growing up in Larned, Kansas. Mike attended St. Lawrence High School Seminary in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He earned his doctorate from the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Mike served as past president of the Kansas Dermatological Society and the Shawnee County Medical Society and was retired from his dermatology practice in Topeka.

In 1974, Michael and Cindy Nelson were united in marriage, enjoying 43 years together. He was an avid KU fan, enjoyed time at Lake Wabaunsee, playing with the grandchildren and traveling.

Grateful to have shared Mike's life are his wife, Cindy; children, Amanda Peterson (Chuck), Sarah Parrish (Marc) and Jerrod Giessel (Katie); grandchildren, Doug and Emily, Anna and Bennett, and Daegan, Kasen and Pierson; siblings, Madalene Miller (Sandy), Tom Giessel (Sheryl) and Jay Giessel (Kat).

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, where a rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. at the Church.
Inurnment will be private in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Most Pure Heart of
Mary Church or to Topeka Rescue Mission, sent in care of Kevin Brennan
Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Rosary

MAY 6. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Topeka, KS 66604

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Michael Giessel*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 04, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ *Dr. Michael Giessel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

TF

“ Mike and I were classmates and the best of friends during our high school years at St. Lawrence Seminary. Mike was genuine, a great farm boy from Kansas that just really liked everyone he met. For example, the freshman class, a group of 90 guys assembled from all over the US, voted for their class officers in November of that year, a few months after we all got to know each other. Mike was voted almost unanimously as class president because he was so likeable, genuine and considerate. Mike and I kept in touch over the years as he went through medical school and at class reunions; he never missed the opportunity to reunite with his high school friends. I am so happy that he and Cindy visited us here in Arizona last March.

Mike had a sense of humor; one of the many things I'll miss are the consistent email jokes that I always received from Mike.....a great touch to stay in contact between two farm boys from the Midwest.

Tom Fuhrmann

Tom Fuhrmann - May 16, 2018 at 05:22 PM

EH

“ I am so sorry to hear of this tragic loss. Dr. Giessle was my dermatologist for years and I always appreciated his practical approach and sense of humor. It is distressing that he did not have a long and satisfying retirement--he certainly deserved it.
Elizabeth Herbert

Elizabeth Herbert - May 16, 2018 at 01:36 PM



Ira
Stamm

“ Dear Cindy and Family,

Michael took loving care of me and our family for many years. He was known in the medical community as an excellent diagnostician. He often diagnosed medical issues in his patients that were unrelated to the presenting dermatology problem.

Michael was a physician in the tradition of the "old school" of doctor. He took time with each patient. They never felt hurried or rushed. He understood the importance of "schmoozing" with the patient. Over the years he and the patient came to know each other. A bond was formed. This is the heart and soul of medicine.

He will be missed by patients, colleagues, and family. Thank you for sharing this wonderful man and physician with all of us.

Ira and Joanna Stamm

Ira Stamm - May 10, 2018 at 05:08 AM



KU

“ We are very saddened to hear of Michael's loss. His smile and easy manner were always encouraging! Cindy, we are thinking of you and the children with love and prayers. Paul and Kathleen Urbom

Kathleen Urbom - May 08, 2018 at 02:05 PM

MD

“ So very saddened to hear this about Michael. We were fishing buddies back in Larned, when we were 10 & 11 years old, in cub scouts together went to Sacred Heart School together. We would go on vacations with each other's family's. Our deepest sympathy also go out to Madalin, Tom, & Jay. Michael will be missed by all who knew him. Sincerest sympathy & God Bless all of you always.
Mike Deighton

Michael Deighton - May 06, 2018 at 09:18 PM

SM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.
Shirley Majeroni

Shirley Majeroni - May 05, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Giessel.



May 04, 2018 at 10:31 PM

TS

“ *I was sorry to read of Dr. Giessel's passing. He was able to diagnose an illness for me that no ENT doc could in this town, and I will always be grateful for his help. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Terri Sandgren, Berryton

Terri Sandgren - May 04, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Giessel.*



May 04, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ *Michael was my dermatologist and friend. He was a valued member of our Thursday morning Men of Grace study group. He also volunteered his medical expertise on a special outreach to the indigenous mountain people at my son's mission in the mountains of Guatemala. He was a wonderful doctor with a generous and kind heart. My condolences to his family. I know how much you will miss him.*

Dr. Bob Conroy

Dr. Bob Conroy - May 04, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ *The Stueckemann Families--Bill, Linda, Pam & Dan purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Michael Giessel.*



The Stueckemann Families--Bill, Linda, Pam & Dan - May 04, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Giessel.*



May 04, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *Michael and I were high school classmates in Wisconsin. We hadn't seen each other in over fifty years. But recently Facebook gave us the opportunity to have a small bit of communication after all that time. I'm so glad that a fine young man turned out to be a fine person, and doctor, who will be sorely missed. May he enjoy the perfect, eternal happiness he always believed in. And may the good Lord be with his beloved and bereaved family, to strengthen and comfort them in their sorrow.*

Rev. Dennis M. Hand

Dennis Michael Hand Sabocik - May 04, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *Dear Cindy,
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of Mike. Just last night one of the nurses we used to work with informed me of this very sad loss.
Mike was an excellent physician (and I can say this since I was one of his mentors...or should I say he was one of mine). More important than that, he had integrity, kindness, humility, and honor. He was a joy to work with. I have and will always have the utmost respect and affection for him.*

With love from Thelda (Kestenbaum, M.D.) (my cell is 913-620-7905; call me at any time Cindy)

thelda kestenbaum - May 04, 2018 at 08:43 AM

DP

“ He was the best doctor my daughter ever had. Such a great person and will be greatly missrd.

Devona Peralta - May 04, 2018 at 06:08 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Giessel.



May 04, 2018 at 12:39 AM

SM

“ Sue and Mike purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Michael Giessel.



Sue and Mike - May 03, 2018 at 04:43 PM

DD

“ Mike was my cousin and we had some good childhood memories together. Although we had not maintained consistent communications over the years, outside of occasional contact at family reunions, I am so grateful I was able to talk to him recently. He called me on the 20th of April and we had a great conversation for well over an hour. Talked about careers, travel experiences, families, childhood memories and genealogy. (We both had a keen interest in our ancestors and a sense of place. I am grateful we were able to engage each other that day. I will never forget it. I feel blessed that he picked up the phone and called me.

He will be missed by so many. He touched many lives and was a good and faithful servant of God while he was here on earth. I know Cindy, the children, grand children, brothers, sister and his many friends will miss him dearly. My prayers, as well as those of my immediate family and siblings are with you. May God bring you comfort and peace in your time of great loss.

Rest in peace good and faithful servant.

*Dan, Mary and Aubrey Denning
Lawrenceville, Georgia.*

Dan Denning - May 03, 2018 at 04:19 PM

JM

“ Mike and I first met at the KU Med Center even though we were both from the same small town. He always exhibited a combination of love for his family, compassion and caring for his patients and friends, and a great sense of humor.

Jan Miller - May 03, 2018 at 03:59 PM

JB

“ *The Hayden and Most Pure Heart family has lost a wonderful man. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.*
Joe & Cheryl Burkhart

Joe & Cheryl Burkhart - May 03, 2018 at 03:24 PM

CW

“ *I retired from Cotton Oneil and Dr. Giessel was my doctor. He was so kind and funny at the same time. He spoke fondly of his family. May God wrap His arms around your family and guide you as the days go on.*

Chris White - May 03, 2018 at 02:19 PM

DD

“ *I enjoyed the time I was able to spend around Mike the past few years, during the fishing and golfing adventures some of the class of 66 were able to get together for. Derry Dougan*

Derry Dougan - May 03, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SC

“ *As a retired employee of Cotton-O'Neil Clinic and a patient of Dr. Giessel I have many fond memories of him. As a physician he was caring and kind and as we all know a true workaholic. He deserved to live in retirement a lot longer. I will miss knowing he is out there having a great time. Stevie Christy*

Stevie Christy - May 03, 2018 at 01:12 PM

KC

“ Amanda and family, so sorry for your loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Keith, Kristin, Austin and Aidan Colter

Kristin Colter - May 03, 2018 at 01:00 PM

RS

“ Cindy, Amanda, Sarah, and Jerrod,
We are very saddened to hear that Mike has passed away and are praying for your comfort.
In addition to being one of our favorite Hayden parents, he also provided wonderful professional care for our family.
God will certainly recognize his work at the gates of heaven and be with you.
God Bless,

Rick and Kathy Strecker - May 03, 2018 at 11:54 AM

ZM

“ Cindy and Family,
Words are not enough at a time like this. Just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Zandra Myrick

Zandra Myrick - May 03, 2018 at 09:06 AM

KW

“ Please know our hearts are heavy as you grieve the loss of your wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Mike was a favorite of ours...so funny, kind and loyal. I never heard him complain and he was always so endearing. A huge loss for not only your family but our community, as well. His memory will live on forever. Wishing you love and peace at this sorrowful time.

Kristen White - May 03, 2018 at 08:29 AM

CG

“ *Cindy and Family,*

Our thoughts and prayer are with you all during this difficult time.

Mike and Cindy Gibbs

cindy gibbs - May 03, 2018 at 08:11 AM

NN

“ *My sincere sympathy to your family and may light perpetual shine upon Mike. I came to know him through our Men's Discussion Group at Grace Cathedral on Thursday mornings. We will miss his presence and smiling face. God bless you all.*

Norman Nellis

Norman Nellis - May 02, 2018 at 08:32 PM

DM

“ *Dear Cindy and family,*
Hoping the pain of your loss will be eased with wonderful memories and strength from God. He was a terrific person in this community and such a wonderful friend of the course. Stay strong through the love of each other! Ron & Di Martinek

Di Martinek - May 02, 2018 at 07:38 PM

MC

“ Cindy and family, my heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I am very sorry for your great loss. The Good Doctor provided many good years for my mother and our family as his nurse. God bless you all.

Matt Cook

Matt Cook - May 02, 2018 at 12:10 PM

DD

“ Cindy and family, I was saddened to hear of Dr. Geissel's death. Prayers for you and you family. He was a great doctor, always kind and witty. It was an honor to have worked with him. He will be missed.

Deb D'Orvilliers - May 02, 2018 at 08:21 AM

JR

“ Cindy and family: Marcia and I are saddened to hear of the loss of Mike. I can remember well when you came to Topeka to start practice, and soon after, Mike removed a lesion from one of our daughters. He was a delightful guy with a wonderful smile and sense of humor, and he and you were valued neighbors for many years. Please know that we are thinking of you, too, Cindy, and our prayers are with you in this stressful time.

Dr. Jim and Marcia Ransom

James H. Ransom - May 02, 2018 at 07:28 AM

DH

“ Cindy and family, I'm heartbroken to hear of Dr Giessel's passing. I've known him over 30 years and I want you to know how all the staff at Cotton-O'Neil loved him. He was brilliant, funny, and kind. He will truly be missed! May God grant you peace during this time.

Debbie Heaney - May 01, 2018 at 08:30 PM

CO

Our prayers and thoughts are with u Condley Roy Julia

Condley - May 02, 2018 at 07:24 AM

SC

My sincere sympathy to the family. I worked at the Kansas City VA, and he would come once in a while to help us with our dermatology veteran patients. I sure enjoyed working with him.

susan Craig - May 04, 2018 at 01:39 PM

LW

“ *Cindy and family, I am so sorry for you loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers! I feel blessed to have worked in the office with him for the many years that I did. He will be truly missed!*
Lori Weakland

Lori Weakland - May 01, 2018 at 06:12 PM

SP

“ *We are so sorry that your loving father/husband passed away, May God be your strength during this time and know that He loves and cares for us all. We don't understand his ways we just have to trust in Him. Prayers for all. Stephanie and Ruben Perez*

Stephanie Perez - May 01, 2018 at 12:00 PM

JC

“ *Giessel family, we are so sorry for your huge loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!*
Love the Cook's
Jason, Rosalind, Mariah and Lauren

Jason Cook - May 01, 2018 at 09:45 AM

SD

In the early 90's I was referred to Dr Geissel by Clovis Bowen MD. I had a sore on my knee that wouldn't go away. Dr Geissel treated me and I had a biopsy taken. It came back that I had discoid lupus. We both were taken aback because at that time there wasn't much talk about lupus. I continued taking the meds and for 10 years the lupus went dormant. Today I'm proud to say I no longer have lupus. Dr Geissel was very kind and the meds he prescribed worked and I will always remember him as caring and did everything he could to keep me informed about lupus. It was shocking to see his name in the obituaries. Forever grateful to a wonderful human being. I pray that you find comfort in knowing that all who knew him loved him. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family. Sincerely Sandra Watson Dorsey

Sandra Dorsey - May 03, 2018 at 07:11 AM

LK

“*Dear Cindy, Dr. Mike was my doctor for 40 years. He was quick witted and always full of loving stories about you and the kids. We talked about Hayden High and the old days. I was not looking forward to him retiring. When he announced his leaving I knew I was going to miss this warm and friendly human being. Please accept my vary deepest sympathies to you and the children !!! Prayers and Hugs to all your Family. Linda Schreiner-Knudson*

Linda Knudson - May 01, 2018 at 07:41 AM

DM

“ Cindy I am so truly sorry to hear of Mike’s passing. It is with the deepest sympathy for you, the girls and Jared my heart and prayers are thinking of each of you at this sorrowful time. Mike - your family, friends and this community have lost an outstanding man - thank you for the honor and privilege to meet you and get to know you and your family all these years. While professionally you were a dependable and supportive part of my health care needs - more importantly I learned the value of giving, kindness and being a man of honor from you!! Losing you so suddenly leaves a heavy heart - but knowing you as a man of faith gives hope for your continued journey with our loving Lord. Rest In Peace our friend and God’s speed to your heavenly earned life. With sincere respect and admiration - Dwight D Menke and family

Dwight D Menke - April 30, 2018 at 08:09 PM

CS

I learned of Dr. Giessel's passing just this week, and was so saddened by the news. He was my dermatologist for over 20 years. He was a fine man and a fine doctor, and I always appreciated his patience and his sense of humor. Although it's been over a year since his passing, I will be praying for the family, for encouragement and blessings in the years ahead.

Cindy Stillings - July 03, 2019 at 11:57 AM