



## Mike Stewart

March 5, 1943 - January 1, 2021

Mike Stewart, age 77 years, a resident of rural Buncombe, Illinois, passed away Friday morning, January 1, 2021, near Buncombe.

Mike was born March 5, 1943 in Elvira Township (Johnson County) Illinois. He was the son of Clyde and Mary M. (Cain) Stewart.

Mike is survived by: his daughter – Stevi (Adam Tolley) Stewart of Boaz, Kentucky; and a host of cousins, other relatives and many friends. He is also survived by his beloved dog, Ellie, and cat Salem.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents.

Mike was a 1960 graduate of Vienna High School, where he excelled in both academics and athletics. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Southern Illinois University. Mike was a lifelong educator. He began his teaching career at the Buncombe Grade School, where he taught, served as principal, coached and drove a school bus. Mike accepted a position with Vienna High School where he taught English, civics and current events. He also served as head baseball coach 1968-1969 and assistant basketball coach during the late 1960s and early 1970s. He was also the sponsor and coach of the high school scholar bowl team. Mike retired from teaching in 1994. He was inducted into the Vienna High School Athletic Hall of Fame in

February 2017.

Mike enjoyed the outdoors and farming. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal's Baseball fan. Additionally, Mike loved to watch the gameshow Jeopardy as well as following college basketball. He took not only a keen interest in current events but he also closely studied the activity of the stock markets. Mike loved the companionship of his pets.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 5, 2021, at 2 PM at Mt. Zion Cemetery, east of Buncombe. Pastor Gerrell Cain will officiate. Interment will follow.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2021, from 1:30 PM – 2 PM at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Those attending the service are reminded that customarily accepted social distancing guidelines should be observed. The wearing of a face mask or covering is strongly encouraged. For those who wish, you are invited to bring a lawn chair.

Also, for those who are unable to personally attend the service, it will be live-streamed on the Bailey Funeral Home Facebook page. The service will also be archived for later viewing.

Memorials may be made to the Vienna High School athletic scholarship fund. Please make checks payable to Vienna High School and memo Mike Stewart scholarship. Donations may be left at Bailey Funeral Home or mailed directly to Vienna High School, 601 North 1st Street, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Zion Cemetery

Buncombe, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Cemetery  
Buncombe, IL

## Graveside Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Cemetery  
Buncombe, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Stewart was a kind teacher who seemed to care about his students.* ”

Leigh Wolf-Barnett - October 05, 2024 at 05:11 AM



“ *Mike Stewart* ”

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Kathryn Kerr lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart* ”



Kathryn Kerr - January 06, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *Traci Harris-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart* ”



Traci Harris-Mason - January 06, 2021 at 03:22 PM

BC

“ Mike Stewart and I were on the staff of Vienna High School together in 1967-69. He was helpful and friendly to me, a rookie teacher. I admired his ability to coach athletics and keep up with his academic teaching. I was happy when he stopped and introduced himself to me and my wife, Annette, at the 50th Reunion of the VHS Class of 1969 in Oct, 2019. It was a pleasure to talk to him again and find that we had each coached scholar bowl during our careers. I was looking forward to seeing him at the Class of 1970 50th Reunion before it was postponed due to covid-19. Annette and I extend our sympathy for you, Stevie, for your loss. May your present grief fade away, and pleasant memories of Mike remain.  
Brian T. Courtney, Savoy, IL

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**Brian T Courtney** - January 05, 2021 at 04:32 PM

DP

“ Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart



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**Davis and Pat Prewitt** - January 05, 2021 at 10:09 AM

CW

“ Christie West lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart



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**Christie West** - January 04, 2021 at 04:05 PM

MB

“ Stevie,

*Although you don't know us, we feel like we know you. Your Dad was our pinochle buddy, Bill's weekly Sunday (sometimes bi-weekly) trivia phone buddy, and most of all a best friend. You were the light of his life and he always had a huge smile on his face when he talked ( actually bragged) about you during our pinochle games. He will be greatly missed by all those who really got to know him. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

*Bill and Ellen Broom*

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**Mary Ellen Broom** - January 04, 2021 at 03:33 PM

SC

“ Susan Cochran lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart



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**Susan Cochran** - January 04, 2021 at 10:27 AM

SC

*What a great man! Nearly all my memories are you with a smile on your face!!! Rest in peace, Mike.*

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**Susan Cochran** - January 04, 2021 at 10:30 AM

SD

“ Stevi - I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**sarah Dorrus** - January 03, 2021 at 10:17 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Brenda Johnson** - January 03, 2021 at 06:48 PM

BJ

*Mr. Stewart was my English teacher, I graduated in 1971. Thanks for the memories Mr. Stewart, so happy I spoke with you at the class reunion. RIP with love and prayers.*

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**Brenda Johnson** - January 03, 2021 at 06:50 PM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Teresa Anderson** - January 03, 2021 at 05:37 PM

VN

“ *Stevie, my heart goes out to you, may God comfort you and give you strength. Whenever your Dad spoke of you a big smile came across his face!*



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**Vena Nelson** - January 03, 2021 at 03:42 PM

SC

“ *Sherryl Case lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Sherryl Case** - January 03, 2021 at 03:02 PM

VH

“ *Remembering a good friend and fellow teacher. Mike positively impacted the lives of many students. Be proud, Stevie; he loved you dearly.*

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**vicki hamann** - January 03, 2021 at 01:26 PM

SD

“ *Sue (Johns) Dodd lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**sue (Johns) Dodd** - January 03, 2021 at 12:44 PM

NW

“ *Noble And Mary Jane White lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Noble and Mary Jane White** - January 03, 2021 at 10:58 AM

KH

“ *Kaye Harris lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Kaye Harris** - January 03, 2021 at 10:47 AM

JT

“ *Jack Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Jack Thornton** - January 03, 2021 at 09:40 AM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Dennis and Pat Harner** - January 03, 2021 at 09:39 AM

KB

“ *Karen (Evans) Brumley lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Karen (Evans) Brumley** - January 03, 2021 at 09:33 AM

DA

“ *Darcie lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



**Darcie** - January 03, 2021 at 09:25 AM

TH

“ *Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



**Tricia Hartline** - January 03, 2021 at 07:19 AM

HH

“ *As great a "big cousin" and genuinely good guy as one could ever have - they don't make 'em any better!*

**Harold Hale** - January 03, 2021 at 12:38 AM

JH

“ *So sorry to hear of Mikes passing. R.I.P. friend.*

**Jim hodges** - January 02, 2021 at 09:49 PM

JM

*RIP dear friend. We will miss you. Jay and Maureen Mann*

**Jay and Maureen Mann** - January 03, 2021 at 12:06 AM

RM

“ Roger McBride lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart



Roger McBride - January 02, 2021 at 09:32 PM

LS

“ Loretta Sharp lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart



Loretta Sharp - January 02, 2021 at 09:12 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart



Dorothy Bacon - January 02, 2021 at 09:11 PM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mike Stewart



John Slack - January 02, 2021 at 09:09 PM

RW

“ *I will always remember Mike.*



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**Robin Wetherell** - January 02, 2021 at 09:00 PM

DM

“ *Doug Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Doug Mathis** - January 02, 2021 at 08:56 PM

VE

“ *Vicki L Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Vicki L Eastwood** - January 02, 2021 at 08:38 PM

SH

“ *Scott Hunsaker lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Scott Hunsaker** - January 02, 2021 at 08:32 PM

AS

“ *Angela Trover Stover lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Angela Trover Stover** - January 02, 2021 at 08:30 PM

PS

“ *Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Paula Sullivan** - January 02, 2021 at 08:27 PM

JR

“ *James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**James and Diane Rainbolt** - January 02, 2021 at 08:25 PM

RJ

“ *Rita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**rita johnson** - January 02, 2021 at 08:19 PM

MN

“ *Mitzie- Nichols-Augustus lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Mitzie- Nichols-Augustus** - January 02, 2021 at 07:58 PM

JP

“ *Jerry And Judy Phelps lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Jerry and Judy Phelps** - January 02, 2021 at 07:39 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Mary Lou Hynes** - January 02, 2021 at 07:21 PM

SJ

“ *Darla and Steve Jones*



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**Steve Jones** - January 02, 2021 at 07:17 PM

DP

“ *Debbie Stevens Poe lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Debbie Stevens Poe** - January 02, 2021 at 06:59 PM

BP

“ *Belinda Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Belinda Phillips** - January 02, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Mike has always been a great neighbor and friend to us. He will be missed by everyone, who knew him. Stevie, you are in our prayers and our hearts in this difficult time. May God comfort you.*



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**Darla Jones** - January 02, 2021 at 06:40 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Teresa Richerson** - January 02, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ I knew Mike from the age of 10, we had a lot of fun time in our country neighborhood and I will cherish my memories of him and his Mom and Dad. I pray for Stevie during her time of grief and comfort for his family and friends.

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**Annie Leach** - January 02, 2021 at 06:27 PM

AJ

“ Angie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart



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**Angie Jones** - January 02, 2021 at 06:24 PM

DH

“ Dallas & Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mike Stewart



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**Dallas & Charlene Harner** - January 02, 2021 at 06:20 PM

LM

“ Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart



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**Linda and Jeff Mathis** - January 02, 2021 at 06:13 PM

VB

“ *Stevie, my heart goes out to you in this difficult time. I have many fond memories of your father. From my first day of teaching to his last day, we were fellow teachers and friends.*



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**Vera Bedwell** - January 02, 2021 at 05:59 PM

GT

“ *Greg Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Greg Taylor** - January 02, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Jeannie McCall** - January 02, 2021 at 05:46 PM

KH

“ *Mr Stewart was a great teacher & wonderful man. My sympathy & prayers for his family.*

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**KathyBlack Holt** - January 02, 2021 at 05:43 PM

LS

“ *Linda Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Linda Simmons** - January 02, 2021 at 05:26 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Bill and Barb Warmack** - January 02, 2021 at 05:22 PM

TM

“ *I'm So Sorry for Your Loss Sending Prayers!!*



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**Theresa Mckenzie-Trovillion** - January 02, 2021 at 05:03 PM

AS

“ *Angie Street lit a candle in memory of Mike Stewart*



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**Angie Street** - January 02, 2021 at 05:02 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of  
Mike Stewart*



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**Barbara Jeffress** - January 02, 2021 at 04:59 PM