



## Michael "Mike" R. Martin

December 24, 1968 - October 18, 2020

On October 18, 2020, the world lost Michael Ryan Martin.

Anyone who knows Mike knows that he is full of passion - passion for the outdoors, his family, his children. He lived every moment to the fullest and made sure he was having fun doing it.

Mike loved an opportunity to help and was generous with his time. There was no job too small or too large for him to put his every effort into. He was very handy, and could make, fix, or even invent a solution to any problem. He never left a job undone.

Mike was born on Christmas Eve, 1968 and grew up biking and building tree forts with his brother in the U.P. He graduated from Benzie Central, where he was an accomplished baseball player and state champion cross-country runner. Upon graduation, he joined the Air Force, proudly serving his country. He then returned to school, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Fish and Wildlife from MSU. He began his career as a mail handler at the United States Postal Service and took great pride in his job. Mikey loved working, loved his coworkers, and then he loved to play.

In the summer, you could always find Mike partying on the bay or fishing on one of the area's many lakes. He was an avid hunter and the self-proclaimed "world's best bass fisherman!" Always active, if he had to get someplace, he ran.

Mike was a dedicated father to his two children Lauren and Preston; a caring son to his mother Diane, father Roger, and stepmother Beth; and a devoted partner to his fiancé Ems. He and his brother Curt were lifelong best friends, and he had a special connection with his sister Sherry. His niece Jordan and nephew Eric will miss his signature animal sounds.

Mike's life was filled with joy, wonder, and the love of many friends and a close family.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations can be made in Mike's honor to one of the following:  
Suicide Prevention Child and Family Services, Grand Traverse Regional Land  
Conservancy

<<https://donorbox.org/donate-today-55>>

<<https://www.gtrlc.org/donate/memorial-gift/>>

A celebration of life will take place on Sunday November 1, 2020 at the Reynolds Jonkhoff  
Funeral Home from 1:00pm - 4:00pm with a time of sharing at 2:00pm.

The service will also be webcast. Please tune in to [rjfh.tv](http://rjfh.tv) to view the services.

Masks are required for the celebration and respect to social distancing.

Please visit [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com) to share your memories with the family.

Mike and his family are being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and  
Cremation Services.

# Events

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**NOV** **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

# Comments

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“ Video Tribute

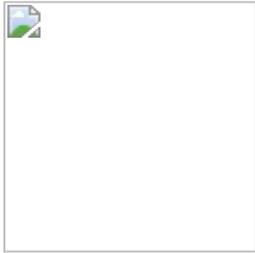


**Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - November 01, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ Celebration of Life



**Reynolds Jonkhoff** - November 01, 2020 at 02:50 PM

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“ I will always remember you Mike, and the kind heart you shared with so many. I will never forget being on your boat with family. I am thankful I was able to be in your wedding years ago. You will be missed. <3<3

**Brittany Schroeder** - December 20, 2020 at 12:22 PM

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“ Mike is truly a valued friend who always put other people first in his life which I sure he is doing right now...

**Paul Katschor** - November 01, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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“ I will always remember you smiling found picture from 5th grade. prayers for family  
Shane Gray



shane gray - October 31, 2020 at 07:45 PM

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“ Mike was not only a great co-worker...He was a good friend and I am deeply saddened by his unexpected death.....He will be sorely missed by me and by his family and many friends.....To me.....Even though Mike wasn't a very tall person...To me....Mikey was a Giant... He had a Giant heart full of love for all of his family and his friends.....The things I remember about Mikey was that He always appeared to be so full of confidence.....No task was too small or too big to handle....Not for him....He was always helping others...That's what a great co-worker he was....Anytime I needed help at work he would stop what he was doing and help out....and this can be said of him with his other co-workers friends and his family... He was just that kind of person.....Mikey always appeared strong....very rarely if ever did we see him in a bad mood...never showing that he was sad or down...He wasn't one to show any kind of weakness or failure...that wasn't Mikey....He always seemed to pick himself up and shake it off....Because thats the way he was...He was just so full of Life...So full of energy.....And always Lol.....running....whether it was into work or out of work....I even saw him running out of a few stores a couple of times...that always made laugh.... He was very passionate in all things he did.....whether it was hunting, fishing, boating or partying .....Thats the Mikey I knew...And whenever I think of him I see him smiling with that happy go lucky attitude of his....Those are the memories that I will always have of Mikey...To his family and friends the world is a dimmer place without his light....and now that His suffering has ended....I pray that he has found the peace he was searching for.....Missing you everyday Mikey.....

Catherine Brawley (Pineapple) - October 31, 2020 at 05:31 AM

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“ Still shocked and sad over Mike passing away. Mike was one of the good guys. May he rest in peace. My condolences to his family.

Rick Adair - October 29, 2020 at 03:14 PM

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“ Mikey will be missed. Our job isn't easy, but he was always so happy, and running everywhere. He made life easier for all of us. I hope you find peace Mikey.

Anne Cole - October 28, 2020 at 02:53 PM

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“ All the years I worked with Mike, I don't have one bad memory of him. Until now. You'll be missed immensely and I hope you're at peace.

Kali Gates - October 28, 2020 at 02:50 PM

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“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family I am shure he will be missed. Our prayers go out to the family and friends. Yours in CHRIST Terry & Patty Tolar



Terry Tolar - October 28, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ Memories of a little blond boy with a smile the size of Texas running the fields of Honor.

Angel wings are being held in the heavens waiting for him.. May God hold you tight in this time and guide you through this walk.

Love

Heidi Woodward

heidi - October 27, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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“ Mikey was one of the good guys! Was always a great time hanging with him. I have so many great memories with this man. Camping fishing BBQ hot tubbing canoeing and speaking of that....he literally saved me when we're on a canoe trip once. Long story but a funny one. I'll try to keep it short. We came across a low spot and my silly self got out amd well started sinking in the "quick" mud. He came with his paddle stuck it in the mud and told.me to crawl up up it. I did and him too!!! Amazing man that we lost and heaven gained. Fly high Mikey and may you rihp. I will miss you!!!

**Tonya Rice** - October 27, 2020 at 01:13 PM

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“ Tonya Rice lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" R. Martin



**Tonya Rice** - October 27, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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“ No words can describe how sorry we are for your loss. We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family. We want to express our sympathy and let you know that our thoughts are with the family. Our hearts go out to the family in this time of sorrow.

Mike and Dena Arens

**Mike Dena Arens** - October 26, 2020 at 04:19 PM

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“ Such a sad loss of a fantastic person and friend. May he find peace where he is. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

**Bill Irvine** - October 26, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“ So Very Sad, Our Son, Stephen Korienek and His Family, shared many special stories of fish fries, boating, bon fires, the support he gave and many more wonderful times. He will be missed so very much. Our prayers go out to his Family and Friends.  
Jim and Diane Korienek

**Diane Korienek** - October 26, 2020 at 11:27 AM

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“ Very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was an extremely good person. It is true, he was always running. The entire family is in my prayers.  
Pam Bronson

**Pamela Bronson** - October 26, 2020 at 10:41 AM