



Michael Wilson Ivie

August 8, 1952 - July 21, 2023

North Augusta, SC - Michael Wilson Ivie, 70, passed away peacefully at his home July 21, 2023 after battling ongoing health issues. Private funeral services will be held at a later date.

Mike was born on August 8, 1952 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia to the late William Wilson Ivie and Betty Ann Robinson Ivie. He was the number one draft pick in the country in June 1970, right out of high school in DeKalb County, Georgia, to play Major League Baseball with the San Diego Padres. He went on to play with the San Francisco Giants, Houston Astros and Detroit Tigers. Mike spent 13 years (1970 to 1983) in Major League Baseball and still holds the record for two pinch hit grand slams in one season.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his grandson, Ashton Ivie. Survivors include his wife Barbara Joiner Ivie; his sons, Steven Michael Ivie (Jill) of Cumming, GA, Scott Wilson Ivie (Juli) of Alabaster, AL; and his grandchildren, Kyler, Abram, Taylin, Jake and Diesel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory to: The Angelman Syndrome Foundation, 3015 E. New York Street, Suite A2 #285, Aurora, IL 60504 (1-800-432-6435).

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803)

278-1181.

Tribute Wall



“ I used to work with Mike at The Sports Authority in Buckhead back in 94/95! I Absolutely enjoyed his humor and his amazing stories. It's 2025 and I still think of his stories I find myself often telling. I am sorry I am late to the news but I am Truly Grateful I Met a True Legend both Athlete and Man! RIP Mike Ivie! I Still have your Baseball card.

James Jeffers - May 26, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ Michael Wilson Ivie

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Mike Ivie Tribute



John DAcquisto - August 29, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ In 1980 I went to a small church in Brisbane Ca to hear Mike Ivie speak at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting. Mike preached the Gospel that night and I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I will be eternally grateful for Mr. Ivie's teaching that night!
Joe A

Joseph Allio - August 29, 2023 at 11:12 AM

“ Thoughts and prayers for Mike's family and friends. May you find comfort and peace during this difficult time.

I met Mike as we were moving into a new house. He was crouched under the shrubbery checking out all the commotion, He waved as did I. That was the start of our childhood best friend relationship. We had a lot in common . We were both 5 years old and had birthdays in August. Our back yards were next to each other. We played little league ball together, His Dad was the Manager. We played baseball in his backyard day and night. His yard was the only one in the neighborhood with flood lights. Mike and I had many adventures together.

I have a vivid memory of Mike and I in his backyard porch swing listing to a race on the transistor radio, as our conversation turned to, What are we going to do when we grow up ? Mike said professional baseball player or racecar driver. We were only 8 or 9 years old when he told me that.

Mike moved out of the neighborhood when we started high school. He attended Walker High. We kept intouch through the high school years. He called Me after signing with San Diego. Padres. He said, I just bought a new corvette, Iam coming over to pick you up. We spent hours cruising around listing to Marvin Gay, Whats Going On. We talked about all the new uncertainties that were ahead and what might be like to be a professional baseball player. I reminded him of his wish many years ago, and that it has come true.

I joined the US Airforce shortly their after and served in Germany. My parents would tell me , Mike called or Mike came by to visit and update me on his career. I did get to see Mike play in a game in San Francisco while stationed at Travis Airforce Base.

So to Mike, My childhood best friend. May You forever Rest In Peace and when I reach those pearly gates, we will sit down , have a beer turn on some Marvin Gay, and reminisce about the years

gone by.

Ronald Mercer - August 10, 2023 at 01:49 AM

LH

“ *Hearing of Mike's passing really hit home for me in several ways. Mike and I signed the same year and played together at all the levels of the minor leagues with the Padres and then in San Diego. He was such a gifted baseball player and I enjoyed him as a person. He was an outdoor guy like me. Time moves so fast and now that he is gone and I am 5 years older, it is a sobering fact.*

God bless Mike Ivie and his family and I am glad to have crossed paths with him.

Larry Hardy

Larry Hardy - July 28, 2023 at 03:28 PM

BR

Mike and I signed our first professional contracts in the same year, 1970. He was my first catcher in baseball that year and displayed his exceptional talents! I thought that I was on my way when he said to me that if I kept throwing like I did, I was going to the Bigs! Mike said that his hand was killing him! One of the best compliments that I ever had!! Mike was also one of my roommates and I'm grateful for that! So happy we met! RIP Mike! And all the best to the Ivie family!!

- Bill Morrell

Bill Morrell (Teammate & Roommate) - May 22 at 10:36 AM

GC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Gary Cunningham - July 26, 2023 at 01:54 AM

GC

“ Here is a short tribute video that the SF Giants did before tonight's game for Mike (and 3 others from the Giant's family that recently passed on). I hope the video shows up because I'm not very good at posting videos. 🙏



Gary Cunningham - July 26, 2023 at 01:43 AM



“ Mike Ivie was a hero of mine with the San Francisco Giants. He seemed like a great teammate and athlete. I will always remember him fondly. Best wishes and deepest condolences for his family and friends.

Ford Goodman - July 25, 2023 at 12:07 PM

HS

“ RIP & Thank you for all you gave the game of baseball 🏆...As a Detroit Tigers fan . I'm thankful for the memories you gave us fans. Rest Easy ...

Hoss Stevens - July 25, 2023 at 02:22 AM

RG

“ My condolences to the Ivie family, I live in SF and remember when Mike hit a huge home run against the Dodgers, it was fantastic! Thank you Mike for entertaining all of baseball and showing everyone how baseball should be played.

RIP

Ronald Glendon - July 24, 2023 at 09:06 PM

SM

“ I'm a big Giant's fan and I remember him well. Really enjoyed watching him play. Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

Sean McVeigh - July 24, 2023 at 07:30 PM



“ when I was in Hawaii watching the game his home run won the game in June 1973 ?

Gary L Jackson - July 24, 2023 at 04:01 PM

BF

“ Mike had study hall in one of my classes at Walker around 1969. Even though he was the greatest athlete at school, and about to become the overall #1 pick in the MLB draft in 1970, you would never know it by talking to him. He was friendly, cheerful and nice to everyone. I remember when he got drafted he went on one of the Braves broadcasts with Milo Hamilton. Milo said "he looked like he was carved out of a bar of soap". I still don't know exactly what that means, but I assume it means he was handsome. :-) RIP Mike and I pray for peace for his family. Bless all of you.

Bruce Fowler - July 24, 2023 at 01:22 PM

BB

Mike was a teammate of mine with the Giants (late 70's early 80's). He was nice to everyone he met. He was a shy southern kid who lacked confidence in himself. He and his wife could not have been nicer. God rest his soul. Prayers to his family.

Bill BORDLEY - July 24, 2023 at 05:22 PM

SM

Thanks for sharing... and thanks for your time with the Giants...I spent a lot of games at Candlestick rooting you guys on.

Sean McVeigh - July 24, 2023 at 07:31 PM

BB

Sorry for your loss Bill.

Brian B - July 25, 2023 at 05:47 PM

PI

“ As an Ivie of 60 years, I was always interested in Mike's career in baseball. I've been told that we Ivie's are related, probably cousins. My sympathy are extended to the family.

Patricia S Ivie - July 24, 2023 at 12:15 PM

CS

Best homer I ever saw was when I was 11 years old. Pinch hit grand slam against don sutton in 1978 at candlestick.

chuck scott - July 24, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Wilson Ivie.



July 24, 2023 at 10:22 AM

GC

“ Mike and I were “housemates” in the summer of 1970. I signed as a “free agent” out of San Jose State College (at 20 years old) and Mike called me “Mom” because I was the oldest player (of about 4-5) living at our rental house.

I was released after about 4-5 weeks because I wasn't very good, but I would occasionally meet up with Mike when he was in the Bay Area (with the Giants + Tigers). I remember Mike mostly in the summer of 1970 when we were teammates + Mike was such a young, happy, and awesome professional baseball player. Mike's kind and wholesome nature will be greatly missed by his family, friends, fans, and anyone who had the great pleasure to know this wonderful man. RIP Roomie. 🙏🏈

Gary Cunningham - July 24, 2023 at 02:52 AM

PB

“ Shared lots of good times and triumphs together.
Rest in peace my friend

Phil Baker - July 23, 2023 at 04:42 PM

WL

“ Coach Howard “Buck” Locke and I send sympathy in the passing of Mike Ivie. Coach Locke was his football coach at Walker High School. He thought a lot of Mike, and we followed his career for a while. We moved back to our home city of Columbia, Tennessee in 1974. I always enjoyed watching all of Walker's sports games and we felt close to all of those “kids.” Praying for comfort of Mike's family.

Buck and Winona Locke

Winona Locke - July 23, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ I became a baseball 🏆 fan because of Mike Ivie. He was a clutch player. I appreciated his contributions to the Giants. One of his moments, a pinch hit grand slam home run off of Don Sutton made me a Giants fan for the rest of my life. I cannot thank Mike enough for that. R.I.P. Mike Ivie. Sincerest condolences to his family.

Charles Fracchia - July 22, 2023 at 08:11 PM

BM

I just learned of Mike's passing after reading a tremendous Facebook post written by Johnny D'Acquisto, his former Giant teammate. I was an umpire in the California League during Mike's rookie season. After the 1971 season I lost track of him, and although living in San Diego at the time, never noticed he was playing with the Padres. I remember his throwing issue; however, he and I shared many jolly times working behind home plate together. May his family spend time reflecting on memories of the joy and love Mike emulated.

Bob "Hubba Jubba" Moss Moss - July 27, 2023 at 04:22 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John DAcquisto - July 22, 2023 at 04:57 PM

BB

Sorry for your loss John. Prayers to the family and friends of Mr.Ivie
From a baseball fan

Brian B - July 24, 2023 at 04:46 PM

MT

“ Mike was such a fun guy. He came in and did some motivational lessons with our son’s 12-yr old Mustang team. My husband was one of the coaches and enjoyed Mike’s sense of humor and easy way of coaching.

We have made a \$100 donation to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation in his honor.

Mary and Dean Trantow

Mary and Dean Trantow - July 22, 2023 at 01:56 PM

MA

I wrote this comment to the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper today covering a story on Mike’s passing:

“Ivie’s grand slam on May 28th 1978 against LA was hard to explain contextually. The Giants franchise at that time had toiled for years as a non playoff contending team. The Giants were a proverbial floor mat for the perennially strong L.A. Dodger teams that seemingly looked at the Giants of that era as weak and as non essential competition. But when Ivie hit that slam...the Giants turned the page and set the table for a fun contending summer in 1978. Great moment. A moment that created Giant fans for life.”

Mike may not be in the Baseball Hall of Fame, but his clutch heroics on the field with the San Francisco Giants made a huge impact for those of us that were Giants fans of that late 1970’s era he played in. Thank you for the wonderful memories...RIP Mike Ivie.

Mark - July 24, 2023 at 04:45 PM

TF

My brother, Jay Franklin, pitcher, #2 pick, #1 draft for the Padres pitched his major league debut with Mike as the catcher in Sept. 1971 in Atlanta. The youngest battery at that time. Jay was 18, Mike was 19 and Hank Aaron was 37. That was Hank Aaron’s season high homer at the time. Jay spoke fondly of Mike. RIP Trudy Franklin

Trudy Franklin - December 30, 2023 at 08:44 PM