



# J. Michael Shea

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**M**ichael Shea, age 75, of Meadville, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 2, 2024. Michael is survived by his sister, Mary Ellen Shea; brother, James (Peggy) Shea; and two nephews, Michael and Sam (Bethany).

Michael graduated from Slippery Rock University and enjoyed a long career as a special education teacher.

Services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in honor of Michael may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

To leave online condolences please visit [www.jeffersonmemorial.com](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.com)



## Tribute Wall

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LP

**Lacey.P** posted:

He was my basketball coach we made it to Penn State many times and had great memories and he was also one of my floor hockey coaches and coach to some other sports I played .Basketball was one of the sports that he always made fun and a good time for me and my team he allways made speicaly oylmpics sports a good time . And I always talked to u at BK and u always stoped and said hi when u seen me siting in the park

September 29 at 9:59 AM

LB

**Laura Brunner** posted:

I taught with Mike for many years. My husband knew him through wrestling. Mike really cared about his students and athletes. He shared many stories about his family also. He passed on his mother's recipe for Irish Soda Bread to me. He always rembered her serving it warm with lots of butter. In retirement I would bump into Mike at musical events. RIP.

September 17 at 11:00 AM

BB

**Bob Bradish** posted:

Mike was a good friend for many years. For my son Sean and I, the wrestling circuit was always a great time with him. He was a great guy.

September 16 at 4:24 PM

JG

**Jim Guay** posted:

Sorry to hear of Michael's passing. Always seemed to run into him and Mary Ellen at the Irish festival enjoying the music and the atmosphere.

September 16 at 3:37 PM

NM

**Neil Morris** posted:

I worked and coached with Mike and it seems we were friends forever. Whenever an extra set of hands were needed for a project he was there.Through his teaching, coaching and community activities the number of people he impacted in a positive way would be hard to measure.He will be greatly missed.Neil Morris

September 13 at 10:12 AM



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DH

**Diana Householder** posted:

What an amazing man. His heart was so full of love for the Special Olympics athletes. His kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. His Burger King friends sure miss him and are heartbroken. RIP Mike.

September 12 at 5:07 AM

RG

**Randy Gorske** posted:

I knew Mike as a teacher and member of the band Highway 49. He was always fun and entertaining.

September 11 at 3:56 PM

JF

**Joe Finney** posted:

Coach Shea was a great wrestling coach who pushed me become the person I am today. A few years ago he reached out to me and wanted to apologize for being so hard on me as a coach. I told him nothing could have been further from the truth and I was grateful for all he did for me. He stood beside me through many challenges. The work ethic and discipline I learned from him changed my life and helped me to go on and do things I never thought I could do. Thank you coach and rest in peace.

September 10 at 3:01 PM

KU

**Karrin Unger** posted:

I worked with Michael for many years at Penncrest School District and Crawford County Special Olympics. He was an amazing teacher and coach. He even represented us at International Special Olympics. I admired him and considered him a good friend. He was a good man and his memory will remain with me always. My sincere sympathy to the family.

September 10 at 8:53 AM



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DF

**Diana Ferris** posted:

I am saddened to learn of Mike's passing. He and I taught together at C.S.E.S. and continued to touch base with one another after his retirement. He was a good teacher and friend. I know he cared deeply about his family and was committed to performing on his guitar with a few groups of friends. I remember he was also committed to coaching with Special Olympics. I know he made a positive difference to many participants. Jim, Mary Ellen, Micheal, Sam and families- I pray that you will find comfort in happy memories and healing in the days ahead.

September 10 at 6:28 AM

KM

**Ken & Carol Myers** posted:

We are so sorry for the loss of Michael. We sure will miss "jammin'" with him over the years. We had just played with him at the Community Jam at Diamond Park in Meadville in early August. He will be missed by all who knew him.

September 9 at 2:12 PM

AG

**Alicia Greathouse** posted:

Mike was a great person who will be truly missed. We played so much music together over the years, whether it be in a jam, concert or doing theater. He was a true friend. My deep condolences go out to his friends and family.

September 9 at 9:10 AM

TO

**Todd Oakes** posted:

Mike was a great teacher, coach, and later in life, a true friend. When we would run into each other, his enthusiasm to see you was infectious and encouraging. Great guy! He will be truly missed.

September 9 at 7:24 AM

MK

**Mary Louise Schuler-Karr** posted:

I've know Michael through many music jams and events from Edinboro to Meadville to Corry, PA. Thanks for the music Mike. Soar high. Mobile Music Jam

September 9 at 7:17 AM



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MR

**Mary Rock** posted:

There are no words , there never are . I'm so glad that we were able to reconnect after many years . Sending so much love to all his family, Fly with the angels cousin .

September 7 at 1:15 PM

DK

**Derek Breski (Krzysiak)** posted:

Mr.Shea was my cross country coach throughout highschool. He always brought a bright and fun attitude to practices. He'd give us fun silly advice to help pierce through the boredom of the daily running routine, and always made us laugh.

September 7 at 8:44 AM

DW

**David Washousky** posted:

Mike was a good man, and he was my friend. He brought light into the world and will be greatly missed.

September 6 at 2:40 PM

TB

**Traci Balsamo** posted:

I just played with Mike at the Crawford County fair in August. He was so proud of his heritage sharing stories about his travels. He will be missed.

September 6 at 2:33 PM

TM

**Theresa Malec** posted:

I worked with Mike with Mike for 25 years. He was one awesome teacher.

September 5 at 5:25 PM

MP

**Marlene Paulikonis** posted:

Marlene Paulikonis sorry for your loss Jim Peggy

September 5 at 9:53 AM



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**Marlene Paulikonis** posted:

Sorry to hear about your brothers loss

September 5 at 9:51 AM



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