



## Michael J. Kurchak

May 12, 1949 - March 16, 2022

Michael J. Kurchak, age 72, died March 14 of natural causes. A resident of Eastlake for 45 years, he was the owner of The Apple Patch and known as "The Apple Man."

He is survived by his son, Michael E. (Dawn), daughter Anna (Will Hanisch), and grandsons Michael and Thomas. His loving wife of 49 years, Kathleen, preceded him in death in 2018.

He was a fantastic dad, a loving grandfather, a generous, albeit grumpy, neighbor who was always playing practical jokes, speeding through crosswords in pen, and creating CAD drawings for anything he built regardless of how minute. He was an electrical engineer by trade until retirement in 2018 and maintained a pick your own apple orchard since 1981, enjoying bringing affordable fresh apples to the public (and, to his displeasure, the wildlife as well).

He was born and raised in Pinconning, Michigan, the eldest in a family of six. He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Kurchak, mother, Rose Barnum (Webb), and brother, John.

Services will be for the family. Please consider supporting Clothe-A-Child in his honor. Arrangements will be made by Monreal Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ I remember he was an excellent student and a leader for the family.

*(uncle) David Webb*

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**David Webb** - March 12, 2023 at 01:52 PM

MS

“ Mike as well as Kathleen graduated from Pinconning High School in the class of 1967. We're preparing for celebrating our 55th class reunion, & were hoping Mike might be able to attend. However, his reunion with Kathleen in Heaven must have been an event that will give his family great joy. Cherish the wonderful memories that can never be taken away.

*Marcene Turmell St.Clair*

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**Marcene Turmell St.Clair** - March 27, 2022 at 02:33 PM

BK

“ Brenda Kelsor purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Michael J. Kurchak.



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**Brenda Kelsor** - March 23, 2022 at 07:26 PM

FS

“ Mike was a good engineer and an entertaining guy at work. He always had a solid engineering solution. He was a master of tongue-in-cheek comments that made for interesting conversations. He sure knew a lot about apples. I remember making apple cider with him. My condolences to the family.

*Frank Stupczy*

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**Frank Stupczy** - March 23, 2022 at 12:20 PM

DJ

“ In August of 1968 I went with Mike and John taking Tracy to his home in Pennsylvania. Mike drove his Chevrolet. Along the way Mike picked up a hitchhiker. The hitchhiker was a French fellow that hadn't had a shower in a while and I remember the fellow airing out his arm pits with the window down. As this was the first French person I had ever met, I wondered if this was common French behavior. We rode the Incline and trolleys in Pittsburgh. It was a fun trip

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**David Webb Jr** - March 22, 2022 at 08:20 PM