



Michael J. Hohenstern

January 3, 1964 - February 15, 2019

Michael J. Hohenstern, age 55, passed away on February 15, 2019. Mike is the loving son of Ruth and the late David Hohenstern; the cherished brother of Franklin Hohenstern, Patricia (Richard) Marshall; Carol Hohenstern; the beloved uncle of Justin, Katie Kay, and Cayden; and a dear cousin of many. Mike is preceded in death by his father, and his sister Shirley Marie Hohenstern. Mike belonged to the Local 324 Operating Engineers Union, to which he was very dedicated. Mike loved his family and friends, and he will be missed by many. Mike's family will receive friends on Friday, February 22, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with a funeral service beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I only got to know Mike around 1990 I'd guess, as one of his punk ass younger brother Franky's (Hype) wise ass pals. Well, Mike was Great, in many ways & senses, along with his solace uniqueness & friendly as gold, and not to mention his manners, & politeness, - er hospitality, and his enormous affection & Love for his family, and Sidekick too, though not necessarily in that order.

Mike stood by me, often, just as often as he liked to goof on me, - as we all love to goof on everyone, you know, ya keep that Hohenstern blood from cooling down & you know you're in for a fun or rowdy time, or both if it's a good day for all.

I will miss Mike and think of him often as will his family, over the next few difficult days & weeks, and then many months and years to follow, until 50 years or a thousand years has passed, which it will, & so it will be faster than one of them longest & most boring ever days, like perhaps a 5th grade music class, seemingly never ending.

And as you look to the clock as it's barely budged from the last time you've looked. Or another could be one pf them extra long masses on Sunday morning that just wont end [AGAIN, THIS IS WRITTEN AS THOU IS 8-10 YEARS OLD!!] , till finally, one minute it just does end.

And the we ask how many centuries has it already been since we've all been back together??

That what I see in the big picture. Everyone must think to see something, & it's never to soon to either create some pictured beliefs, or in your mind create by visualizing something, what ever & where ever your heart & mind take you!!!!

Steve, or Smack - March 02, 2019 at 03:49 AM

“ It is with deep sadness of hearing this terrible news. Mike will always live in our hearts and memories as such a wonderful kid. It sounds funny referring to Mike as a kid, but I think it would be ok to say that as having known Mike and his family since we were just wee little kids growing up.

Mike comes from a wonderful family including his Mom and Dad, his brother Frank, sisters Carol, Patty and Shirley. There are so many memories and so many stories we could tell, but there probably isn't enough space here to do it.

Even when I think of Mike today, I still see him as a young kid riding his bike up and down River Road, often late into the night, making pretend motorcycle noises all the while popping wheelies and doing brake slides. We gave him the nickname “Mike Mike motor bike”.

Mike was an early entrepreneur in that around age 7 or 8 he decided to go into the lawn cutting business. I remember seeing him going down River Road on his dad's Snapper Lawn Mower complete with a wagon hooked up to it, on his way to cut peoples lawns. From that point on, that Snapper Lawn Mower became Mike's main mode a transportation until he finally got his driver's license some 8 or 9 years later.

I can remember too, Mike was exceptionally athletic. He could outrun, out kick, and out throw just about anybody in our neighborhood. One day while I was playing junior high football, Mike came to watch us practice (on his lawnmower of course). Mike brought his football with him and decided to join us on the field and start kicking field goals. He obviously caught the attention of our coach who stopped practice and asked if anybody knew who this kid was that was kicking pro-level field goals. I told the coach he was my neighbor. The coach was ready to get him into a uniform until he found out Mike was only 10 years old.

As we grew up, everyone went their separate ways. One day while walking around a summer concert at Pine Knob, I get this tap on my shoulder. I turned and looked and there was Mike, all grown up. A chiseled specimen of a fine young man. It was so really good to see him. I think we spent the next couple of hours catching up on old times. Every now and then we would run into Mike now and again,

and he was always the same smiling happy kid we always knew him to be.

Having gotten this sad news, we're going to miss Mike. I know too that someday, when it's my turn to pass on, when I get to the other side, I'll expect that same tap on the shoulder, and turn around to see Mike standing there with that same smile I'll always remember. And like when I ran into him at Pine Knob, there will be a whole lot of catching up to do. Rest in peace Mike. May God Bless you.

Shawn Bagos - February 21, 2019 at 10:29 AM



I'm friends with the family but didn't know Mike that well. Such a wonderfully written story of "who" he was. Thank you for sharing. I know the family will enjoy your words too.

Lee Ferguson - February 25, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Michael J. Hohenstern.*



February 20, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ *Kathy DeWitt-Reith purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Michael J. Hohenstern.*



Kathy DeWitt-Reith - February 19, 2019 at 10:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael J. Hohenstern.*



February 18, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ *Lois, Melinda, and Mike purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Michael J. Hohenstern.*



Lois, Melinda, and Mike - February 18, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Donna Miron Patterson lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hohenstern*



Donna Miron Patterson - February 18, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael J. Hohenstern.*



February 16, 2019 at 08:23 PM