



Dr. Michael I. Pratt

August 2, 1946 - December 18, 2013

ADRIAN – Dr. Michael I. Pratt, age 67 of Adrian, passed away peacefully on December 18, surrounded by his loving family. He was born August 2, 1946 in Toledo, Ohio, to the late Albert and Enga M. (Ingraham) Pratt. He graduated from Maumee High School, University of Toledo and University of Michigan School of Music. He continued his education at Boston University earning his Doctor of Musical Arts in 2010.

On August 17, 1968, Michael married Linda R. Miller in Traverse City, and she survives.

Dr. Pratt was an active music educator in the community, recently at both Siena Heights University and Jackson College, and in the past at both Onsted and Sand Creek Community Schools. Michael was the composer in residence for the Adrian Symphony for many years, and has written and arranged many pieces of orchestral, band, choral and opera music including, Maple City, Adrian City Band March and Pride of Lenawee. He was also a 2005 Grammy award winner performing with the University of Michigan Choral Union on the performance of Bolcom's, Sounds of Innocence and of Experience.

In addition to Linda, his wife of 45 years, he is survived by their children: John (Tracy) Pratt of Adrian, MI; Christina (Jonathan) Howard of Port Huron, MI; Karalee (Jamie) Slayton of Fishers, IN; and David (Angie) Pratt of San Antonio, TX; 12 grandchildren; one great grandchild; a brother, James Pratt of Covington, TN; and a sister, Inga (Dr. Michael) Tokar of Gaithersburg, MD.

A Musical Memorial Service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December

21, 2013 at Wagley Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 20, 2013 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and again Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m.

The family prefers in lieu of flowers contributions in memory of Michael may be made to the Lenawee Community Foundation to establish a music scholarship. You may share condolences and memories online at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Michael I. Pratt*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Remembering all the good times with Mike, his brother Jim, and sister Inga, and their parents on Conant Street in Maumee. My condolences to the family.*
John Allen

John Allen - January 06, 2014 at 05:58 PM



“ *All four of our children began playing musical instruments at approximately age 9-10 in the Onsted School District under the direction of 'Mr.' Pratt - and 2 of the four finished their HS careers taking part in band activities under his direction. It was the varied curricula of music that he introduced them to, that in part, prepared them for the varieties that life has to offer. The music world has indeed lost a very talented musician and human being. May his family take solace in the fact that he had touched so many lives in a positive manner. ~~ Gordon & Carol Crocker*

Carol & Gordon - December 23, 2013 at 03:35 PM

GI

“ To the family of Michael Pratt: May your memories of him sustain you during this difficult time. His philosophy of excellence has followed me throughout my life, in the most positive way possible. (In fact, I quoted him just this week to my own classroom of high school honors English students.) I am privileged to have had him as an instructor from 1972-1976. ~~Gigi (Crocker) Krygier, Onsted HS Class of 1976

Gigi - December 22, 2013 at 03:03 PM

DR

“ We are saddened by the loss of Dr. Pratt, but grateful that he had been a part of our lives.

Doug and Gwen (Rupert) Ruesink OHS 1972

Doug Ruesink - December 22, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KM

“ Mr. Pratt was my husband's and my band teacher all through our years at Onsted High School. We enjoyed every minute of it! My best memory of him was one year at a competition. We would always score very high but that particular year we didn't. All of us were feeling very down as we sat on the bus waiting to go home. He came on the bus and told all of us that we played superbly; that the particular judge we had always scored low. I'll always remember that moment when he had a chance to yell at us but chose instead to encourage us. We contacted him about five years ago, wondering if he remembered us and told him how much we thought of him. It was nice finding out what had been happening in his life after all those years. I'm sure he never knew what an impact he made on all of us.

Kathy (Riley) Marks, class of 1976 and Mike Marks, class of 1975

Kathy and Mike Marks - December 21, 2013 at 06:32 PM



“ *Inspirational Poetry of Comfort & Hope for the Grieving* was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael I. Pratt.



December 21, 2013 at 02:26 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of Dr. Michael Pratt. He was a wonderful asset to the Onsted Band Program and I enjoy working with him. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Marlene Blumhardt - December 21, 2013 at 06:54 AM



“ *Connie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael I. Pratt*



Connie Mitchell - December 21, 2013 at 06:49 AM



“ *Cathy Van Camp- Sitarz lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael I. Pratt*



Cathy Van Camp- Sitarz - December 20, 2013 at 08:00 PM



“ Jordan Richardson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael I. Pratt



Jordan Richardson - December 20, 2013 at 06:28 PM



“ Dearest Linda,

*Bill and I are deeply saddened to read this news just ten minutes ago. We so enjoyed the times we had together...Stratford and especially the preparation of "THE MYSTIC TRUMPETER" for my women's chorus a few years back. Michael was such a gifted musician as well as a lovely gentleman. He is in our prayers and you are in our thoughts and prayers and we are sending much love to you.
Bill and Judy Premin
Bloomfield*

judy & Bill premin - December 20, 2013 at 05:55 PM



“ My wife, Ann, and I wish to share heartfelt condolences to Linda and the entire family on Michael's passing. He was a good support for me back in 1973 when I subbed for his wife Linda at Onsted Schools in vocal music after the birth of their first child.

David and Ann Guldin - December 20, 2013 at 02:48 PM



Linda
Calzone

“ *Mr. Pratt was my inspiration for my 35 year-long career as a music educator. I would not have been a band director myself if I hadn't had the gift of Mr. Pratt's teaching.*

I remember the pieces he wrote for us - a piece for 9 trombones for S & E and a wonderful piece we played at band festival. He was a very talented man.

I am sorry to hear of his passing and I regret that I never let him know how often I thought of him as I was teaching. My deepest sympathies to all of his family.

Linda Mapes Calzone, Onsted HS Class of 1974

Linda Calzone - December 20, 2013 at 01:24 PM

JC

“*Mr. Pratt was my band teacher from grades 5-12. He was my first clarinet teacher, my first solo and ensemble accompanist, the reason I attended the University of Michigan, and my earliest motivation to spend my life as a professional musician and a music teacher. He was a great example of someone who loved music and made a profession out of it. Two years ago, I was sitting in the orchestra pit with the St. Louis Symphony at an Opera Theater St. Louis production, and a man came to railing of the stage asking to speak with me. I was buried deep in the back and I couldn't see who it was, and to my great surprise it was Mr. Pratt. How wonderful it was to see him after all those years even though we only were able to speak for a few minutes. I suspect he never knew how much he influenced me, but I am grateful.*

Dr. Jane Carl

*Professor of Clarinet, University of Missouri-Kansas City,
Conservatory of Music*

*Former Assistant Principal Clarinet, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra
Artistic Advisor, Summerfest Chamber Music Series
Artistic Chair and Host, 2008 International Clarinet Association
ClarinetFest*

Jane Carl - December 20, 2013 at 12:02 PM

TC

“*My fondest memories of Mr. Pratt is in Onsted marching band he was my favorite teacher he pushed me to always do my best no matter what and brought me out of my shell Mr. Pratt was fair when things went wrong i respected him in the highest regard as well his wife Mrs. Pratt when i was in chior they were quite the magnificite couple the broken chain for ever is loss god bless you Mr. Pratt.*

tammy cartmell - December 19, 2013 at 07:01 PM

MM

“ Kind thoughts, John and family, in your time of sorrow. -Mary Miller

Mary Miller - December 19, 2013 at 10:37 AM

SG

“ Terrible loss. It was a privilege and an honor to share his talent and inspiration. We will all genuinely miss this man. The music he will share in this next life will undoubtedly make all of heaven a better place. All of our family is better for having known him. Rest well Micheal, I look forward to hearing your music again.

Scott Guffey - December 19, 2013 at 07:38 AM

CF

“ I met Michael as a member of the University Musical Society Choral Union. He was such a gifted musician, so giving of his time and talent. We were so fortunate to have him with us. My thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time.
Chris Friese

Chris Friese - December 18, 2013 at 09:38 PM