



Mike Nicholls

December 17, 1963 - August 14, 2017

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TRAVERSE CITY - Michael Nicholls, age 53, of Traverse City, passed away Monday, August 14, 2017.

Michael was born December 17, 1963 to Jack Alexander and Dorothy Patricia (Smith) Walsh in Farmington and was the baby of 8 kids.

Mike was a snappy dresser, always had a fondness for hats and his great smile lit up a room whenever he walked in. He was fun loving, had a great sense of humor, and was extremely smart and intelligent. He never liked to sit still and was always on the move. He loved playing golf and was most noted for his hole in one out at the Dunes Golf Club. He loved to play poker and play pool with a Labatts in hand. His daughters credit him for their love of the water and all the family time spent on the boat at the Narrows.

Mike was a beloved father, son and brother. He is survived by his daughters; Abigail and Jillian, his mom, his partner Lori Shirley, brothers and sisters; Bill (Cheryle) Nicholls, JoAnn Smith, Barb Stafford, Jim (Joanne) Nicholls, Peggy (Miles) Bentley, Steve (Judy) Nicholls and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Michael will take place at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 11:00 am with a visitation one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers, those considering an expression of sympathy may do so to Mike's daughters for their education funds, in care of Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home; 305 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Please visit Michael's tribute page and share a memory with the family by visiting <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

AUG **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I met Mike in the car business back in the early 80's downstate and we quickly became close friends. When he decided to move north as fate would have it he settled in Lake Ann which had been my home town for a couple years. We picked up right where we left off downstate playing golf, throwing darts and exploring the north county. I have and will miss his brilliant mind, some of the deepest conversation I have ever experienced where with Mike. Although we drifted apart over the years I always considered him a kindred soul and loved him like a brother. Last time I saw him the conversation was dominated by tales of his daughters, it was obvious he loved them dearly.

Jim Jeffrey

Jim Jeffrey - August 18, 2017 at 05:53 PM



“ Mike and I dated for 6 years many years ago, before he met Vicki. I will never, ever forget Mike! He was always a warm, fun-loving man and his smile lit up the room. I am still in shock over his passing. My condolences to his girls, Vicki, and his sisters, brothers, and mother of whom I have such fond memories.

Kris Senne

Kristin Senne - August 17, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ Thank you Kris, he will be very missed. His greatest pride and joy are our daughters, Abby and Jill. So thankful that they had a wonderful dad.

Victoria - August 17, 2017 at 10:31 PM



“ My family met Mike and Vicky several years ago after my uncle was involved in an auto accident condemning him to a wheel chair for the rest of his life as a quadriplegic. Mike quickly bonded with my uncle as they both loved golf and the casino. He would drop whatever he was doing to transport my uncle down the street for lunch or across the state to a medical apt with little notice. He was quick to make friends with my uncles caregivers and became extended family to us as he was a part of our family functions regularly. He even attended my uncle’s funeral after his passing. Mike will always be remembered for his caring attitude, willingness to help and his humor especially on bad days. Vicky if there is anything we can do to help please let us know.

Nathan A. Moore - August 17, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ Thank you, Nathan. We are all heartbroken, but the wonderful memories will get us all through this.

Victoria - August 17, 2017 at 10:39 PM



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Barb - August 17, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ Oh the memories I have with Mike usually end in laughter! He will be so missed. My heart goes out to Jill, Abby and the family

Christine Thompson - August 16, 2017 at 11:28 PM



“ Had the privledge of meeting Mike years ago and although i have moved away i often think about the "bachelor pad" they let me stay at. God bless Vicki and children He was a good guy!!!

Dave Wylie - August 16, 2017 at 08:36 PM



“ Thank you Dave! Mike was a good man and I'm so thankful that my daughters had such a wonderful relationship with him. Mike had such a strong presence, he will be missed.

Victoria - August 17, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ Dear Vicky, Abigail & Jillian, Sincerest sympathies in your loss. May God bless you and may your memories bring you peace and comfort.



Linda Schulte - August 16, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ Dear Vicky, Abigail, Jillian, Steve and all the family and Lori, Sam & I are going to miss him very much. We feel very blessed to have had him for a friend Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Love, Sam Barr & Julie wilber

Sam Barr & Julie Wilber - August 16, 2017 at 04:49 PM



“ Thank you, Julie and Sam. Thank you for being special friends in his life. Mike's passing is a huge and painful loss. He was one of a kind with a great sense of humor.

Victoria - August 16, 2017 at 08:05 PM



“ We met Mike while my husband was still in the hospital after his accident. He drove Rick to all of his appointments for years until Rick was able to get his license back. Mike, and Vic, and the other drivers were so much more than medical transportation though. They brought a sense of normalcy back to Rick after losing just about everything in his accident.

I would sit in the back of the van and cuddle with Boris while Mike and Rick talked for an hour at a time. Mike was thoughtful, intelligent, and a great conversationalist. He knew enough about anything to be able to talk to anyone I suppose. Those hours in the van were much needed "guy time" for my husband when he was always surrounded by nurses and therapists. They could talk about cars and motorcycles, tell jokes and swap stories, and it melded into a friendly visit instead of a ride to physical therapy. Mike's safe and dependable driving were only a part of the very valuable service he brought to us. He made my disabled husband feel normal again.

Abby and Jill, your dad loves you so much. He talked about you all the time, to anyone who would listen. He was proud of each of you as individuals. I'm so sorry that you had to lose him so young, but please believe that his spirit lives on and will help you on your journey through life. Victoria, please know that his love and respect for you were very evident.

Mike, thank you for everything you have done for all your many clients. You made a huge difference in peoples' lives just by being you. Godspeed.



Paula Dixon - August 16, 2017 at 08:10 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words, Paula. Mike's passing is a huge loss for all of us, he was a man full of many talents. You're a wonderful family.

Victoria - August 16, 2017 at 08:00 PM



“ Mike had only recently touched the lives of my family. We met him through my sister in law Lori. My daughters warmed to him quickly, especially the youngest Hattie. She was always excited to see him and would cling to him. Obviously based the all the wonderful memories he will be missed by many, many people.

May god bless his family and friends with healing during this time and allow all the fun memories to be part of that healing.

God Bless

Eric, Tracy, Kyndall and Hattie Thompson

Tracy Thompson - August 17, 2017 at 06:41 AM