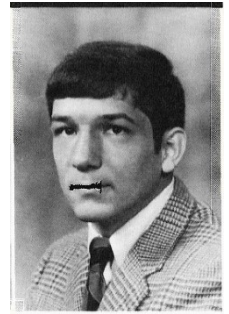


Michael Sleeter "Mike" Kistler, son of Dr. Mark Oliver (1918-1995) and Joann (Rohde) (1927-2016) Kistler, was born 7 November 1952. Mike's father taught German language and literature at Michigan State University for 40 years. His mother was also a schoolteacher in Ingham County. Mike graduated in 1970 from Okemos High School. He was an academic top 10 and a multi-sport varsity athlete. Mike attended Michigan State University and a walk-on to the varsity football team. He was college sophomore when he took his own life. Mike died 10 August 1971 and was interred in the Kistler family burial grounds, Ebenezer Union Cemetery, New Tripoli, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.



OKEMOS TOP TEN — Five boys and five girls make up the list of top 10 students at Okemos High School. The honored seniors are (from left to right, back) Julie Behr, Nat Schwartz, Mike Kistler, Ken So and Carl Behr. melen and Chris Corcos. The boys are (from left to right) Kit King, Nat Schwartz, Mike Kistler, Ken So and Carl Behr.

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Michael Kistler

Michael S. Kistler, 18, was found dead in the basement of his home at 1604 River Terrace, East Lansing, shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Coroner Jack B. Holmes said the youth took his own life.

A lifelong resident of East Lansing, he was graduated with honors from Okemos High School in June of 1970 and was a sophomore at Kalamazoo College where he was on the Dean's list and the football team.

Surviving are his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Mark O. Kistler of East Lansing; two brothers, Stephen and Matthew, both at home; and a grandmother, Mrs. Emma Kistler of New Tripoli, Pa.

Arrangements will be announced by the Gorsline-Runciman East Chapel East Lansing. Friends may contribute to the Michigan Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

Sadly, Michael lost his 3 year old sister, Laura, in 1963. His sister Stephanie, a 1969 OHS graduate, passed away in 1994.