



## Michael "Mike" E. Hamilton

October 14, 1958 - July 6, 2013

Michael "Mike" E. Hamilton, age 54, of Farwell, long time resident, business owner and community member passed away suddenly on Saturday, July 6, 2013. Mike was born the son of Russell Earl and Madeline (Henry) Hamilton on October 14, 1958 in Charleston, West Virginia. He was united in marriage to Gina Garant on August 29, 1980. Mike was owner/operator of Hamilton's Garage in Farwell since 1991. He was a member of his High School Wrestling Team; but Car Racing was his passion. He had raced Figure 8 derby cars for over 25 years; having won the State Figure 8 Championship in 1999. Mike worked tirelessly with the Farwell Labor Day Committee as well as the Pere Marquette Snowmobile Club. He enjoyed playing Texas Hold'em Poker but his true love was his family, especially his grandchildren.

Mike is survived by his wife, Gina; his mother Madeline of Farwell; sons Michael Ryan (Tia) of Farwell and Wesley Thomas (Megan) of Indianapolis, Indiana; siblings Patty (Brian) McHenry of Boydton, Virginia, Rebecca (James) Parks of Otisville, Saudia Jill (Darrell) Petersen of Ionia, Russell Earl (Vicki) Hamilton of Farwell, Earl Edward (Peggy) Hamilton of Farwell, Steven (Joye) Hamilton of Avon, Indiana and Shannon (Rob) Mester of Greensburg, Kentucky; his grandchildren Michele and Mikayla; mother-in-law Katherine Garant of Farwell, brother-in-law Jeffery (Jania) Garant of Rapid River, sister-in-law Melissa (Jim) Richmond of Farwell; as well as many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Services will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at the

Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Fall officiating. Burial will be in the Surrey Twp. Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2-9 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to the Surrey Twp. Fire Department or to the Surrey Twp. Public Library. Please consider leaving the Hamilton family an on-line condolence at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Surrey Township Cemetery

101 W. Ludington Dr.  
Farwell, MI 48622

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **9**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)  
165 South Hall St.  
P.O. Box 231  
Farwell, MI 48622  
(989) 588-9630  
wymanh@chartermi.net  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

 Tasha  
Halle

“ *This is mike! R.I.P. Mike We miss you.*



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**Tasha Halle** - July 17, 2013 at 09:22 AM

 Tasha  
Halle

*It says " You have never really lived untill you have done something for someone who can never repay you." Mike did this for everyone. He truly touched allot of lives. Will miss you.*

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**Tasha Halle** - July 17, 2013 at 09:28 AM

 GH

“ *The boys and I would like to convey that we are truly touched by all your kind words and wonderful memories that you have shared with us. Our family, friends and community have lost a wonderful man who will be missed by all who knew him.*

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**Gina Hamilton** - July 11, 2013 at 12:13 PM

JG

“ Gina and Family, I am so sorry for the passing of Mike. I have known your family for 27 years and even though we only see each other at Figure 8 races and have competed against Mike and yourself, I consider you friends. Mike and I always found a way to greet each other at every race and Mike was always willing to lend a hand if needed. Even Saturday he helped my son with a radiator. I will always remember the cookouts and parties you hosted and the Great Times we shared, including the times that the #00 knocked me out of a race, LOL. Mike will be remembered always! He was a Great Man and will be missed. Jim Giffin #31

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**Jim Giffin** - July 11, 2013 at 11:22 AM

GR

“ Gina & Family,

*Our hearts are heavy with the loss of Mike. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

*Guy & Jeanne Rouston*



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**Guy and Jeanne Rouston** - July 10, 2013 at 07:20 PM

AM

“ Gina and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts during this difficult time.*

*Amy and Ron Romanowski*

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**amy** - July 10, 2013 at 12:55 PM

MV

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. He was a great man and was enjoyable to watch racing. I went to school with Russ but never got to know Mike personally. My prayers are with all the Hamilton Family in this great loss of a wonderful and gentle man.



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**Murlann Vaine(Green)** - July 10, 2013 at 12:21 PM

LT

“ Gina & Family  
Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. Wish I could had made it to his memorial but was in the hospital. He will be missed. God took a true Angel home.

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**Leon n Patricia Thrush** - July 10, 2013 at 11:41 AM

MA

“ Hamilton Family , Thoughts and prayers with you all . Mike was one of kind and i'll forever cherish the memories he has left with Dad and mark and family....He will be missed greatly "  
Argo Family Racing

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**mark argo** - July 10, 2013 at 11:16 AM

JB

“ Gina & Family,  
Thoughts and Prayers to you and your families. May Mike's Memory be Eternal.

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**John & Inez Bartz** - July 10, 2013 at 09:02 AM



“ *Gina & Family,  
We are very saddened to hear about Mike. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time. Mike was always so great to us and an all around wonderful person who will be dearly missed. I recall so many times of watching him race and spending time with all the Hamiltons at the garage. All our love and prayers  
~Stephanie & Eric Levey & Pat Lyle*

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**Stephanie Lyle** - July 10, 2013 at 08:30 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Steve and Catherine DeGeer** - July 10, 2013 at 07:27 AM

TB

“ July 10, 2013

Gina,

*I regret, and am deeply saddened to hear, that you have lost your beloved husband, Mike. I simply cannot fathom the depth of your lose. It seems so untimely and unexpected.*

*I also regret that Lynda and I cannot be there in person to give you a hug and share in this time of loss. Perhaps on some beautiful late-summer/early fall day, in the not-so-distant future, we can stop by to see you, and sit and “remember” together...after the healing hands of time have begun their wonderful work.*

*I can share with you the “peace that passes all understanding”...a peace I have with me always...a source of great strength in times like these...my Savior, Jesus Christ. HE is there at your side now. Seek HIS peace.*

*Lynda and I are praying for you. We are here for you. GOD bless you!*

*Your teacher, your friend...your ‘frustrated’ cowboy...*

*Tom Brown*

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**Tom Brown** - July 10, 2013 at 07:22 AM

BB

“ Gina on behalf of my family our deepest sympathy...Brenda Embrey-Brown

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**brenda brown** - July 10, 2013 at 07:04 AM

JG

“ The Gajda Families would like to extend our condolences to the families of Mike Hamilton. Our prayers are with the Hamilton families

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**John & Vivian Gajda** - July 09, 2013 at 09:52 PM

AW

“ Our thoughts and prays go out to the family.  
From the Wiley family



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**Amy Wiley** - July 09, 2013 at 09:00 PM

MR

“ I am saddened at his passing and wish to convey my sincere condolences to all affected by this, Godspeed Mike you will be missed but also will live on in the memories of all who knew and loved you.....



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**marvin root** - July 09, 2013 at 08:29 PM

SB

“ From the entire staff of the Pere Marquette District Library. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Gina. Thinking of you.

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**Sheila Bissonnette** - July 09, 2013 at 08:16 PM

SW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Gina if there is anything I can do please do not hesitate to ask.

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**Sheriff Wilson** - July 09, 2013 at 08:05 PM

JM

“ Gina, I am so sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences to you and the entire Hamilton family. Cherish your memories and he will be with you always.  
Joelle (Miller) Mosher

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**Joelle Mosher** - July 09, 2013 at 08:02 PM

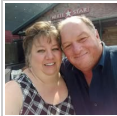
KW

“ TO THE HAMILTON FAMILY I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW IM ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU IF EVER NEEDED. AND NOW FOR #00 MR MIKE WHO IN MY BOOK WAS THE FOUNDING FATHER OF THE FIGURE 8 RACE TRACK IN FARWELL AND TEAM HAMILTON HE TAUGHT THE DRIVERS A SKILL AND THAT SKILL WILL REMAIN FOREVER AND HE TAUGHT US HOW TO MAINTAIN THE TRACK WE WILL HAVE BIG SHOES TO FILL BUT IF WE EVER NEED A THOUGHT LOOK UP AND THE ANSWER WILL BE RECEIVED. BIG MIKE WILL BE MISSED AND LOVED BY THE WALE FAMILY FOREVER BUT NOT FORGOTEN.



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**KEITH WALE** - July 09, 2013 at 06:37 PM



*Keith I agree with you 100% my friend.*

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**Scott Giles** - July 10, 2013 at 09:41 PM

SB

“ My sincere condolences to Gina and family for Mike's passing. He was a great and generous man, my car was stolen about 15 years ago and Mike gave me a car exactly like mine for parts to replace on mine free of charge. I will always remember his generosity and kindness.

*Sandie Brown*

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**Sandie Brown** - July 09, 2013 at 05:20 PM

MP

“ To Gina and all the Hamilton family.  
It was with great sorrow to hear of Mikes passing. Please know that  
you all are in the thoughts and prayers of the entire "396" family lik

Mike and Jody Poirier - July 09, 2013 at 04:33 PM

MP

“ To Gina and all the Hamilton family.  
It was with great sorrow to hear of Mikes passing. Please know that  
you all are in the thoughts and prayers of the entire "396" family lik

Mike and Jody Poirier - July 09, 2013 at 04:33 PM

BS

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the Hamilton Family. You have my  
deepest sympathy, Mike will be missed by all.

*Blaine Sarkozi*

Blaine Sarkozi - July 09, 2013 at 04:20 PM

KW

“ Kevin Wiley lit a candle in memory of Michael  
"Mike" E. Hamilton



Kevin Wiley - July 09, 2013 at 03:43 PM


RF

“ Rick and Kelly Dawes and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" E. Hamilton.



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**Rick and Kelly Dawes and Family** - July 09, 2013 at 02:45 PM

 Beckey Babcock Langley

“ Gina, I am so very sorry for your and your family's loss. I know the entire town of Farwell and the surrounding area will miss him dearly.

*Beckey Babcock Langley*

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**Beckey Babcock Langley** - July 09, 2013 at 02:38 PM

NL

“ Mike is a giving, talented, fun person and I know his wife, family & friends have suffered a great loss. Our grief is shared by many & I am proud to have been his friend. He loved his figure 8 racing & just 2 weeks ago in Marion he won his heat. Our grand kids, with excitement & pride, were screaming for "Uncle Mike." He has always been a great friend; friendship built on years of helping each other and counting on each other.  
Mike Hamilton will remain alive for us with memories of his love, laughter, jokes shared, & memories that will live in those who love, respect & treasure him. These are gifts to us that we can keep forever. There are no words to express to you our deepest sympathy. We are only a call away should you need us, Gina. Much love!

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**Nancy Luhring** - July 09, 2013 at 02:13 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Gina and Hamilton Family. Mike was a great man who would do anything he could to help others. He will be missed by any and all who knew him.

*Phil Blaisdell*

Phillip Blaisdell - July 09, 2013 at 01:39 PM



“ Gina and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. We lost another great person way to early.

*Mary Verdon Armstrong*

Mary Verdon Armstrong - July 09, 2013 at 12:42 PM



“ My condolences go out to the family. Another good man took the checkered flag of life too early... R.I.P Mike

*Patty Hutson-Tutewiler and family*

Patty Hutson - July 09, 2013 at 12:18 PM



“ Great guy and great mechanic - will be missed. Probably up there adding turbo chargers to his wings right now.

*Condolences for your loss to the family.*

Timothy Judd - July 09, 2013 at 12:12 PM

MN

“ Gina and family, Mike was a good friend & person with Nancy & I for many years. Mike worked too hard and helped many friends , He worked on the fair grounds snowmobile trails. You will be sadly missed by all. Rest in my friend. Manny Hernandez & Nancy, USA Demo Derby

Manny Hernandez & Nancy - July 09, 2013 at 11:21 AM

MN

*I meant rest in peace my friend*

Manny Hernandez & Nancy - July 09, 2013 at 11:27 AM

LL

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers go out to the whole Hamilton family.

*From the Lenski family*

Laura Lenski - July 09, 2013 at 10:18 AM

CW

“ Gina, Mikey & wes

*Sorry for your loss , our thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this very sad time . Chris Grant and Family*

char williams - July 09, 2013 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ You were great person ,you will be very much missed...



jody squires - July 09, 2013 at 09:15 AM

ST

“ Stephanie Tigner lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" E. Hamilton



Stephanie Tigner - July 09, 2013 at 09:13 AM

ST

You were a great guy... Will be missed by many.

Stephanie Tigner - July 09, 2013 at 09:14 AM

RS

“ Mike was a wonderful friend to the Whole Sammons Family, He will be missed, but his memory will live on forever! all our love Willie and Renee Sammons

Renee Sammons - July 09, 2013 at 08:45 AM



“ Kathleen Fellows lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" E. Hamilton



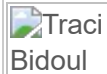
Kathleen Fellows - July 09, 2013 at 08:44 AM

RS

“ Renee Sammons lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" E. Hamilton



Renee Sammons - July 09, 2013 at 08:41 AM



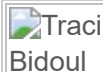
Traci Bidoul

“ *Traci Bidoul lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" E. Hamilton*



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**Traci Bidoul** - July 09, 2013 at 08:33 AM



Traci Bidoul

*Thoughts & Prayers to The Hamilton Family!!! Rest In Peace #00*

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**Traci Bidoul** - July 09, 2013 at 08:34 AM



DA

“ *My thoughts and prayers to your family in this time of sadness. My God bring you peace and comfort as best He can. Mike will be truly missed.*

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**Donna Alexander** - July 09, 2013 at 08:30 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. It was a pleasure to play Texas Holdem w him. He will be missed by many.....Jennie and Ken Ferguson*

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**Jennie Signorelli** - July 09, 2013 at 07:50 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. Mike Hamilton was a great man and friend. I met the Hamiltons when I was 14. They let me work around the shop when I was young. Helped me get my first car running and drivable. Mike helped me with my first race car. He helped my family and me. He truly will be missed. :(*

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**Ken Small** - July 09, 2013 at 07:46 AM

JB

“ My condolence to Mikes family, He was a good person and all will miss him deeply. Mike and I went to school together back in the 70's. I will always remember his smile and kind words. Thank you for this memory mike. You old school friend Alicia.



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**Joyce Alicia (Carpenter) Boom** - July 09, 2013 at 02:44 AM

TW

“ Gina and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Mikes passing. Please know that if there is anything you need I am always here for you. Anytime day or night! Just give me a call. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time! Mike was a sweetheart in life and will always be remembered as so. Please accept our condolences from the Wallace family. Hugs girl!  
Teresa Wallace and Family

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**Teresa Wallace** - July 08, 2013 at 11:59 PM

RB

“ I'm still gonna rev my engine every time i pass the shop for Mike <3 and see his hand fly in the air with a big ol' smile!! Prayers to the family

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**Rhianna Brown** - July 08, 2013 at 10:54 PM

SG

“ Over all the years that I drive figure 8's Mike was the guy I would go to if I ever had a question, about something. I learned alot from him off the track as well as on the track. Also always was glad to help him on the track after race was over. This man in my book was one of the best figure 8 drivers in the state. R.I.P my friend #00

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**Scott Giles** - July 08, 2013 at 10:34 PM

RB

*He was a good driver!! My dads motor was in his car :)*

Rhianna Brown - July 08, 2013 at 10:56 PM

JB

*“ This is all still such a shock. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers in the many days to come. The race track will definately be a different place without him there.*



Jason and Nicole Barabe - July 08, 2013 at 10:24 PM

LG

*“ Dear Gina, We offer our deepest sympathy to you and the Hamilton Family in the loss of your husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, son, brother, brother-in-law, and friend to so many. Mike will be remembered for all of his special talents and gifts to our Community. Prayers that his memories help you through this very difficult time.  
Lynn & Steve Grim*

Lynn Grim - July 08, 2013 at 09:32 PM

DW

*“ Debra White lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" E. Hamilton*



debra white - July 08, 2013 at 09:16 PM

LR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. My family has known Mike for 30 + years and will indeed miss him, R.I.P friend, god has taken another great one :-)

*Larry & Becki Robinson*

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**Larry Robinson** - July 08, 2013 at 09:13 PM

EB

“ *Gina: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Eileen Brow*

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**Eileen Brow** - July 08, 2013 at 09:13 PM

WT

“ *May God Be With You And Your Family. I Can't Imaginle The Pain In Your Heart. Please, Please Call Us If We Can Help You In Any Way, Call Us If You Want To Talk OR Just Need A Shoulder To Lean On. We're Here For You.*

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**Wanda and Tony** - July 08, 2013 at 09:04 PM

MN

“ *All of my memories of him were the best... Racing, to summers at his house, to bonfires until early hours of the morning...*

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**Maggie Sherrick- niece** - July 08, 2013 at 09:03 PM

ML

“ I lost my good friend on the 6th of July 2013 one I'll miss alot. Every trip I made from pa to Michigan my first stop was to see mike on my way to vandecar road.

*But your works done now brother you'll be in God's hands now  
You'll be really missed mike RIP brother mike*

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**mike lassen** - July 08, 2013 at 08:45 PM

LM

“ Sorry for your loss and our prayers are coming to the whole family.  
*Dale, Lynn, Kariann, Travis MacArthur*

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**Lynn MacArthur** - July 08, 2013 at 08:34 PM

TB

“ Terry Brinkman lit a candle in memory of  
*Michael "Mike" E. Hamilton*



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**Terry Brinkman** - July 08, 2013 at 08:34 PM

KF

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

*Kevin & Teresa Kipp & Family*

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**Kipp Family** - July 08, 2013 at 08:07 PM

CM

“ Gina, Mike, and Wesley. Our hearts and love go out to you upon hearing of the loss of Mike. Our memories of your family and ours go back many years. If there is anything at all that we can do for you, please let us know. Mike was a great guy and will be missed by all. He was a great and helpful member of our community. We love you very much. Carl and Mary Jo

Carl and Mary Jo Miller - July 08, 2013 at 08:04 PM

JA

“ Gina and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you all.

Doug and Jaynie Hoerauf

Jaynie - July 08, 2013 at 08:01 PM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss...Mike will be missed..

Jim Haag - July 08, 2013 at 07:31 PM

LY

“ Gina sending our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. (holly/charlee's mom) God bless Lynn and ed



lynn - July 08, 2013 at 07:26 PM

SY

Did not know Mike but always heard great things about him from Charlee, Earl, Holly and Ronnie. So sorry to the family for your loss. Matt and Shelly Yeo (Lynn's sister)

shelly bradley - yeo - July 08, 2013 at 11:51 PM

NG

“ Gina, Carol and I offer to you and your family our deepest sympathies. Mike was a generous man when it came to his community and his friends. Know that our thoughts are with you.

*Norm and Carol Gage*

Norman Gage - July 08, 2013 at 06:31 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry Gina and all of the rest of his family and your family. It's the kind of news that takes your breath away. I am so sorry. (((hugs)))

Robin Schmid - July 08, 2013 at 05:45 PM

TR

“ Gina, I am sadden to hear of your loss,prayers are with you and your family,



Terrie Roberts - July 08, 2013 at 05:09 PM

PM

“ Gina, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I would like to do something in the newspaper about Mike if it is alright with you.  
*Pat Maurer*

Pat Maurer - July 08, 2013 at 04:45 PM

MD

Gina I am very sorry for the loss of your husband. He was a great guy who was always willing to help. I will never forget all the head shaking when trying to tell me how to fix trannys.

Myron Davis - July 08, 2013 at 04:49 PM

TH

“ Mike, You were and still are the best mechanic! You were good at everything you did. Wow are we gonna miss you. The memories will always be there.



Tasha Halle - July 08, 2013 at 04:30 PM

DP

“ Gina, I am so sorry for your loss. You guys were a true love story. Hugs and prayers for you and the boys.

Darcey Palermo - July 08, 2013 at 03:50 PM

TI

“ Gina, So sorry to hear about Mike. I know he will be greatly missed by all your family and friends. I still remember him trapping the "Bat" at the flower shop during Mother's Day Weekend. Love to your family, Trudy....

Trudy B Irwin - July 08, 2013 at 03:35 PM

JT

“ Mike was one of the greatest guys I have ever known. He will be sorely missed, not only by his family but by all those who have had the pleasure to have met him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your time of sorrow. Janet Wellman Tarnosky

Janet Wellman Tarnosky - July 08, 2013 at 03:29 PM

SB

Gina, Just got home and heard about Mike. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and the family. He will be greatly missed by us and our community. Sorry for your loss. The Billman Family.

Suzzy Billman - July 10, 2013 at 01:02 PM