



MSGT Michael Scott Giefer

May 16, 1961 - February 25, 2026

MSGT Michael Scott “Gief” Giefer, 64, of Enon, passed away on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. He was born on May 16, 1961, in Saint Paul, Minnesota, to Marvin Giefer, Jr. and Harriet (Rudine) Giefer. He grew up in Troy, Missouri, on the family’s farm, and cultivated a love of cross country running throughout his formative years. After attending (Southwest) Missouri State University, he dedicated his professional life to national security. Michael retired from a distinguished career in the US Air Force in 2003, and again from civil service at WPAFB in 2023. All told, he served the country he loved for over 40 years. He married the love of his life, Michele (Tharp) Giefer, on November 26th 1984, and they enjoyed 43 years together. Michael enjoyed golf, mentoring, and was an accomplished bassist in numerous bands over the years, serving as a steady metronome in all the lives he touched. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Marvin and Harriett Giefer, and a twin brother, Mark Giefer. Michael is survived by his devoted wife, Michele; their daughter, Ashley Giefer; his sister, Deborah Vasallo; as well as numerous friends considered just as close as family. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 4th, 2026 at the Dayton National Cemetery at 9:00 AM, with a gathering of friends to follow at Chappy’s Social House in Washington Township. Family and friends may also pay their respects at a visitation on Tuesday, March 3rd, in Adkins Funeral Home, Enon, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please support your local music and the venues that host them, or donate to a military charity of your choosing.

Cemetery Details

Dayton National Cemetery

4100 West Third Street
Dayton, OH 45428

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Funeral Home
7055 Dayton Road
Enon, OH 45323
(937) 864-2288

Second Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Enon, OH 45323
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Graveside Service

MAR 4. 9:00 AM (ET)

Dayton National Cemetery
4100 West Third Street
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Military Honors

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ I was so sorry and shocked to hear of Gief’s passing. I knew him on my last tour at Misawa, 1988-90. I used to play golf with him on Gosser Memorial Golf Course. He was very good, me not so good. I assisted him on the EDT (Emergency Destruction Team) at Misawa, we used to run the team in the day shop offices on mids. I remember one night we were on swings, and I drove him down to emergency room as he had a severe migraine. I’ve never seen anyone so white as a sheet as he was!! My condolences to his family! May he RIP and hope to see him again someday!!!

Jim Fernald - April 07 at 12:24 AM

BW

“ I met Gief when we were stationed together in Misawa, Japan. He was a great guy to work with and we had a lot of fun at our monthly poker parties. The memories he left with us will always be cherished.

Bob Walker - March 11 at 02:21 PM

PA

“ I am beyond sad that Michael passed away much too soon! He had a remarkable heart, and I am going to miss him so much! I did not know him well, but I feel privileged that I got to see him practice with one of the bands he was in just one more time! He was an awesome bass player, and I could see he was so passionate about music! Michael, my friend, thank you for the memories! And Michele and Ashley, you are in my constant daily prayers....Patricia 🙏

Patricia - March 08 at 10:35 AM

KR

“ I was heartbroken to hear of Mr. Giefer's passing. He was my first PIA over 20 years ago and a mentor who shaped my path in more ways than he probably ever knew. His intelligence was matched only by his humor and his kindness. His legacy of mentorship and friendship will not be forgotten. My deepest condolences to his family and all who loved him.

Kevin Recchi - March 04 at 08:58 AM

BC

“ I was lucky enough to learn from Mike both when he was in uniform and out. The ability to be dedicated to the mission and his home life was an admirable trait I strive to copy. I was never left unanswered if I had an honest question, and his friendship extends beyond the cubicle walls. He probably never knew how much he meant to me- being one of the first to call me Doctor after my PhD regularly, allowing me to shank my drives with his expert golfing, and genuinely asking me about my life and how I was doing when I left the building. I will truly miss him. See you in the stars, Brother.

BT Cesul - March 03 at 08:38 PM

B2

“ BT Cesul, NASIC/SM 2002-15 purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.



BT Cesul, NASIC/SM 2002-15 - March 03 at 08:34 PM

JW

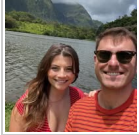
“ Words simply can't express how heavily the loss of Mike Giefer is being felt across the building, base, and local community. While I didn't have super close ties with Gief in the work environment, I can tell you that he was one hell of a golfer, and likely an even better musician. You see, while he kicked my butt on the golf course more than once, we played in the building band for a few years (yes, we called ourselves *The NAIC-ed Lunch*), usually jamming out at *Summerfest* and the building talent show, and sometimes in Mr. Hayden's or Mr. Tebbing's back yards. I've been playing our set list on repeat for the past week trying to square with the idea that he's jamming somewhere in heaven instead of being down here. Mike always had a smile, a handshake, and a story for whoever wanted to stop by for a chat. He was an amazing analyst, a true mentor, and a great friend to everyone in his circle (and his circle is ginormous!). Rest in Peace and Power, sir. When next we meet, I look forward to jamming with you once more.

Jerry Weed - March 03 at 05:42 PM

MB

Ashley, I just want to send you and your mother my deepest sympathy. I know how hard it is to lose your daddy and how hard it is to lose your husband after 43 years (same with me). I'm sorry we never got to know each other better. I didn't know you were a military brat like my guys. Sending my love and prayers.

Mary Ann Bellas - March 03 at 07:12 PM



“ *Mr. Gieffer was my favorite person to interact with at work. I spoke to him almost everyday and he always put a smile on my face. He was a fantastic mentor and was a key figure in my career development, I will always be thankful for that. As an A1C he invited me to play in his golf league and they are some of my most enjoyable memories from my time at WPAFB. I am devastated by this news and will remember Mr. Gieffer forever.*

Jordan Klesath - March 03 at 04:02 PM

TD

“ *2 files added to the album Gieffer*



Ted Dingess - March 03 at 03:18 PM

GO

“ *Giant Oil purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Gieffer.*



Giant Oil - March 03 at 08:48 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Gieffer.*



March 02 at 08:38 PM

GA

“ George A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

George A. - March 02 at 07:23 PM

RL

“ 1 file added to the album Giefer



Rene Lindorff - March 02 at 05:41 PM

RL

*Mike was always fun at family get togethers. We are especially going to miss him at Thanksgiving. RIP Mike.
Photo from July 2020.*

Rene Lindorff - March 02 at 05:48 PM

DD

“ Dottie Deel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

Dottie Deel - March 02 at 02:51 PM

HI

“ *Harry and Amy Ingalls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.*



Harry and Amy Ingalls - March 02 at 02:31 PM

HI

“ *Harry and Amy Ingalls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.*

Harry and Amy Ingalls - March 02 at 02:31 PM

MJ

“ With a heavy heart, I want to honor the memory of Michael Giefer. I first met Mike around 1997 when we worked in the Advanced Programs Division. Right away he showed dedication to the Air Force and Office missions, being the first to arrive in the morning and often the last to lock up at night. Quickly, he developed a strategy to avoid the lengthy lock-up process. Around 3:30 pm, he would convince Capt. Bruce to discuss detailed topics with George. This strategy allowed about 2 hours for the rest of the office to escape before locking up. Genius! Mike knew how to work the NCO network to perfection. When dicey situations occurred, which were often, he knew who to call to work solutions. He then convinced the officers to work agreements which were already in place through the NCO network. The officers thought they were running everything, but the real credit belonged to Mike and the NCO network. Mike brought this same dedication to his civil service career and his personal life. He was the first to volunteer when you needed help with anything. Our family especially enjoyed his concerts, watching as Mike played at full energy for 2+ hours. His band played the classics, bringing back memories of my 8-track player during the 70's. Thanks again for the great memories. You will be missed. Mike Jarratt

Mike Jarratt - March 02 at 01:52 PM

1S

“ 126th Intelligence Squadron purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.



126th Intelligence Squadron - March 02 at 01:24 PM

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“ 126th Intelligence Squadron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

126th Intelligence Squadron - March 02 at 01:24 PM

AY

“ Mr. Giefer always brought a smile to the workplace. He was kind and caring and incredibly intelligent. He is very missed!



Amy Yeomans - March 02 at 10:46 AM

TH

“ We had the pleasure of following Michael and the 5 Band for over 10 years. We had the band perform in our back yard every year dating back 5 years. It was like a family gathering that we shared with the band. He will be missed. Please accept our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. Tom & Laurie Haughey

Tom & Laurie Haughey - March 02 at 09:37 AM

TF

“ The Air Force Museum Foundation purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.



The Air Force Museum Foundation - March 02 at 07:41 AM

TF

“ *The Air Force Museum Foundation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.*

The Air Force Museum Foundation - March 02 at 07:41 AM

DD

“ *It has been a blessing and an honor to have known this kind, caring, wonderful man!*



Dottie Deel - March 01 at 07:56 PM

TS

“ *Just two old vets acting like fools on Veteran's Day. You were more than my top technical expert, PIA, analyst, wingman, friend, daily breakfast and lunch buddy - you were the brother I never had. You made me laugh every day, and I can't express how much that meant to me. See you on the other side - save me a good spot.*



Todd Shaw - March 01 at 07:33 PM

SB

“ *Sirima and Larry Benson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.*



Sirima and Larry Benson - March 01 at 04:23 PM



“ I am writing to share some reflections on Gief and the profound impact he had on my life.

Our journey began around 2001 when we formed our band, Out of Order. What started as a group of friends playing small events eventually evolved into an acoustic band with Nathan, laying the foundation for a bond that spanned decades.

In 2010, during my divorce, I reached out to my former bandmates to play a show for my support group. Gief didn't hesitate; he was the same reliable, supportive person I had always known. With the addition of Matt, what began as musical therapy blossomed into life-changing friendships. Over the course of 600 performances together, I grew to know Gief deeply, and he truly became a role model to me.

Whether it was a result of his military background or simply his character, Gief taught me the importance of showing up and doing the job the right way. While he could be direct when in "work mode," his approach was always grounded in a commitment to excellence. He had a natural ability to lead, and he truly made me a better person.

His passing was completely unexpected, especially given his recent dedication to his health. Gief was a man who felt duty-bound to improve, not just for himself but for those around him. He made a point of knowing everyone's name and treated everyone with a unique level of respect.

Losing him hurts deeply. He was more than a bandmate; he was a brother whom I loved dearly. I will forever cherish our time together and the lessons he taught me

Tedd Shimp - March 01 at 03:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

March 01 at 11:16 AM

NA

“ Nicole Wise & Southwest Aldrich purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.



Nicole Wise & Southwest Aldrich - March 01 at 10:57 AM

TT

“ Thoughts and prayers on your loss. I was fortunate to know “Professor” Gief during my time at NASIC. He was one of the most down to earth, steady minded and good natured guy I knew. Gief was one of the true friends in court and one I could rely on while serving as the NASIC liaison from Omaha, he always was there to support or solve a problem. I am a better person for having worked with him.

Tylor Till - February 28 at 10:39 PM

RE

“ Robert E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

Robert E. - February 28 at 07:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

February 28 at 04:16 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.*



February 28 at 04:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

February 28 at 02:17 PM



“ Greg & Tee Townsend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

Greg & Tee Townsend - February 28 at 01:15 PM



“ Greg & Tee Townsend purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.



Greg & Tee Townsend - February 28 at 01:15 PM



“ Joe and Regina Matis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

Joe and Regina Matis - February 28 at 11:49 AM

JM

“ Joe and Regina Matis purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.



Joe and Regina Matis - February 28 at 11:49 AM

JM

“ Michelle, please accept my sincerest condolences and my thoughts and prayers during these troubling times. I will always remember the times that I worked with Mike in setting up special events at the Air Force Museum and the times we shared in making the "Dawn Patrol" event at Springfield airport a resounding success. I will keep you, your family and Mike in my prayers.

Joe Matis - February 28 at 11:40 AM

SH

“ I posted this to FB but I thought I would share here.

Words cannot express the shock and pure sadness I feel right now of hearing about the passing of Gief.

RIP Gief...I first met Gief many moons ago, when I was stationed in Misawa. Even back then he taught me so much about being a great analyst and teammate. Always willing to drop everything he was doing to help me out. I then reunited with him at Wright Patt. After a chance encounter in the hallway he gave me an opportunity to further my civilian career and changed my life forever. So grateful for the times we shared together not only at work but off duty as well. Truly, one of the best, if not the best PIA/mentors our center has ever seen and probably will ever see. A true Patriot and human being.

People often say when someone dies, that they are in a better place right now up in heaven. I would say that is true. But, for us still here, man, it sures sucks right now. You will be missed. Every time now, when I enter the conference room and glance up at that plaque sitting above the door honoring your time at NSIC, I will be thinking of you.

Prayers to Gief's family during this difficult time.

Scott Hunker - February 28 at 11:40 AM

TN

“ T. Neill purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.



T. Neill - February 28 at 09:53 AM

RS

“ Rachel S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

Rachel S. - February 28 at 08:59 AM

BK

“ Sorry to lose a good man. Worked with Gief in Rosman and Misawa. Always a good guy and somewhat decent basketball player. I tip a 2 liter bottle of mountain out to the ground for my homie.

Buddy Kerr - February 28 at 08:27 AM

PG

“ Rest in Peace Silent Warrior! I was stationed in Misawa with Gief. He was an awesome analyst and Airman. We played golf together many times. My prayers are with the family.

Phillip Garrett - February 28 at 07:59 AM

BU

“ Burch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

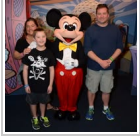
Burch - February 27 at 11:43 PM

BU

“ Burch purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.



Burch - February 27 at 11:43 PM



“ I met Mr. Giefer about 30 years ago. He and Mr. Shaw needed software created for their group for space intelligence. After I confirmed Mr Giefer and Mr Shaw weren't lovers in disguise, I committed to write the code they needed. From that first day, I didn't know the next 2-3 years would entail laughter everyday all day. But it did. I created software for the two "straight" men HEHEHEH. We laughed always. This is not a time to be sad. This is a time to remember Mr. Giefer was a friend and person and a complete loser as he allowed my contract to expire. Here is to one of the best men I've known and worked with. Here's to Gief!!!

Jason Craig - February 27 at 07:49 PM

LA

I remember those days Jason. I am so stunned by Gief's passing. He's a fun dude to be around. Much respect for his leadership. -Layne-

Layne - February 27 at 09:35 PM

WM

“ I was extremely fortunate to have Gief as one of my bosses for the first 15 years of my career. I knew all those years how fortunate I was to have a mentor who was always encouraging, wise, funny, but never judgemental or negative. However, I'd later learn he made a difficult job look easy, and I discovered a whole new way to appreciate him even more. I've missed him regularly the last three years since he retired. That is a common feeling in the office too. I often wonder what he would think about work goings-on and how he'd have a wise and funny commentary about things. I will undoubtley continue thinking about him and doing my best to live up to his high standards...just like hundreds of others he's touched in his life. I will miss him.

Will Marshall - February 27 at 06:57 PM

AU

“ Gief’s impact on so many people cannot be understated. He helped mentor and assist countless Airmen including myself. He always had a way to make you laugh and bring you back up. From inside jokes to pranks, to even being the other end of a joke his presence will be greatly missed.



Adam Underwood - February 27 at 06:10 PM

TE

“ 1 file added to the album Giefer



Ted - February 27 at 05:41 PM

LA

I am sure Gief was busting some bits up where ever that was ;-)

Layne - February 27 at 09:34 PM

BJ

“ Bailey J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.

Bailey J. - February 27 at 05:36 PM

NW

“ My thoughts are with Michele and the family. Gief was a great man, and almost like a father to me in the office. Despite his sometimes bristly exterior, he was always kind and could be counted on to help anyone who needed it. He was a role model to so many of us - I definitely wouldn't be where I am today without his support and guidance. I will remember him for his great advice, silly office antics, killer bass riffs, and tremendous heart. Rest in peace, Gief.



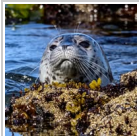
Nicole Wise - February 27 at 05:16 PM

RS

“ Randall and Julie Sutter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.



Randall and Julie Sutter - February 27 at 05:11 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Michele, Ashley, and all Mike's family and friends. It was a great honor and privilege to work with and know him. It is far too soon to have to say farewell. The world is lessor without his wit and wisdom.

Michael Scoggins - February 27 at 05:04 PM

AB

“ *Gief meant a great deal to me. He was a mentor, a golf buddy, a fellow baseball fan, and an incredible bassist-but more than anything, he was a true friend. I'll always be grateful for the time we shared and the lessons he passed along. He will be deeply missed. Please know I'm thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.*

Alex Bohnert - February 27 at 04:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of MSGT Michael Scott Giefer.*



February 27 at 04:46 PM