



Dr. Michael Carl Wulfers

February 4, 1953 - June 1, 2017

Dr. Michael Carl Wulfers, 64, of Cape Girardeau passed away on June 1, 2017 at his home.

He was born February 4, 1953 in Cape Girardeau to James F. Wulfers and Alene P. Dohogne Wulfers. He and Mary Eschmann were married September 27, 1980.

Michael was a graduate of Notre Dame High School. He received a bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University and graduated from the University of Missouri School of Medicine in 1979. He completed a residency in family medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston Salem, NC and received additional training in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System from the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction.

After his residency, Michael briefly practiced family medicine in Ste. Genevieve before returning to Cape Girardeau. He spent 33 years loving and treating his patients along with his wonderful support staff. He closed his medical practice in April, 2016.

Michael was past President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians, spent 27 years on the Board of Trustees of the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center, and was a

member of the Cape Girardeau County Medical Society.

Survivors include his wife, Mary K. Wulfers; one son, Matthew J. Wulfers (Lacy), one grandson, James K. Wulfers, and one brother, Stephen E. Wulfers (Sandy), along with nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a lifetime member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and was a Knight of Columbus.

Michael's other passions included sports, gardening, and history. He enjoyed playing tennis, golf, and Wednesday night basketball. He also found great joy in coaching and cheering on his son, Matthew, in baseball and basketball.

Visitation will be Monday, June 5, 2017 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Parish Prayers will be at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Knights of Columbus Rosary.

Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the church with Father David Hulshof officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Vitae Foundation, the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction, or Notre Dame High School.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Parish Prayers

JUN 5. 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Mass

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

MO

“ Dear Mary K and Matthew, I read in the Notre Dame Alumni paper that Mike had passed away. I was on retreat at the White House here in St. Louis. I was shocked and sadden when I read the notice. He, Tony, Alene and Jim are all in heaven sharing many stories. I have fond memories of Mike being in our wedding as groomsman and Tony being in your wedding. He and all of your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless all of you. Please let your Faith, Family & Friends help you during this most difficult time. Please, Meredith (Rubich) O'Connor. PS, I will light a candle for all of you at Mass.

Meredith (Rubich) O'Connor - October 21, 2017 at 04:15 PM

RF

“ I am devastated to hear of the passing of my good friend and classmate during college and medical school. Mike was not only a gifted, caring and dedicated physician, but also a loving family man who always had time for his many friends, colleagues and patients. I will always treasure the memories of helping each other as we struggled to get through medical school and residency training, while always finding time for jogging and tennis with his friends. Mike will be forever loved and missed all who were fortunate enough to know him and the passion he had for life.

Rest in Peace my beloved friend,

*Roger Francis, M.D.
Maryville, Mo.*

Roger Francis - June 06, 2017 at 04:12 PM

SM

“ Dr. Mike was a truly caring person and physician. He was our family doctor for many years. Our hearts go out to your family during this difficult time of loss.

Steve and Diane Mueller

Steve and Diane Mueller - June 05, 2017 at 07:30 PM

DD

“ I was saddened to hear of Dr. Wulfers' death. He was my doctor for many years and I feel that he saved my life back in 2013. A spot was found on two of my lobes of my left lung. He made sure I had the appropriate tests and sent me to Dr. Bender who performed surgery. He came to visit me at the hospital after my surgery to see how I was doing as cancer was found on both lobes. He was going out of town and wanted to check on me before he left. I cannot tell you how much that meant to me. I always felt that when I had a visit with him I never felt rushed out of his office and he always took the time to answer any question I might have. He was always so caring and understanding. I have always bragged to others how much I like him as my doctor. When he quit his practice, I did not follow him but please know, I would have if it would have been for my betterment at the time. I continued with chemo and am here today to play with my three grandchildren. So thankful for him. I am so very sorry for your loss. I know that he has touched many lives not only through his practice but in his personal life. May God grant you the peace you need at this time. He left this world too soon!

Diana Deneke

Diana Deneke - June 05, 2017 at 02:44 PM

DD

“ We are so sorry and sad to read Mike's obituary in the newspaper. We knew Mike from college days in the chemistry department from 1973-75. He and his friend, Greg Davis, were in many of Dawn's chemistry classes. He was kind and always had a smile on his face. Lifting up his family and friends in our prayers.

Dawn and Ken Detring

Dawn Detring - June 05, 2017 at 12:14 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry for your (and the world's) loss!
Mary (Auer) Sturm

Mary Sturm - June 05, 2017 at 11:30 AM

BP

“ I was saddened when I heard about Dr Wulfers. He was our doctor for a long time and there for me when my late husband died and continued to be my doctor until he went in private practice and did not accept medicare. I found another doctor but I will always remember how kind and compassionate Dr Wulfers was toward my family when my husband was so sick. Rest in peace Dr Wulfers.



Beccie Pittman - June 05, 2017 at 08:53 AM

MB

“ To my cousins, please know how very sorry I am for your loss. Mike was a one in a million fellow. I have over the years regretted often not living close to Cape and having lots of childhood and adult memories with my cousins there. Steve and I are just about one year apart in age, and I remember his "little brother" tagging along behind him when we would visit their grandmother and grandfather who lived next door. God bless each and every one of you. My favorite Mike memory is at a reunion and Mary came carrying this darling little boy. I don't believe I had ever met her before. I remember saying " That has to be a Wulfers child", and in just a minute or so Mike arrived. Matt looked so much like his Uncle Steve and his dad did as toddlers. Mike & Mary were sure proud parents! Please keep in contact. The years fly away all too quickly. Your cousin, Mary Sue.

Mary Susan Seib Beis - June 04, 2017 at 08:44 PM

OS

“ He was a wonderful Doctor and person. We will never forget him. He took such good care of us. May the Lord be with all of you.

Oscar and Donna Sapp

Oscar and Donna Sapp - June 04, 2017 at 04:41 PM

MM

“ Mary and Mathew I was Mike's first nurse in ste Genevieve and I went to cape with him. He was a great and very caring man and doctor. Often I had to Move him along because he spent so much time with his patients. Mike Sharon and I taught each other a lot. I was shocked to learn of his passing it is a great loss to family and all of us. I will keep you all in our prayers. Mary pat martin.

Mary pat martin - June 04, 2017 at 03:18 PM

AF

“ I didn't always agree with Mike, but he is so gentle and optimistic that I could NEVER get mad at him. He brought caring, evidence, and spirituality to family medicine in a way that we should all seek to emulate. Mary, thank you so much for sharing him with his patients and with us, his colleagues. His life was too short, but his accomplishments many.

Arthur Freeland

Arthur Freeland - June 04, 2017 at 03:07 PM

PF

“ Pura F. purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Dr. Michael Carl Wulfers.



Pura F. - June 04, 2017 at 10:37 AM

 LeAnn
Lucas

“ Dr. Wulfers was the first doctor in many years who took my pain seriously. I remember being in grave pain at one particular appointment. He personally called me the next day to check on me. He had such a kind and gentle demeanor. He will always be in my heart and will be missed. God bless you Mary and family.

LeAnn Lucas - June 04, 2017 at 10:27 AM

BP

“ So sorry to hear about Mike. He has left us way too soon. I'll always remember his distinctive voice & sharp wit. My condolences. Bruce Preston

Bruce Preston - June 03, 2017 at 11:26 PM

DK

“ Michael, many years have passed since you and I were crossing paths, but you were always a class act in how you treated everyone and I do mean everyone. I have fond memories of our years at Notre Dame where you certainly rose to the top. God bless and keep your family's faith strong.

Dennis Kassel

Dennis Kassel - June 03, 2017 at 10:15 PM

MB

“ So sorry to hear this. Keeping all of you in y thoughts and prayers!

Mary Sue (Sharp) Babb

Mary Sue Babb - June 03, 2017 at 05:25 PM

PB

“ Steve, Ginnie and I are keeping your family and Mike's family in our prayers. So sorry for your loss. The last time I saw Mike was when Ginnie and I were in Cape Girardeau 15-20 years ago while visiting her mom in Southeast hospital. Mike and I shared a short conversation in the lobby as we were coming in and he was leaving. He was so kind and thoughtful. Please pass on our sympathy to Mike's family. We will keep the entire Wulfets family in our thoughts and prayers.

Pat and Ginnie Bucek

Pat Bucek - June 03, 2017 at 01:09 PM

DM

“ We were deeply saddened to receive notice of the passing of Mike. I knew Mike primarily through our mutual work with the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians. He was a respected colleague and a consistent voice for all life. Veronica and I will have your family in our prayers through this difficult time.

Dave and Veronica Campbell, St Louis MO

Dave Campbell, MD - June 03, 2017 at 10:01 AM

SS

“ As I stepped out of my LPN class and began my life as a nurse Dr. Wulfers hired me and taught me many things that would help me not only as a Nurse but to be a better person. He was a great example of how to be a honorable and good person. I will miss him dearly and my thoughts go to the family he loved. I shall remember you Dr Wulfers forever.



sheila stroupe - June 03, 2017 at 09:40 AM

LK

“ Thanks for taking great care of us.

Leslie Smith Kriete - June 03, 2017 at 08:53 AM

JS

“ My sincere sympathy to the family in your loss. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time.
Joyce Wulfers Streiler

Joyce Wulfers Streiler - June 02, 2017 at 07:55 PM

JS

“ Dear Mary and family: So sorry to hear of Dr. Wulfers' passing. He was doctor for our family for many years -recommended by your old neighbors on Jefferson St. He has seen us through some rough times; always so caring and giving of himself for our health from the time our boys were little until 1 yr ago. for Jimmy. How we have missed him and you in the office. Prayers for you and the family.
James, Jeannette and Jimmy Stone

Jeannette Stone - June 02, 2017 at 06:39 PM

SD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dr Wulfers was our dr for many years. He was a great dr and friend. When our boys were young and played baseball he was always interested in how they were doing and kept up with their games reading about them in the paper. Such a compassionate man and truly cared about his patients, spent as much time as you needed with him when you had a problem. Prayers for all the family! He will be dearly missed!

Sandra Dunning - June 02, 2017 at 05:48 PM

CL

“ Charles, Chuck, Linda, and Kenny Latimer purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Michael Carl Wulfers.



Charles, Chuck, Linda, and Kenny Latimer - June 02, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Carl Wulfers.*



June 02, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *Mary and family, I am so sorry to hear this news. You and Mike occasionally took third year medical students from Wash U when I was the family medicine clerkship course director. It was hard to get students to go to Cape Girardeau, but the ones who did loved it. I sent this description to a student in 2008: "Dr. Wulfers is the current president of the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians, and has impressed me each time I've interacted with him in state academy events. He and his charming wife are very hospitable, and would actually put you up in their home, so you would be living the life of a family doc all day. He can walk a mile in around 12 minutes – he sets a good example staying trim and fit, besides being smart and pleasant." A life well-lived, I think, and over too soon from our perspective, but surely crowns await him. Peace be with you, and thanks for being there.*

--Walton Sumner

Walton Sumner - June 02, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in our prayers.*

Larry and Betty Essner - June 02, 2017 at 11:50 AM

MV

“ *Mary and family - I am so sorry for your loss. I was just sharing fond memories of my time with Dr. Wulfers. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know you both and my life is better for it. I will hold you in my prayers and hold my memories close. Mary Vickery*



Mary Vickery - June 02, 2017 at 05:45 AM

LZ

Dear Wulfers Family, I am so sorry to read that Dr. Wulfers has died. Please accept my sincere sympathy. LouAnn Hays Zoffuto

LouAnn Zoffuto - June 03, 2017 at 12:38 AM



I have two strong connections with Michael and Mary Michael Wulfers, One from health care and second being next door neighbor. We golfed together, worked on home garden together, wine and dine together and shared healthcare topics together. I learnt a lot from him every time we spent time together. He was kind heart and a doctor with holistic approach to treat patients. The community has lost a great physician and I lost a great friend and soul. May he rest in peace. Sunil Mungee

Sunil Mungee - June 03, 2017 at 08:35 AM

PA

Mary, Thanks for the opportunity to get to know Mike. He was a pleasure to be around. During my time visiting with Cindy, you always made me feel like family. I'm sending my love and sympathy along with prayers to you.

Peggy Allmeyer - June 04, 2017 at 07:49 AM

MW

I am so very sorry for your loss! My mother, Nickie Wulfers Williams, was not only his patient, but also a cousin to Jim. She spoke of her doctor fondly! You will be in my prayers!

Mary Ann Williams-Travis - June 04, 2017 at 10:17 AM

AS

Deeply saddened when Mike was diagnosed with cancer. While we graduated from ND together, I didn't really get to know him until we were both volunteers at the Samaritan Regional Health Clinic in Cape. His dedication to his patients was inspiring. He was deeply missed by his patients at the free clinic, and the other volunteers, when his illness forced him to quit. I know his patients at his practice were also devastated when he closed. My condolences to Mary, who was also a volunteer, and all the family at the loss of this amazing man and doctor. I am lifting you all in prayer. Andrea Sachse

Andrea Sachse - June 04, 2017 at 01:02 PM

EL

There are a lot of fond memories of going to Cape Girardeau to see cousin Mike, and later his family, through the years. He was a prince of a man and he will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathies to Mary and family. Ed & Jean Latimer

Ed Latimer - June 04, 2017 at 08:18 PM