

Get a rosary from  
the Prefect of Religion  
in Dil., Cav., or Zahm.

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Benediction and Rosary  
at 5:00 in Church.  
Bring a pal.

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Mike Leding: Scholar, Athlete, Christian Gentlemen.

Michael John Leding, B.S.E.E., 1933, died September 28, in Schenectady, New York, after an illness of several months. Surviving are his wife and a little boy, Mike, Jr., one and one-half years old.

Behind this simple announcement is one of the great stories of Notre Dame. Mike Leding represented in his own person a combination of qualities that represent the highest ideals of Notre Dame, qualities which many people think do not go well together. He was at the same time a first-rate student, a first-rate athlete, and a first-rate Christian gentleman.

Mike was valedictorian of the class of 1933. His four-year average in the difficult Electrical Engineering course was 96.5. Simply monotonous it was, said the "Scholastic" of May 19, 1933, how Mike graded 100 after 100 in the quizzes. He won the Hering Medal in 1933, and also the Caparo and J.J.O'Brien prizes, all marks of signal ability. And with it all, he was a genuinely well-liked boy, president of the Engineer's Club, popular with his fellow students and teammates.

Mike gained football success the hard way: from the "B" team, through the fourth- and fifth-string, to a monogram in the season of 1933, when he played tackle with the shock-troops. He was tall and rangy, never a dashing player, but he made a lot of tackles.

Mike's spiritual life was as solid as his mental and physical life. Perhaps a statement in his valedictory address sums up his approach to it: "So we come to the end of our college career -- to the commencement of life. God prepared us for our parents, our parents prepared us for Notre Dame, Notre Dame has prepared us for life. May we now by our lives prepare ourselves for God."

And in his own life Mike did just that. On graduation from Notre Dame he accepted a coaching position at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he pursued his studies and received a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. After his studies his next step was to General Electric, at Schenectady. He was definitely on his way to success there when he contracted a disease which several months ago was pronounced incurable.

Ever since his graduation Mike was a spotlight Alumnus. He was president of the Alumni Club in the Capital District, -- Albany, Schenectady and Troy, and was the governor of that alumni district. Always and everywhere he commanded both the liking and respect of his fellow Notre Dame men; he was the type of Notre Dame man who in his whole life interprets best all of our shining ideals.

May his soul rest in peace! May his life be an inspiration for us all, especially for the athletes and the struggling engineers of 1942.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Mrs. John Carrico; friend of Bob Croft (Dil); Sister M. Evaldo, C.S.C. (1st. Anniv); Ben Cashman, '33. (Ill) friend of Dick '40 and Bill Dillon (B-P); Brother Marcian, C.S.C.; grandmother of Edwin Sachalski, (Cav); friend of Don Edwards (Zahm); Dr. C.A. Mathews; a person undergoing an operation. Seven Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.

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PROFOUNDTEST APOLOGIES TO BROWNSON MEN WHO WERE 100% PERFECT LAST SATURDAY.

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