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## 2-time Pike state basketball champ, now IMPD officer, plays to fight domestic abuse

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By Dana Hunsinger Benbow

No one knows why Kimberlee Carmack, the 45-year-old police officer with the kind eyes, the big heart — who was tough as nails working undercover on narcotics and prostitution cases — was back inside that home on Inishmore Court.

It was, after all, her own house of horror.

In that house tucked away in a Far Westside neighborhood, Carmack had endured six years of emotional, physical and sexual violence at the hands of her then-husband, IMPD Sgt. Ryan Anders, she said in a petition for a personal protection order.

They had divorced in 2013, but Anders wasn't leaving her alone. The couple had been at the center of an IMPD domestic-violence investigation that began March 12, 2014, after the department received an internal tip.

Carmack wrote in the petition for the protective order that she was "extremely afraid" and that "I was very, very scared of what he was going to do." She talked of being held hostage in her car by Anders.

The protection order was granted March 31, 2014. Carmack thought the horror had finally stopped.

### Stunning news

Carmack had been assigned a domestic violence advocate and had been given a safe place to go.

On April 17, 2014, Carmack left her safe place and returned to the Inishmore Court house.

Inside the house they had once shared, Anders found her again. It's unclear why Carmack returned to the home that day, or how Anders knew to look for her there.

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On that day, police said, Anders went through the back patio door of the two-story home and shot his ex-wife in the head and chest. Then he fatally shot himself.

The news spread across the city. Two IMPD officers dead in a murder-suicide.

On that spring night in Indianapolis, IMPD officer Sydney McDaniel mourned.

## **Like a second mom to him**

Carmack's son was McDaniel's best friend, and Carmack was like a second mom to McDaniel. Her son, IMPD officer Dustin Carmack, was McDaniel's beat partner.

"Kim was an excellent officer. She was one of the most down-to-earth people, nicest officers I've ever met," McDaniel, 34, said Tuesday. "One of the nicest people I've ever met."

In a letter written by her son and read at her funeral, Dustin Carmack said, "My mom is the most amazing person I've ever known. ... I feel blessed that God chose me to be her son. I'm thankful I ended every conversation with 'I love you' or 'I love you, too.' I will always love you, Mom."

It was heart wrenching for McDaniel to see the pain his friend felt. He started thinking about other families damaged by domestic violence.

"Even as an officer, you get complacent and you go to the same run over and over," he said. "To have something like that happen to someone you know personally really hits close to home."

McDaniel knew he had to do something, anything, to help. So, he did what he knew best. He played basketball.

## **Never stop**

McDaniel was part of the Pike High basketball program during a time of Pike basketball greatness. While McDaniel was on the team, Pike played in the 4A state championship game in 2001, 2002, and 2003. Pike won the title 2001 and 2003.

McDaniel describes it modestly: "I was a point guard, shooting guard. I was involved in a couple state championships. We had a really, really good stretch in high school where I played with a lot of good players."

During McDaniel's senior year, his team went undefeated and finished ranked No. 2 in the nation behind LeBron James' St. Vincent- St. Mary team. McDaniel played with the likes of Courtney Lee, Justin Cage, Robert Vaden, Parnell Smith, Darren Yates and David Barlow.

After high school, he went on to play a year at Manchester College before finishing his career at Saginaw Valley State, a Division II program in Saginaw, Mich. In his three years at the school, he scored 1,100 points.

After college, McDaniel didn't stop playing and he found incredible success again. He is part of Team Indiana, made up of first responders from the state. The team won a world championship in 2017, the Olympics of the World Police and Fire Games.

In March, McDaniel's squad won a national tournament among 50 teams in Atlanta. It recently took home the top prize in a national tournament in Memphis.



Sydney McDaniel, left, played for Pike High and was on teams that won two 4A state titles. (Photo: Robert Scheer/IndyStar)

How McDaniel could use his love of basketball to honor Carmack started with a simple idea: Play more basketball.

"Initially, it was just a random spare thought. I was just like, 'What can I do to try to do something to give back?'" McDaniel said. "I've been playing basketball my entire life and I felt like that was a way for me to connect people and give back."

In October 2014, six months after Carmack was killed, Hoops and Heroes was born. McDaniel created the basketball game as a competition between IMPD officers and players from the Indianapolis Fire Department. All proceeds went to The Julian Center, which serves survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The motto of the event, now in its sixth year: "Two teams. Two halves. One game. One cause. The ultimate prize – bragging rights."

McDaniel, of course, knows the ultimate prize is far more than bragging rights. No matter who wins the game, it's a way to try to stop what happened to Carmack from happening to anyone else.

## Fill the gym

Her life is on record, because it had to be. Police records show Carmack recalling an incident from February 2014. Anders followed her to work and forced his way into her car, Carmack wrote: "He forcibly got into my car and wouldn't get out for an hour and a half."

Carmack detailed incidents as far back as September of 2013, when she said Anders came to her house against her will, grabbed her phone and started looking through her calls and text messages.

"He has continued to harass and contact me even though I have requested that he not," she wrote. "I reported this to my commander even though I was afraid Ryan would retaliate against me."

Carmack was a 20-year veteran of IMPD, yet, she was not safe.

"A lot of times, we talk about people in domestic violence (situations), we say 'they,'" said Catherine O'Connor, chief executive officer of The Julian Center. "It's not really 'they,' it's 'us.'"

Carmack's death brought that to light for so many people, including law enforcement in the city, O'Connor said. Police officers often respond to domestic violence situations.

"It is one of the most dangerous calls you go on," O'Connor said. "They put their lives on the lines to save lives."

As first responders play basketball Saturday, they will be competing to drive that point home. They will be remembering. And they will be hoping others will join the fight against domestic violence..

"We'd like to fill the gym," O'Connor said.

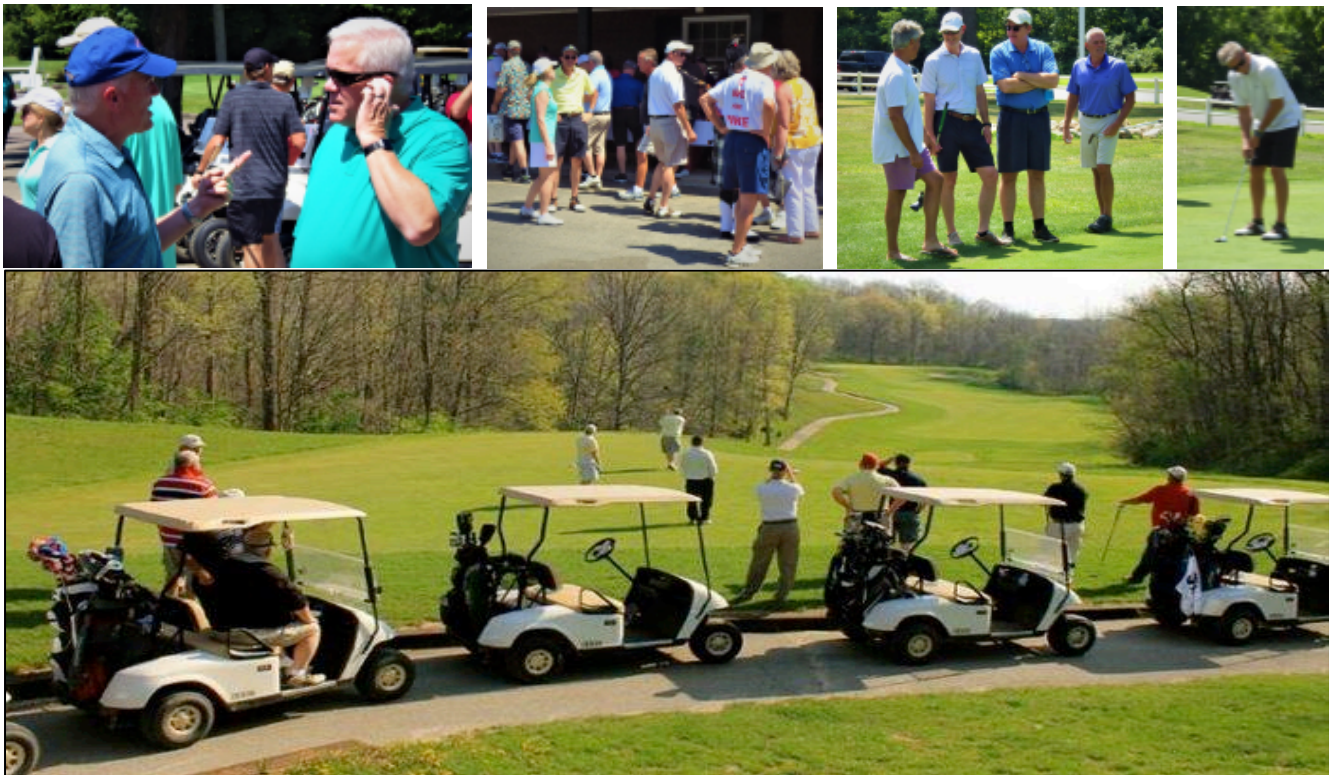
The 2019 game was played on Oct. 19. Go to <https://www.hoopsandheroes.net/> for information about the 2020 event.

# 2020 Golf Outing, Swinging Into Motion

The 2020 “Class Reunion without the Class” golf outing will be **August 1, Eagle Creek Golf Course, sign in 8:00 am, tee off 9 am, dinner approximately 2 pm.** Times change, but the format of golf and Pike fun and frivolity remain the same. The Gordon Pipers will officially start off the golfers, followed by the beverage carts and a day of Pike memories and festivities.

It’s time to get your foursome signed up and to send in your checks. The form may be found on page 5. Non-golfers and event volunteers need to sign up for the dinner as well on the page 5 form. Find Dinner only (Socialite) \$15, sign your check, and send it in (include names of those being covered.) One team is already signed up and one hole sponsor has already paid to honor Charlie Amick and George Grosskopf. Page 6 is the form to sponsor a hole or to sponsor other parts of the outing, or email Andy Bowman at [andyhoops44@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andyhoops44@sbcglobal.net)

Now to the actual playing of golf. Senior tees will be available for those **60 and over**. When the golf is over dinner will be provided and Rob Swaynie, ’69, will provide music. The raffle will follow. Hope to see you there. Don’t miss a chance to see old friends and to get caught up, swap tall tales, and enjoy the Pike memories.





# “Class Reunion Without the Class” 2020 Golf Outing

## 2019 Sponsors

(if you would like to sponsor the 2020 golf outing, contact Andy Bowman at: [AndyHoops44@sbcglobal.net](mailto:AndyHoops44@sbcglobal.net))

### Contests:

- Closest to Pin—
- Putting Contest—Dan Whipple, '80, Whipple Eye Center
- Longest Drive – Charlie Ward, '81, Ward & Ward Law Firm

### Beverage Carts:

- Melsernet
- Bill Shumaker, '76, and John Shumaker, '79—Globe Asphalt Paving Co.
- BJ Nichols, '82—ReisNichols.

### Hole Sponsors

1. Steve Giebel, '83—Essermans Best Tire One
2. Harry and Larry Metzler, '73—in memory of Chuck Metzler, '67
3. Greg Goelzer, '77—GoelzerInvestment
4. MA Booth—in memory of Charlie Amick and George Grosskopf
5. Earl Cornwell, '80—Earl's Auction Company
6. Jim Cline, '81, LM Henderson & Co, LLP—in memory of Joel Leaman
7. Andy Hamaker, '86—Pathfinder CPA Group
8. Scott Wells, '75—Windowtint
9. The Vogelfamily and Lynn Black Education Solutions, in memory of Margalou Vogel
10. Cathy Riggs Danyluk, '73, and David Riggs, '75—in memory of William Riggs, '71
11. Andy Welding, '72—in memory of Jane Welding
12. '74 basketball team—in memory of Jimmy Watson, '74
13. Joe Meadors, '76—in honor of Joel Leaman
14. Doug Farber, '81—Daahl Roofing Inc.
15. Andy Card, '81—in loving memory of Diana Harless
16. The Siegel family, Ed, Carmen, Julie, 78, and David, '83—in memory of Mark Siegel, '77
17. Gary Walton, '73—Gary Walton DDS
18. Dave Wood, '72; Anita Wood Gaillard, '73; and Steve Wood, '82—in honor of Clarence Wood, '43
19. Rick Marburger, '71—in memory of Carole A. Mosser, '71
20. Anonymous Donor

## 2020 Golf Outing

August 1, at Eagle Creek Golf Course 9:00 am  
start on the Sycamore Course

Get a team together and save!

Early Sign-up Single:

\_\_\_\$85

Early Sign-up Foursome:

\_\_\_\$280 (Save \$60)

Dinner only (Socialite):

\_\_\_\$15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the other players you would like to be paired with:

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks need to be mailed by July 17, 2020**

Make checks payable to Pike Alumni Golf Outing and mail to:

Pike Alumni Golf Outing  
6137 Crawsfordville Rd. Suite F, Box 106  
Speedway, IN 46224

For more information email:

[andyhoops44@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andyhoops44@sbcglobal.net)

Or, register online at:

**Sponsorship Form for the 2020  
"Class Reunion without the Class"  
Annual Golf Outing  
Eagle Creek Golf Club, Sycamore Course  
August 1, 2020 9:00 am tee time**

\_\_\_ Hole Sponsor (\$250)  
\_\_\_ Closest to the Pin (\$250)  
\_\_\_ Putting Contest (\$200)

\_\_\_ Beverage Cart (\$200)  
\_\_\_ Longest Drive (\$250)  
\_\_\_ Goodie Bag Sponsor (\$250)

**\*\*\* The Pike Township Educational Foundation is a 501(C)(3) organization.\*\*\***

Please consult with your tax advisor to see if there are additional tax advantages for sponsorship.

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Company Name line is what will appear on pre & post event emails and sponsor signage.)

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If donating a Door Prize, please specify the item(s) and/or \$ amount.

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Please contact email [andyhoops44@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andyhoops44@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions about sponsorship for the 2020 event

Attach this form with check and mail to address below. **Make check payable to PTEF.**

Mail check to:           Pike Alumni Golf Outing  
6137 Crawfordsville Rd. Suite F Box 106,  
Speedway, In 46224

**Thank you for your support.**

## Pike Passings

- Evelyn May Wilson Foreman, mother of **Terry Foreman, '65 (deceased)**.
- Betty Farmer, retired MSD teacher.
- Keith Bentley, father of **Jason Bentley, '97**.
- Amanda V. Devitt, mother of **Angi Devitt Hardin, '87**.
- Kathryn Darlene Day, retired MSD elementary teacher and mother of **Mark Day, '77; Betsy Day, '80; and Peter Day, '83**.
- **Bill Dixon, '86**, brother of **Dee Dee Dixon Kerr, '85**.
- George Hilgemeier, father of **Stacey Hilgemeier, '87**, and Cristy Hilgemeier.
- **Richard VanNote, '77**, brother of **Maryann VanNote, '72; Theresa VanNote, '74; Monica VanNote, '75; and Stephen and Joseph VanNote, '80**.
- **Deeann Woodward, '91**, sister of **Scott Woodward, '92**.
- Mike Lemke, brother of **Sharon Lemke Bell, '67**, and Nancy Lemke-Roeder Pryor.
- **Harry Bowden, '40**, father of **Peggy Bowden, '69**, and **Dan Bowden, '72**.
- Matthew MacGregor, son of Jim MacGregor, retired PHS guidance counselor.
- **Nicole D. Huber Esterline, '64**, wife of **Charles Esterline, '64**, and mother of **David Esterline, '84; Mark Esterline, '87; and Eric Esterline, '94**.
- **Cindy McElfresh Currie, '77**, sister of **Ed McElfresh, '76**.
- **Joe Harry Connaroe, '50**.
- James E. Commons, father of **Sarah Commons Read, '73; Susie Commons McNally, '75; and Mimi Commons Doherty, '77**
- Marge Eberhardt Sweet, mother of **Christine Eberhardt Patten, '68; Mark Eberhardt, '71; Peggy Eberhardt, '73, and Peter Eberhardt, '72**.
- **Scott Kell, '84**, brother of **Lisa Kell, '82**, deceased

## Planned Giving

In 2019, an astounding 93% of Pike High School seniors graduated. Nearly half of those graduating had some college credit. Many Pike graduates further their education by attending a university or trade school, but absent the financial resources, some very talented and hard-working students find they are unable to attend without acquiring a mountain of student loan debt.

Looking back on the experiences that shape us, most Pike High School graduates can recall a teacher, counselor, coach, or administrator who mentored or inspired students to reach for success. You can express your gratitude by setting up an annual scholarship fund or a one-time scholarship award in their name. You may elect to fund the scholarship immediately or choose to provide funding in your Last Will and Testament.

To learn more about scholarship funding, the Pike High School Alumni Association invites you to call attorney and Pike High School alumnus, Charlie Ward of Ward & Ward Law Firm. Charlie will be happy to answer your questions, including tax concerns, to help you facilitate funding a scholarship that will enable future Pike High School students to pursue their educational goals.

Call Charlie Ward today:  
317-639-9501 toll free at 888-639-9501  
<http://wardlawfirm.com>

## Memorial Donations

The Alumni Association has been working very hard to combine fun, significant events and opportunities to help current Pike students: a way to honor Pike's past, present, and future.

We are all aware that \$1000 doesn't go very far toward college tuition anymore; however, it is a start. We would like to grow our scholarship fund to perhaps be able to one day offer a larger scholarship amount.

Are you looking for a way to celebrate the Pike legacy of a loved one? When a Pike alumni or supporter passes, families can request that contributions be made to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. If contributions in the name of any single person reach \$1000, the family may opt to award a Pike Alumni Association scholarship in that person's name. If donations do not reach \$1000, they will be added to the Alumni Scholarship General Fund. When a tribute donation is made, we will include a memorial column, showing who has donated to the scholarship fund in memory of that Pike alumni or supporter.

The 2019 Pike Alumni Association golf outing sought to cherish Joel Leaman's memory and funded a \$1000 scholarship to be awarded at the May 2020 Senior Awards Ceremony. If you would like to be part of this celebration of Joel's life and memory, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/leamanscholarship> and add your contribution.