



Michael R. 'Big Mike' Willhite

August 10, 1956 - September 9, 2009

Michael R. "Big Mike" Willhite, age 53, a 27-year resident of Royal Oak, died September 9, 2009 at his home. He was born August 10, 1956 in Detroit. Mr. Willhite was employed with the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department for 22 years. He was a life member of the Red Wing MC Club of Mount Clemens and of the Car Gang of Royal Oak. He was the head crew chief of Fast Company Motor Sports #71 at Auto City Speedway in Flint. He was also a 1974 graduate of Berkley High School. He is survived by his wife, Sandy M. Sirgany Willhite, whom he married June 9, 1979 in Farmington Hills; his children, Christopher M. Willhite and Daniel J. Willhite, both of Royal Oak; parents, Jerry and Donna Willhite of St. Helen, MI; siblings, Mary Welemirov of Madison Heights and David Mareva Willhite of St. Helen; one niece, one nephew, one great niece and Mr. Willhite's dog, Zeus, which the family refers to as their grandson. The visitation will be held Friday 5-8 p.m. and Saturday 2-8 p.m. with the service Sunday 11 a.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The burial will take place at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Memorials to the family of Mr. Willhite would be greatly appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Sandy and Family; I just found out today and I am very sorry to here of your loss. Mike was a great guy. I wish now I had kept in touch after You both came to my Mom's funeral. Mike will be remembered. You are in our prayers. Take care of yourself. You know I sat today and remembered the high school days with you and Mike and the "Remmers". We had some great times didn't we! Bless you, Rick, Lynne, Laurie and Mary

Lynne LaFave Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ IF YOU SAY MIKE WILLHITE THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND IS ALL THE DIFFRENT CARS AND TRUCKS THAT MIKE HAD DROVE OVER THE YEARS. AND WEATHER IT WAS Gods Main Car OR IT WAS Flip Over Read Directions OR Mostly Old Parts And Rust. OH YEAH VOLKSWAGEN... THEY RAN WELL AND LOOKED GOOD. HE DEFINITLY GOT THE FAMILY TRATE OF FIXING ANYTHING WITH A MOTOR OR EVEN HOT RODDING ONE.... MIKE YOU WILL BE MISSED

DICKIE WHITE - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Sandy and family, What a shock to hear that we lost Mike, God must have needed an expert mechanic in heaven. I am so sorry that I was unable to attend his service but my wife Edie had major surgery and could not be left alone. Mike and I rode many miles together on our Harleys over the years and along with yourself we had many a good time together. I always enjoyed going to Boys and Toys on a Saturday and shooting the bull with Mike. He was a great man and was always there if you need him. Myself and the Red Wing Motorcycle Club will miss him greatly. Please accept mine and Edie's condolences. Milt and Edie Dolinar RWMC

Milt Dolinar - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Sandy - We have laughed and cried together for over 30 years. I was there the day you married Mike. You had finally found the man of your dreams. That wonderful love produced two great kids that I have watched grow up from miles away. What a wonderful legacy for a man to leave behind - A loving family, 2 great sons to carry on his name and countless people who were privledged to call him a friend. I love you Sandy with a Y. Sandi

Sandi Vaughn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. God keep you all in his care. Love Dad and Mom

Ray and Dot Schilke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Mike and his family have become an extended part of my family. Mike was always there for all of us; It did not matter if we needed a tail light fixed, or to borrow a motor home, or to look over my ailing dad. He was are go to guy! He helped my dad enjoy his last year by making sure he could be at the races safe and comfortable. He was my dad's right hand man. Mike was a great gentle giant. He was a great wing man here on earth and now he has recieved his wings forever. Fly Mike! Fly!

Karen Calnicean - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ My paryers are always with the family.

William Lee - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Mike, Sandy and sons were very special friends to myself and my family. They were around for many of the happiest moments and more importantly helped us through some of the worst. Mike was the "go to guy" for almost everyone who knew him. Happy to help with any problem. Always the gentleman. I'm going to miss him. Thank you so much for letting me share in this tough time in your lives as I in my small way honor our friendship and Mike's life.

Tonie Efaw - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ TO MY SISTER AND HER BOYS I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU HOW MUCH MIKE MENT TO ME AND MY SON ROB. MIKE WAS THE CLOSEST THING TO A FATHER THAT MY SON EVER HAD. I ALWAYS CALLED HIM UNCLE MIKE AND WHENEVER I HAD A PROBLEM WITH MY CAR I WOULD CALL UNCLE MIKE AND PICK HIS BRAIN. HE ALWAYS TOOK MY CALLS NO MATTER WHERE OR WHAT HE WAS DOING. WE WILL TRULY MISS HIM. I KNOW HE IS LOOKING DOWN ON YOU AND THE BOYS WITH GREAT LOVE IN HIS HEART. HE WAS SO PROUD OF HIS WIFE AND SONS. I LOVE YOU SAM AND THINK ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WITH MUCH LOVE IN MY HEART. I AM LUCKY TO HAVE HAD A BROTHER IN LAW THAT I TRULY LOVED AND RESPECTED. DONNA, ROB, DESTINY AND CAMI

donna sirgany - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Sandy, Chris & Dan, Although we have not formally met, I feel as if I have had a glimpse of you and your family through many lunch-time conversations with Mike. The St. Helen stories we shared, the motor-sports, and mudding stories all have been enjoyable to listen too and share. I am sorely going to miss these stories and accolades of you and your family. Our sorrow is only a fraction of yours, therefore may the good Lord be with you and your family during this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and Prayers.

Mike & Connie Donnellon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Our... Car Gang Buddy, Mike has touched the hearts of so many people, such a giving person. We have been blessed to have known him, he will be missed.

Bob & Di Wypiszewski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ To my gifted and gentle cousin Mike and all the family...my sincere condolences.

Thomas Willhite - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Whillhite family. Mike was a great person and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this most difficult time. Remember the happy and pleasant memories they will help you through in the months and years ahead! Sandy Yost Groom and family

Sandy Yost Groom - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Big Mike meant so much to my dad, Jim Efaw, who also recently passed away. They were stock car racing fanatics and great friends. I know they are both looking down from that big speedway in the sky. My thoughts and prayers are with Sandy and her family.

Chris Efaw - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dear Sandy, Dan & Chris, Please accept my condolences on the loss of your husband and father. I was Mike's supervisor at Independence Oaks before he was promoted to Technical Support. Mike was a great mechanic who shared his talents with other employees. He was respected and admired by all those who knew him. I remember when my wife and I were driving North on 75 near Davisburg when we were surrounded by a group of tough looking motorcycle riders. I was starting to worry when one of the riders pulled along side of my vehicle and lifted his visor and flashed us a big grin. It was Mike having a little fun. He will be missed.

Ray Delasko - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM