



Michael Curzenski

July 19, 1958 - April 13, 2020

Michael Curzenski gained his angel wings on April 13, 2020, at the age of 61. Michael is survived by his wife, Julie, of almost 34 years, and daughter Amy. He is also survived by his siblings Gary (Betty) and Christine, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Josephine Curzenski.

Michael Curzenski, or to those who knew him best, simply "Mike," was born on July 19, 1958, in Detroit, Michigan. Mike spent his childhood playing baseball, fishing, hunting and just being a typical boy. He became an Eagle Scout at the young age of 14 and enjoyed many camping trips with the Boy Scouts. He always had a smile on his face when he would talk about his childhood. Some of his most favorite times and memories were of the times he spent on his grandparent's dairy farm in Cheboygan, MI. From helping to milk cows, to stacking hay bales, to picking fresh sweet corn, he loved it all and would talk endlessly about the great times Up North and the great people that lived there.

Mike graduated high school in 1976 and went on to complete a few years of college at Lawrence Tech. Although he never graduated, he went on to have a great career as a draftsman, and then a computer-aided draftsman. From the stories that were told of some of the things that happened at work, it is amazing that any work ever got done. That was one thing about Mike, he always had fun no matter the circumstances. On June 14, 1986, Mike married the love of his life, Julie, in a fairy-tale ending to their love story that began in 1982 when Mike and Julie stood up in a wedding together, where he caught the garter and she caught the bouquet. Some things are just meant to be. They made their home in Clinton Twp., where they welcomed their only child, Amy, in August of 1990. They moved to Chesterfield in 1992, where they would make countless memories together as a family and where Mike would spend the rest of his days until his passing.

To those who knew Mike best, you know his life-long love of anything outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, and golfing. Mike was always happiest outside and being active. Whether it was ice fishing, fishing from a boat, fishing from a dock, the bank, or wading in a river he loved it all and caught more fish than anyone could ever count. He fished in many fishing

tournaments over the years and collected many trophies through the years. Come October, his adventures turned from the water to the woods, where he enjoyed countless years of hunting whitetail deer with his brother, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was lucky enough to take several hunting trips out west, where the stories ranged from believable to unbelievable. Anyone that ever spent any significant amount of time talking to Mike most likely heard a fish and deer story, or two. On most days, Mike could be found wearing his favorite attire: camouflage and a baseball hat. When Mike wasn't hunting or fishing, he could be found spending warm summer days on the golf course.

Although he loved fishing and hunting so much, there is something he loved even more: his family. Mike was always happiest when spending time with his family, especially times spent on Lake St. Clair on the family boat. Mike could not have been prouder of his daughter, from the moment she was born, and he exclaimed, "It's a girl", to the moment she received her master's degree and to everything she achieved in between. He was a true family man, and the kind of dad that any child would love to have. The special moments, endless memories and strong bond they formed together will help carry his family through. Mike took his family on countless vacations, from Maine, to Texas, to Florida, to South Dakota, and so many other places and drove countless miles through the years. He could even be found attending several Taylor Swift concerts with Amy. That shows not only the kind of father he was, but the type of man he was also: anything to make those he loved most happy.

To everyone that met Mike, he left an impression on them on how to be kind, fun-loving, hard-working, and how to live the most fulfilling life possible. There wasn't a person Mike met that didn't become a friend to him. He may have only been 61, but he did more living in that short time than most people would do in several lifetimes. At the young age of 58, he received his lung cancer diagnosis. Through the devastating news and the 3.5-year battle that followed, Mike handled it all with grace, admiration, dignity, and more strength than most people could manage. He never complained and took the cards he had been dealt and made the most of it. Mike would always say that he wanted to help pave the way for future cancer patients, as those that came before him had done. He was able to continue hunting, fishing, and golfing right to the end.

Life is too often defined by the years engraved in a gravestone. However, the dash in between those two years is where all the living and stories are held and in Mike's 61 years, there are more stories and love held in that one small dash than could ever be shared. Hold on to the memories, they will hold on to you, during good times and bad.

Mike will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Twp., MI in a private burial on

Thursday, April 16th. There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial held in the future for all his family and friends to attend once the world environment allows. To anyone who is reading this, Mike would be honored that you take the time to attend his memorial.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family to help cover expenses and to be used as the family's wishes.

Comments



“ Julie I just wanted to let you know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.

Carol Selby - April 16, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ Christine, We've been praying for your beloved brother for a very long time. We enjoyed looking through the pictures. They show a beautiful soul who's life was very rich. Please extend our condolences to your niece, Amy, and the rest of your family. You were the best daughter to your mom that anyone could ask for and an excellent sister to your brother. Every time we talked, you asked us to pray for Michael. Please let us know of any memorial services being held. May Michael rest in gentle peace.
Steve & Joann Beste

Joann Beste - April 15, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



John Addy - April 15, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ A lifetime is never enough to spend with those you love. Michael will be missed so very much but his legacy will go on forever. Thankful for all the memories and outrageous hunting and fishing stories; that I know are absolutely not your ordinary fishing tales but legends of truth. Trivial things like weather we're not a problem, he always found a way ... a rainy, snowy day on Lake St. Clair was the perfect day for fishing! With albums of photos to prove it, he mastered the art of living a passionate life.

Dawn Piasta - April 15, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ My uncle mike was a great man , uncle & friend. Camping trips in the 90's that we're awesome. Great bonfires while camping & at their home with aunt Julie , Amy & family & friends. Salmon fishing on Lake Huron. Fishing trips for perch on Lake Huron. Our conversations driving up & back were priceless. Hunting with uncle mike through the years were priceless. Uncle mike loved life & his family , as well as his friends. I have nothing but good memories & good times spending the time I had with him. I love you! God bless you! Now you have your wings!

matthew curzenski - April 15, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ Our prayers are with the Curzenski family on the passing of a loving and caring servant. Mike accepted his cross and offered it for Christ. We will remember him in our prayers.

Dcn. Marion & Yvonne Jurewicz - April 15, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ My hubby Dave Gumbetter and Mike shared many a fishing and hunting trip. Dave always thought a lot of Mike. I'm sure they are already fishing up there. He enjoyed working with Mike too. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and to your family.

Pam Gumbetter - April 15, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ Condolences to you Chris, Julie and Amy and your families. He was a wonderful person.
What great pictures and memories of all the many deer and all the big fish Mike and his buddy hunted & caught. He will truly be missed. Thoughts, prayers and Gods blessing to you all in this most difficult time.

Michael, Toni, Vincent & Matthew Domenic - April 15, 2020 at 12:57 AM



“ I love you guys! I agree with what Meredith said! You all are amazing! Mr. Mike was an amazing man and the love he had for you both. What a great example of what a husband and father should be. Amy you have had a great role model. Mrs. Julie, what a blessing to have been married for that long. You guys are a wonderful family. Everyone saw that. Through heaven he will shine down and want you to make those memories smiling down. I am praying for you during this time. I love you all.

Jennifer Anders - April 14, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ Julie and Amy,

I know I was only around Mike a couple of times but there are a few things I will never forget about him. One being his smile. He was so warm and welcoming and never made me feel like I was a stranger. Another thing I admired about him is how you could see his love for his family from a mile away. Not only did I see this in person, but I have also seen this through the pictures you both post on Facebook.

I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Meredith Bunch

Meredith Bunch - April 14, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ Prayers, Love and Sympathy Julie and Amy. Ron and I often talk about the visit with Michael and the tour he showed us his fishing area and trip to his favorite Cabelas store. Peace and Love Cousin

Ron and Pat Bur - April 14, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ Will cherish the memories on the ice and soft water fishing with Mike. He had the knack for big fish and big whitetails. Fish on my friend and god bless.

Mike dangelo - April 14, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ I will miss my buddy so much. He was my hunting and fishing partner for so many years. Lots of memories, Love ya buddy



John Addy - April 14, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Julie, Amy, Gary, Chris and the rest of the family,

We are very sorry for your loss, because that is something we share. Cousin Mike was always ready to take part in all activities. From when we little kids to the present day we have great memories of time spent with Mike.

Rest in Peace.

We will miss you.

Love to the family.

Gerry & Celine

Gerry Ciurzenski - April 14, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Julie and family-
Words cannot express how very sorry I am for your loss, my prayers go out to all of you.
The pictures show many beautiful memories that your family had shared and will cherish forever!
God Bless you and your family!
Denise Strunk

Denise Strunk - April 14, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Julie, your pictures speak volumes of the wonderful life you shared with your husband. Take comfort in all of those beautiful memories. God Bless you and your family now and in the time ahead.
Sherry Zdziepko

sherry - April 14, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Brandy Hranach (maiden name Gillis)

Brandy - April 14, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Julie, Amy, Gary and Christine. Michael was one of a kind and when his name is mentioned I always smile. I'm so thankful for all the memories I have through out the years. He will be missed. Love to all of you cousin Gloria

Gloria Prykucki - April 14, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ Dear Julie, Amy, Gary and Christine:

My heart is heavy with the loss of Mike. But my face is smiling with all the wonderful memories I have of him. No one loved "the farm" as much as Michael did. He was a true farmer, living in the city. From the time he would arrive he wanted to be outside helping with the cows or whatever needed to be done. He would often say "if I could only make a living up here doing this I would." Some of my fondest memories are going on a long vacation to Canada with his family and mine. Riding for hours wondering if we would ever get there. My first fishing experience was with him too. I soon discovered that when you fish, you sometimes come back with little to no fish, but a lot of black fly bites. Maple river was great for that. My last memory of him will be this past August in New Hampshire. He just loved being out here and thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the top of Mt. Washington. He talked about it for weeks after he was back home. The beauty of the area brought him comfort and allowed him to forget about all that was going on. I have a feeling he will spend many days back on that mountain enjoying all the beauty it offers. Anytime Mike was around you knew you would be in for a good laugh. His great sense of humor and kindness will be missed by all who knew him. Mike was what I call one of the "good guys" Always there to lend a hand or say something to make you laugh. His family as well as extended family meant the world to him and he will be missed by many. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Love always,

John Dotski

John Dotski - April 14, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Memories Album



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - April 14, 2020 at 12:07 PM