



Michael Avery Sawyer

November 27, 1959 - October 21, 2025

Michael Avery Sawyer 65, of Hurricane, WV passed away the night of October 21, 2025.

Mike was the son of Phyllis and the late Tom Sawyer. He grew up & graduated from Winfield High School. From a young age he was very active in sports, he later attended college on a basketball scholarship, where he finished his college career earning a Bachelor's degree in Education.

Mike resided in Hurricane, WV with his daughter, MacKenzie, of whom he was very proud of and loved spending time with. He taught for about 40 years, with the last 29 years of those being at Hurricane High School.

He ended his career at Hurricane High School teaching Drivers Ed and loved every minute of it; he loved his students. He coached several sports over the years, although his favorite and the highlight was being head football coach at Buffalo High School for over 15 years.

He put his all into coaching and always thought of his players as his sons.

In addition to his mother, Mike is survived by his daughter, MacKenzie Sawyer (Austin Cude); grandson, Avery Michael; sisters: Glenna Ragle (Kenny) and Joan Turner; as well as nieces and nephews, and other family members.

Funeral Service for Mike will be 3:00 pm Sunday October 26, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV. Burial will follow in Mount Vernon Cemetery Hurricane, WV.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 pm until time of service.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting his tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Sawyer family.

Cemetery Details

Mount Vernon Cemetery

2150 Mount Vernon Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Avery Sawyer



Chapman Funeral Homes - October 27, 2025 at 09:05 AM



He was a hell of a good man and a great coach he is truly missed by me Natasha call I've know him my whole life

Natasha Call - November 30, 2025 at 09:07 PM

RB

“ Coach Sawyer was my basketball coach in middle school. I appreciated the fact that he was tough, brutally honest, and fair. When he coached us hard we never questioned his care for us. Most of the things I utilized in my own coaching career, I learned from him. He brought out the best in me as a basketball player and person. I love and miss you Coach. Blessings and prayers of strength to your family.

Rance Berry - October 30, 2025 at 02:58 PM

PM

“ *Very saddened to learn of Mikes passing. Had several competitive sports memories with his teams and always remained friends through thick and thin. Remember sharing life's issues with Mike as well as sharing many laughs. Thoughts and prayers to all his loved ones. Pat McGinnis*

Pat McGinnis - October 28, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ *Coach Sawyer was my drivers ed teacher before he had to leave for the semester. He was the best mentor I could've asked for on the road; he helped me get over my fears with driving. He was the most fun teacher I could've had for that class. I send prayers and condolences to the family* 💜👍



Lain Pava - October 27, 2025 at 07:21 PM

DF

“ *Sawyer Family,
My sincere sympathy to your family. Mike and I experienced a lot of great times as well as tough times while basketball teammates during junior high school and as members of the varsity team at Winfield. Even though distance separated us I still would think about our times as teammates and friends. RIP Mike.
Darrell Ferguson*

Darrell Ferguson - October 25, 2025 at 08:41 PM

DU

“ Mike Sawyer is the best kind of friend. Someone you can count on and he lived life on his own terms. I will miss his yearly visits to my home, no matter where I lived. This is a true loss for everyone who knew him.

Dennie Underwood - October 25, 2025 at 06:23 PM

TH

“ My sincere condolences and sympathies to all of Mike's family.

Terri Harris-Downing - October 24, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ He was my driver ed teacher my senior year of high school at Hurricane High school I hope his family is staying safe these dark time you will be missed Mr Sawyer



David Hargraves - October 24, 2025 at 07:01 AM

SS

“ May Mike's memory always bless family, friends and his students. God's comfort to all during this difficult time.

Stephanie Ruiz Salz - October 24, 2025 at 12:43 AM

MH

“ Mike and I coached against each other a long time ago. Whenever he saw me it was just like old times, we'd talk for an hour.

Thank you for being a COACH, you touched so many lives.

Mark Hatcher - October 23, 2025 at 09:34 PM

DB

“ I only knew Mike for a couple of years while at Concord, but he always had a smile and was very kind. My prayers go out for his family.

Debbie blackwell - October 23, 2025 at 08:53 PM

BS

“ Glenna, Kenny and family, I am very sad to hear of Mike's passing. Life can be so difficult sometimes. My memories of Mike are mostly of us as seniors at Winfield. He was such a good basketball player. We really filled up that small WHS gym for game nights. I will remember Mike fondly as a friend. I pray God will envelope you in love and help ease your sadness in the days and months to come. God bless, Barb and Tom Sutherland

Barbara Sutherland - October 23, 2025 at 07:49 PM

DM

“ Fly high Michael, you will be missed. Bake lots of those fabulous cookies for everyone in heaven and tell my daddy I love him. Thanks for all the memories we have shared over the last 25 years



Donna Moore - October 23, 2025 at 07:32 PM