

MICHAEL GELTRUDE, 66, of NUTLEY, died Sunday, Feb. 26, at Hospice of New Jersey at St. Joseph's Hospital, Wayne. Born



in Barletta, Italy, on Dec. 2, 1939, he immigrated to the United States in 1951 at age 11 and was a resident of Nutley ever since.

He graduated the Nutley High School, Class of 1959, where he was class treasurer. He received three varsity letters in football and two varsity letters in track. In 1957, he was the Nutley High School football record holder for the longest punt, 82 yards. Mike graduated Seton Hall University with a B.S. in mathematics in 1963, a master's degree in education in 1970 and a masters degree in mathematics in 1971. At Seton Hall, he also earned three varsity letters in soccer. From 1963 to 1998, he worked for Cedar Grove High School as a mathematics teacher. From 1985 to 1998, Mike was the chairman of Mathematics Department at Cedar Grove High School. From 1977 to 1996, he was an adjunct mathematics professor at Bloomfield College. From 1998 to 2005, he was a mathematics instructor for Montclair State University. Also, at Cedar Grove High, Mike was the track coach from 1965 to 1980, the boys cross country coach from 1975 to 1985

Teacher Awards in 1993 and 1994, and Who's Who in American Education. Michael's memberships and activities include Nutley Unico, third vice president, program chairman and Scholarship Committee, Nutley Elks BPOE 1290, Nutley Hall of Fame Committee, Nutley Third Half Club, Nutley/Belleville Thanksgiving Football Committee, Nutley Midget Football coach from 1960 to 1964, and Nutley Traveling Soccer coach from 1979 to 1989. In 1981, Mike coached first Nutley Soccer team to play outside the United States by organizing a two-week tour of West Germany. In 1989, he coached the Nutley Soccer team that toured Italy. Mike was the co-founder of the Nutley Alumni Association responsible for college scholarships for Nutley High School students. In 1964, at the age of 24, he was a candidate for the Nutley Board of Education, which made him the youngest in township history to that point. Mike was instrumental for many years in helping Nutley High School students gain admission to Seton Hall, Bloomfield College and Montclair State University. Mike also participated in and supported numerous local charitable causes and quietly and discreetly helped the needy and sick in Nutley by providing them rides to doctors and hospitals as well as shopping for them when they could not leave their houses. With no fanfare, no recognition and not as part of any organization, he has helped dis-