



Michael Dean Melchi

October 30, 1958 - January 16, 2017

Michael Dean Melchi, husband, father, grandfather, brother and dear friend, passed away peacefully in his home on January 16th, 2017. Mike will be remembered for his gentle nature, patience, kindness and generosity-gifts he was willing to share with everyone he met-all things passed down to him by his mother. Mike enjoyed golf, music, fishing and the Detroit Tigers-all things passed down to him by his father. Mike is proof that we all must learn and pass on the important lessons of life from our parents. Mike was born October 30th, 1958 in Lansing, MI, son of the late Max and Martha (Winslow) Melchi. Mike graduated from Herbert Henry Dow High School in Midland, MI in 1976, and received a computer science degree from Central Michigan University. Mike married his high school sweetheart, Julie Townsend, in 1983. They were drawn together by a love for theater and music, and enjoyed performing together with their friends in many plays over the years. Mike and Julie moved their family to Shorewood, IL where he started his professional career at Tel-Labs in suburban Chicago. Wanting to be closer to his family, Mike took a job at Xycom in Saline, MI in 1990 and remained in Michigan for the rest of his life. Mike was employed at Thompson Reuters in Ann Arbor at the time of his passing, where he was a valued and respected software engineer. Mike was an avid golfer, and organized his company golf league and family golf outings for many years. He was the glue that held many people together. Mike's wife Julie passed away in 1995 after 13 years of marriage. They raised three beautiful and successful daughters, Jeannette, Tana and Pamela. His girls

were the most important thing in his life, and they are blessed to have him as a father. Mike is survived by his mother, Martha (Winslow) Melchi of Midland, three daughters Jeannette McCoy, Tana (David) Mankus and Pamela (partner Melody Rosa) Melchi, all of Jacksonville, FL. He has four siblings, Mona (Mark) Leeder, of Wyoming, MI, Mary (Perry) Clark of Commerce Township, MI, Mark (Jennifer Townsend) Melchi of Ann Arbor, MI, and Martin Melchi of Chicago. Mother and father-in-law Patricia and Lloyd Townsend of Midland, brothers and sisters-in-law: Steve and Susan Townsend of Parma, MI, Sheri and Gary Rokos of Spring Lake, MI, Pamela and Gary Shaffer of Peoria, AZ, Greg and Colleen Townsend of Klute, TX, Chris Townsend of Colorado Springs and Jennifer and Mark Melchi of Ann Arbor, MI. Mike has 6 grandchildren: Samantha, Maddison, Braxton, Julia, Drake and Chase and many nieces and nephews: Ryan, Andrea, Chrystie, Aaron, Austin, Jacob, Nicholas, Caroline, Matt, Jeana, Jason, Travis and Aaron. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Polly and Dale Caseman, Harold and Viola Melchi, his wife Julie, and his father, Max. Memorial services for Mike will take place at 2 pm, Friday, January 27, 2017 at Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home at 301 East Michigan Avenue in Saline, MI. Deacon Perry Clark officiating. Family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning Friday, January 27, 2017 at 12:00 pm until the time of the service. Following the service all are welcome to join the family for a luncheon and celebration of Mike's life at the American Legion Hall at 320 West Michigan Avenue in Saline. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider a donation to Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels, as Mike was an active supporter of this cause and knew the importance of helping those in need.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
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Visitation

JAN 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Dean Melchi*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.*



January 27, 2017 at 09:03 AM



“ *Mike was a terrific friend, coworker, and human being. I met Mike when I interviewed him for a job at Thomson Reuters, and was thrilled when he joined us. Before reading his obituary, I never knew (or would have guessed) that he was an actor! My condolences to his family and close friends. I, and all of Mike's coworkers, will miss his sense of humor and friendship.*

Don Bruey

Don Bruey - January 27, 2017 at 08:52 AM



“ *My sympathies to Mark, Marty and the entire family on Mike's passing. I got to know Mike through Mark at the family golf outings I was able to attend. Always much fun and great fellowship. My condolences.*

Vince DiFranco

Vince DiFranco - January 26, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.*



January 26, 2017 at 08:20 PM



“ *Uprayers go out to Pam and her family*

Kathygreene - January 26, 2017 at 06:56 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.*



January 26, 2017 at 11:12 AM



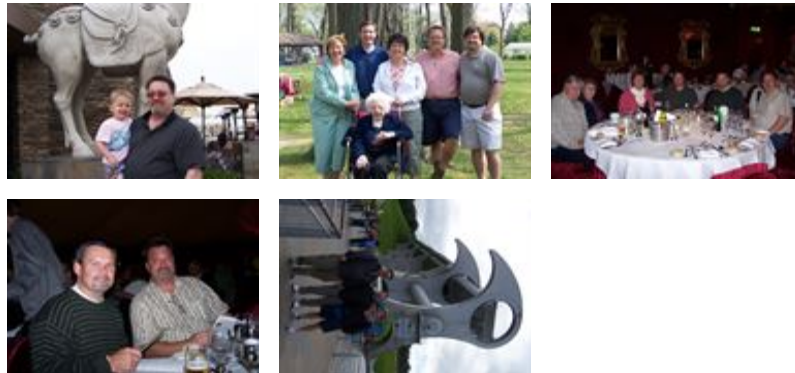
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January 26, 2017 at 07:32 AM



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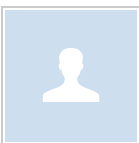
Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 25, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ *Gene, Melissa, Brandon, & Emilee Bautista purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.*



Gene, Melissa, Brandon, & Emilee Bautista - January 25, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.*



January 24, 2017 at 05:23 PM

DR

“ I have made a donation to Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels in Mike's memory - as he would have wished.

David Rago - January 23, 2017 at 11:33 AM

DR

“ My condolences to Mike's family, especially his daughters, whom I know he loved very much - he talked about them all the time. I worked with Mike at Xycom back in the '90s. He was a talented software engineer (he taught me a lot) and, more importantly, he was a cheerful, witty, and genuinely good human being. I consider myself blessed for having known him.

David Rago

David Rago - January 23, 2017 at 11:24 AM

JB

“ Marty--Please accept our condolences on the passing of your (& Max's) son. May he rest in peace. Joe & Jan Bradley, Midland

Joe Bradley - January 22, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.



January 21, 2017 at 10:31 PM

JT

“ Sending love and prayers to Tana, Pam and the rest of the family.
We love you!
Brant and Jill Tuman

Jill Tuman - January 20, 2017 at 07:52 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.



January 20, 2017 at 04:59 PM

LE

“ Melchi family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Having known Mike and all the Melchi's through a long, wonderful friendship with Mary, I know the sadness you are all dealing with. May you find peace knowing he is in a better place and now again with Julie and Max. Rest in Peace Mike.
Lori (Byron) Engwis



Lori Engwis - January 20, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.



January 20, 2017 at 04:18 PM

KG

“ Pam and family sorry for your loss prayers being sent im melodys aunt



Kathy Greene - January 20, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.



January 20, 2017 at 03:51 PM

KA

“ Kalyndra lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Melchi



Kalyndra - January 20, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Melchi.



January 19, 2017 at 07:15 PM

JT

“ *Dear Martha and Family,*

My heart goes out to you all in this very sad, sad time of your loss. Words cannot express the depth of sorrow. Thoughts and prayers are with you now and always. In deepest sympathy for Michael,

Joanne Tickner



Joanne Tickner - January 19, 2017 at 04:19 PM