



## Michael Phillip Allette

August 8, 1935 - November 1, 2019

Michael Phillip Allette, 84, of Bonita Springs, FL, entered into eternal life on Friday, November 1, 2019, All Saints' Day. Michael was born in Jamestown, NY, August 8, 1935, the son of the late Gaspare (Jasper) Gueli Allette and Maria (Mary) Saldi Rizzo.

He was a watchmaker by trade and an engineer by profession. He attended Penn State University and graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree from Rochester Institute of Technology.

When in college he married the love his life, Eleanor Thorson. This extended his love of family to now include children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mike began his career at Weber Knapp Corporation where he became Vice President of Manufacturing. He finished his career as plant manager of Milwaukee Electric Tool in Blytheville, Arkansas. In June of 2000 he retired and moved to Florida to enjoy the sunshine and provide a destination for family & friends to visit.

Throughout his life Mike was active in his community, serving through Catholic Charities, Food Pantry, Chautauqua County Resource Center, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary International, and many other civic organizations.

He was an active member of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita

Springs and Our Lady of Light Catholic Community in Fort Myers. The strength of Michael's faith was unyielding, focusing many of his efforts toward continuing faith formation.

Left to cherish his memory and continue his legacy are his wife of 63 years, Eleanor (Ellie); and their six children, Pamela (James) Olson, Shelley Allette, Mary (Jerry) Mattern, Michael T. (Kelley) Allette, Jenny (Brian) Rigsby, and Sara (Ben) Catlett; 10 grandchildren: Karli (Jon) McCune, Joanna (Kieran) Stitt, Jimmy Olson, Ben (Becky) Mattern, Jill (Danny) Reitano, Ryan (Taisha) Mattern, Caleb Rigsby, Alexa Rigsby, Jack Catlett, and Ella Catlett and 9 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind a sister, Verna Davis and many nieces, nephews and cousins all of whom he adored.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Jennie Cuoco, Josephine Tumminia, Nina Cook and his brothers, Joseph Allette, Charles Allette and Jack Allette.

Family and faith was the cornerstone of Michael's life, he will be deeply missed yet lovingly remembered for years to come.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate his wonderful life will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 5:00 PM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL. Private burial services will be held at Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Our Lady of Light Faith Formation to further Mike's love for evangelizing adults or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family  
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# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

NOV 5. 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Phillip Allette*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *With admiration and respect, I remember Mike. Very proud to have shared Rotary with him.*

*Mary Gay Shipley  
Blytheville, Arkansas*

**Mary Gay Shipley** - November 19, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor! You all are in our thoughts and prayers!*

*Connie & Tony DiBruno*

**Connie DiBruno** - November 08, 2019 at 09:29 AM



*Mike was a great man. Prayers for the family  
I worked for Mike at Milwaukee Tool*

**Linda Tucker** - November 08, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ *We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Rick, Nancy and Isabella Carlo, San Antonio, Tx*

**Rick & Nancy Carlo** - November 07, 2019 at 10:41 AM

KS

“ Ellie & Jenny,

*I am so sorry to hear about Mike. I often think about all the good times we had in Blytheville. You, Jenny and the whole family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Charlie & Kathy Shive*

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**Kathy Shive** - November 06, 2019 at 09:02 PM

CA

“ Sarah and family

*Our deepest sympathy.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Mark and Cindy Anderson  
Jonesboro, Ar.*

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**Cindy Anderson** - November 06, 2019 at 12:25 PM

SC

“ My deepest sympathy to your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Suzette Carnahan*

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**Suzette Carnahan** - November 05, 2019 at 10:43 AM

MC

“ Mike was part of our Men's Gospel group at Our Lady of Light. He was a true man of God and will be dearly missed.

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**Mike Christensen** - November 05, 2019 at 09:59 AM

JR

“ Janet Rice lit a candle in memory of Michael Phillip Allette



janet rice - November 05, 2019 at 08:27 AM

RD

“ My prayers and deepest sympathy for the family..

Rosemary DiDomenico - November 05, 2019 at 06:59 AM

SC

“ Sam & Shirley McGuire; Charles & Karen Chipman purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Michael Phillip Allette.



Sam & Shirley McGuire; Charles & Karen Chipman - November 04, 2019 at 09:28 PM

NB

“ Ned & Jenni Baudo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Phillip Allette.



Ned & Jenni Baudo - November 04, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Allette.*



November 04, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ *I only visited with Jenny's Dad twice and both times I could see what a wonderful person he was and how proud he was of his family. My deepest sympathy to his family. - Laura Batzer*

**Laura Batzer** - November 04, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ *Mike was so loved by all the employees at Milwaukee Electric Tool in Blytheville bc he care about everyone and promoted everyone there to a higher level. I'm his biggest fan!  
Thank you the memories that I will keep in my heart forever.  
William Masterson and Tracy Duncan.*

**William Masterson** - November 04, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Allette.*



November 04, 2019 at 03:35 PM

JT

“ *Julie Jackson. Friend Of Son Michael Th lit a candle in memory of Michael Phillip Allette*



Julie Jackson. Friend of son Michael Th - November 04, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Allette.*



November 04, 2019 at 12:01 PM

DH

“ *Debra Holifield lit a candle in memory of Michael Phillip Allette*



Debra Holifield - November 04, 2019 at 11:35 AM

DH

“ *Words can not express the respect I had for this amazing man. Mike Allette was a wonderful leader and the best boss Milwaukee Tool ever had. He taught me so much, one being a strong firm hand shake. He always knew everyone's name. If he met you once he forever knew who you were. He was the glue that held the Milwaukee family together. I was truly blessed to have crossed paths with someone so humble and kind.*

Debra Holifield - November 04, 2019 at 11:31 AM

BC

“ I worked with Mike at Milwaukee Electric Tool, he was a wonderful leader and a great boss. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Brenda Curtis - November 04, 2019 at 10:24 AM

WT

“ Wayne And Vickie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Michael Phillip Allette



Wayne and Vickie Taylor - November 04, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Allette.



November 04, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Allette.



November 04, 2019 at 08:21 AM

SL

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers. I met and prayed in St. Leo's Adoration chapel. Mike always said good morning, have a nice day, and often asked about my grandson JJ whom he prayed for. Thank you for your deep faith and example. God Bless you and all those you hold dear, always! JMJ.*

*Sherrie LaFemina*



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**Sherrie LaFemina** - November 04, 2019 at 08:19 AM