Michael E. Little

Michael E. "Mickey" Little, 73, of Frackville, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday at his residence.

Born in Shenandoah, he was a son of the late Michael Sr. and Anna Pranitis Little.

He was a graduate of Shenandoah Catholic High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from Elon University, Elon, N.C.

He was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, a life member of the Goodwill Fire Company and Altamont Fire Company and a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1533, all of Frackville.

He worked as a health and physical education teacher for 30 years and retired from Minersville Area High School.

Mickey had a passion for baseball. He played Triple-A baseball for the Kansas City A's as a catcher. He was a former baseball coach at Minersville High School, the former Cardinal Brennan High School and also a coach of the Frackville Teener League and Frackville Legion baseball teams. He was a PIAA and NCAA umpire for baseball and was a basketball referee. He also played football with the former Coal Crackers football team.

He was inducted to the Jerry Wolman Hall of Fame and the Elon College Sports Hall of Fame.

Mickey is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Anne Shea Little, Frackville; a son, Michael Little III and his wife, Jennifer, Ringtown; a daughter, Carrie Dambrosia and her husband, Matthew, Frackville; four grandchildren, Michael IV and Olivia Little, and Nicholas and Christopher Dambrosia; and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Annunciation BVM Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Robert Finlan, pastor, as celebrant. Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home, Frackville. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mickey's name to St. Joseph Parish Memorial Fund, 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave., Frackville, PA 17931.

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