



Michael J. Sampson

June 22, 1956 - June 11, 2017

Sampson, Michael J. Age 60. Passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Detroit on June 11, 2017. Beloved husband of Diane; loving father of Jonathan; dear brother of James (Lucy) Sampson, David (Cass) Sampson, and Mary Ellen (Steve) Bartlett. Michael is preceded in death by his parents George and Geraldine.

Visitation Tuesday, June 13, 2:00-9:00 pm with a 7:00 pm Rosary at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Wednesday, June 14, in state 9:30 am until time of Mass 10:00 am, at Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ St. James Campus, Ferndale. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorials in Michael's name may be made to a charity of the donor's choosing.

Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Rosary

JUN 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
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Funeral Mass

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Ferndale
241 Pearson
Ferndale, MI 48220

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *To My Pew Companion at Shrine 4:30 Saturday Mass- I miss seeing you and your positive attitude. I will always remember how you wished me well in the following week. I feel your presence when I am there now.*

Thanks for all your friendship. You will always be in my daily prayers. My condolences to your family.

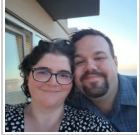
Michael (Red) Hoch

Michael Hoch - July 02, 2017 at 08:30 AM

MT

“ *My condolences to the family. Death is mankind's greatest enemy it claims the lives of those we love. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

M. Tuffy - June 22, 2017 at 06:18 AM



“ I'm one to share positive memories (then again, I really don't have any negative memories of my uncle Mike), so here you go.

When growing up, he was the uncle who would call randomly, who would be interested in what was going on, who wanted to hear every song, story, or whatever from his family. He laughed every time, and I'm very strong in my conviction that they were honest laughs. He loved his family, and that was nephews, nieces, and everybody that walked into his life.

He also shared his loves to his family as well. He would talk cars and racing with me. He's the one that got me into my enjoyment of rally racing, and would love to talk about cars. He'd share about what new cars he got to see, what classics he longed after, and how lucky to live in Detroit he was!

He got excited when I started enjoying tinkering with things, and he'd share his love of technology and what new toys were coming out. He was honestly interested in what I was taking apart, putting together, and he'd share his stories of his endeavors.

He'd even laugh when I'd cheer from miles away for my Detroit Red Wings. He always had a standing invitation to go visit Detroit and go to a game with him. Maybe in heaven we'll go together, as I didn't take advantage of that offer.

Most though, I remember his love. When my grandmother was passing, he made sure that she was okay, checking on her almost daily. He was an amazing man, and truly one that I can look up to.

I will miss you Uncle Michael. Next time I see you, we are going to have a beer in heaven and watch a hockey game.--Andy Sampson

Andy Sampson - June 14, 2017 at 05:01 PM

KR

I was Googling Mike and Diane on June 11, 2020 late in the evening. I had taken a hiatus from Facebook, but my brother, Michael Campbell had called me earlier and said he had found some of the Bensons on FB. We lived across the street on Canterbury in Detroit growing up. Mike Sampson was my best friend during those highschool years. We hung out with David and Susan. The first time I drank was with Mike. I was 15 and it was Boones Farm Strawberry Hill and i got sick under their pool table in the basement. When he started to drive we would hang out with Bob Novelli and David and cruise Woodward. One time we took my mothers station wagon out to a racetrack in Waterford and raced around it. When I saw this obit it tore me up. I had not kept in touch and it was now a couple years later. I cried myself to sleep. I didnt know he had been ill. I failed as a friend. I lost my eldest grandson in 12/2019, my best dog 2 months ago and now I see this. I am so very sorry I was not there. I will love you and think of you forever Michael and hopefully I will make contact with Diane soon.

Kathleen Campbell Ruiz - June 25, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“*Michael was a great man. His main goal in life was to make sure his family was well taken care of. He helped me with all my car questions. He helped me find a suitable car for Molly. He would always listen to me and offer advice when asked.*

He was an immensely talented mechanic. He could fix anything!

His driving skills were second to none. I always felt safe while in the car with him.

His devotion to our mother was amazing. He was patient with her and took care of her for many, many years.

I will always miss you Michael. Thank you for being such a great big brother.

*Love,
Mary Ellen*

Mary Bartlett - June 14, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Michael J. Sampson.



June 13, 2017 at 11:14 AM

CB

“ Mike, My earliest recollections of you were visits to the house on your Triumph motorcycle picking up Diane for a date. You owned motorcycles and muscle cars, I really found that cool. Though I also remember my father having his reservations about that image and wondering if you were the right choice for Diane. As time passed my admiration for your cool rides turned into a friendship. I used to relish coming over and hanging out in your basement to listen to Motown records and join you at Tad and Andy's house for pool, and great jokes told by Homer. Our friendship grew into a big brother relationship. I remember the night I was stopped by Royal Oaks finest and told to park the car and have a sober driver come pick the car keys up from their PD. You answered that late night/early morning phone call and came to get me and the keys. I slight lecture about making better choices, and then I never heard another thing about it. Sorry mom and dad, but I thought it best to keep that one between Mike and I til now. Over the years I have appreciated hearing your perspective on so many issues that have come up in my life. I also enjoyed the road trips. Grand Prix races, including one in Montreal. Or the air and space museum in OH which we visited with my son Tyler. At a glance or upon first impression people might have seen you as blunt and without a lot of compassion for others. It wouldn't take long for one to see that was far from the truth. Unpolished and brutally honest about issues, without a doubt. But you have shown tremendous love and friendship to the whole family, giving countless hours of time in so many ways. Especially helping with yard work at my parents house, driving my folks to Dr. appointments, and the like. You undoubtedly proved to be a great son in law, a cherished and loving husband to Diane and an Ideal brother in law and confidant and friend to me. You will be deeply missed by many, not least of all being me. Thanks for all that you did.

Chris Benson - June 13, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael J. Sampson.*



June 13, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, the family. Michael is with his Mom and Dad.
Love to you all,
Debbie Kothmann*

Debbie Kothmann - June 13, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michael J. Sampson.*



June 13, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ *Elise Sampson lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Sampson*



Elise Sampson - June 12, 2017 at 08:24 PM