



Michael J. O'Brien

December 14, 1962 - October 22, 2015

Michael "Mike" John O'Brien, age 52 of Harrison, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Mike was born the son of Robert and Donna (Davis) O'Brien on December 14, 1962 in Detroit. He married Barbara Bidoul on March, 1989. Mike grew up and graduated high school from Armada in 1981. He lived in Harrison for the past 7 years with his family. Mike worked many years as a supervisor in the automotive plastics industry. He then became his own boss and created "O'Brien's Greens and Red Machines" which was a family operated farming business. He and his family farmed 20 acres of fruits and vegetables, which they sold at their roadside stand. It was then that he found his true passion of Farmall/International Harvester tractors. He sold, restored, and repaired tractors, and even had his own extensive collection, with his goal of having one of every kind! In 2007, he decided to attend Baker College and partake in their truck driving program. His career of truck driving consisted of working at three companies. He started by driving over the road for about 4 years and then decided to take a position closer to home, so he could be with his family and friends more often. His most recent position was one that he thoroughly enjoyed. He hauled livestock for a company in Farwell called True Grit. It was there that he felt he was appreciated for all of his hard work and dedication. Mike was a member of Community Baptist Church in Harrison. He had an ear for music, he played bass guitar in a cover band with his close friends from high school and never even took a lesson. He loved all things outdoors-

camping, white water rafting, pontoon rides with his family, kayaking, hunting, trapping, and fishing! He was an amazing, caring, inspiring, devoted and fun-loving man who will be extremely missed.

Michael is survived by his wife Barbara O'Brien of Harrison, his daughter Jordan (Cody) Laity of Farwell, his son Nicholas O'Brien of Harrison, his father Robert O'Brien of Traverse City, his mother Donna (Richard) Lee of Harrison, his brother David of Florida, and his sister Kathryn O'Brien of Oak Park. He is preceded in death by his daughter Julia Elizabeth OBrien.

A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at 11:00 AM from the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Callen from Community Baptist Church in Harrison officiating. Friends may meet with his family at the funeral home on Friday, Nov. 6 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM. Memorial offerings in his honor may be made to the family for Nicholas' college fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael J. O'Brien.*



November 03, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ *Great Lakes Trailer Washout purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael J. O'Brien.*



Great Lakes Trailer Washout - November 02, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ *Mike, you will truly be missed by all of us here at DeWitt Motor Freight.*



Sabrina Bressler - October 28, 2015 at 09:34 AM



“ *I worked with Mike at G&G Industries. He was one of the nicest people I have ever met. I always wished he would have stayed longer. We all felt that way about him. I was so sorry to hear the news. My heart goes out to all his family and friends.*

Henry - October 27, 2015 at 12:32 PM

NP

“ *Natalia Pantaras purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michael J. O'Brien.* ”



Natalia Pantaras - October 27, 2015 at 10:29 AM

DS

“ *Mike will truly be missed, one of the greatest friends you could ever ask for.* ”



Don Sheill - October 25, 2015 at 05:06 PM

TL

“ *Tammy Dupont Loveland lit a candle in memory of Michael J. O'Brien* ”



Tammy Dupont Loveland - October 25, 2015 at 09:50 AM

KS

“ *Kelley (Wylín) Strunk lit a candle in memory of Michael J. O'Brien* ”



Kelley (Wylín) Strunk - October 25, 2015 at 02:46 AM

KS

Kelley Wylin Strunk~~neighbor on Omo Rd

Kelley (Wylin) Strunk - October 25, 2015 at 02:48 AM

CR

“ *The O'Brien's used to be my neighbors when I lived in armada. A very nice family. I remember playing baseball with them and their church and Mike taking me to my junior prom. So many nice memories. RIP Mike*



cynthia (wonsey) randall - October 25, 2015 at 12:53 AM

CR

Maiden name was Wonsey

cynthia (wonsey) randall - October 25, 2015 at 12:55 AM

 Scott Sumner

“ *Scott Sumner lit a candle in memory of Michael J. O'Brien*



Scott Sumner - October 24, 2015 at 09:01 PM

JH

“ *Jeff Hughes lit a candle in memory of Michael J. O'Brien*



jeff hughes - October 24, 2015 at 08:58 PM

EM

“ Mike was such a fun man to be around. I spent the 4th of July with him and his family and they made me feel like a part of their family. We spent the night on the water, laughing, and watching the fireworks. Mike made me feel welcome and instantly at ease. He touched many lives and I'm so grateful that he was a part of mine.

Emily - October 23, 2015 at 12:47 PM

SD

I remember his beautiful smile and kind heart. ...sandy anderson duckworth

Sandra anderson duckworth - October 24, 2015 at 08:49 PM

KS

Mike, I love you like my brother. a friend ,a team worker a great guy that would help you out no matter how long it took or what was involved.. you help make TICOM CORP. we love you Barb. and the kids... need us call 810-343-6956..

Ken Smith - October 30, 2015 at 12:43 PM

AE

Mike you truly were appreciated here and I'm so honored to have met you. You are missed very much and never be forgotten

Anita Eberhart - November 02, 2015 at 02:04 PM