



Michael Campbell McMullen

August 7, 1985 - May 11, 2010

Michael McMullen, known to all who loved him as Mikey, was born on August 7, 1985 in Tallahassee, Florida and from the beginning he was a spark of energy in the lives of his family and friends. He died on Tuesday, May 11. He was a gifted athlete who loved playing soccer, playing on teams from early childhood through high school at Bloomington High School North. He served as co-president of the BHSN chapter of Habitat for Humanity. After completing high school, he attended Evergreen State College in Washington, and then transferred to the New England School of Photography in Boston. He became a skilled and passionate photographer with an interest in the unique architecture of the city and in nature. In addition to photography, Mikey was also a gifted musician who taught himself guitar as a young adult and pursued it on his own and with friends.

There is no doubt that Mikey brought a unique energy to the world. His spontaneity and witty personality brought laughter to those around him, often bringing humor to a situation in unexpected ways. In addition to his outgoing nature, he was also an avid reader and had a passion for history, philosophy, and politics. These interests were reflected in his strong convictions and deep set of values, which he lived out in his own quiet way. He loved spending time outdoors, camping and fishing with friends, and with them founded B.A.S.S., the Bloomington Angling and Spelunking Society.

Above all, Mikey cared deeply for his loved ones and was extraordinarily devoted to his family and close friends, many of whom have been with him

since preschool. His compassion and loyalty, his sensitive heart, his laughter, and the creativity that Mikey brought to his music and art will be deeply missed by those of us who loved him.

Mikey is survived by his parents, Mary and Rick McMullen; and brothers Brad and Ben McMullen of Bloomington; his grandmother, Alice Benson of Sun City Center, Florida; his aunts and uncles, Sue and John Hicks of Bloomington; Ruth and Phil Bursi of Atlanta, Georgia; Neil McMullen of Clearwater, Florida; and his cousins, Katie Hicks, John Michael and Zack Hudson, John, Chuck, Alex, and Tommy Bursi, and Camp McMullen. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Marcel Benson, and his paternal grandparents, Neil and Ruth McMullen.

Visitation for Mikey will be held Friday May 14, 2010 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM.

The Burial Office will be held Saturday, May 15, at 10 o'clock AM, at Trinity Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Dr. Linda C. Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery. A reception for family and friends at the McMullen home immediately follows interment. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Bradford Woods Outdoor Education Programs 5040 State Road 67 North, Martinsville, IN 46151 or the Bloomington High School North chapter of Habitat for Humanity 3901 North Kinser Pike Bloomington, Indiana 47404.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Mary & Rick & Family:
Mikey is always going to remain a very special part of your family as well as a very special memory for all that knew him. We wish we could of been there but were in California for our anniversary when we were told by Elaine and Monica. Our hearts go out to all of you & we will make sure to send a contribution to Bradford Woods in Mikey's memory.*

Mike & Gina Ritchel, Elaine, Monica and Sean

Mike & Gina Ritchel - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

KA

“ *Dear Mary,
I grieve with you in my small way, for the loss of your son. My memories of his beautiful life be a comfort to you in the days ahead.
With my deepest sympathies,
Karen*

Karen Jepson-Innes - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

YU

“ Dear Mary and Rick:

Zhang Yuan from Nanjing, China sent her deepest condolences to you and your entire family. She remembers vividly Mikey and how joyful it was to spend the Christmas holiday with you all at your lovely home.

She is recovering from cancer therapy and will complete her treatment in a few weeks. She will pray for you for a peaceful recovery from this tragic loss.

--joanne Peng on her behalf

Yuan Zhang - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

MA

“ Dear McMullen Family,

You all are in our thoughts and prayers. We are grateful for all the fond memories we have of Mikey (and all our Bloomington kids together) during those good old soccer days. Wonderful memories that will last for an eternity and bring us all some comfort during these painful times.

All our love.

Marcus Figueiredo - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

YI

“ Dear McMullen.

In China, we believe that every one who chooses to leave us has his or her reasons. I believe Mikey will live forever in another world. Heartfelt pray for you and your family.

Yin Jianqin - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DO

“ Rick, Mary, Brad and Ben, I grieve with you at Mikey's death. I was not able to attend the service at Trinity because I had a service in Bean Blossom at 9:15. I will pray for Mikey and you all for a month in my daily intercessions.
In Christ, Don Jones+

Donald Jones - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

ST

“ Rick and Mary,

I'm so sorry about death of your son Mikey. One of my sisters lost a son years ago (Ben was 10 at the time and as full of life as you can imagine). And so I've been close to this kind of loss. I know the pain is all encompassing. Nothing is worse than the death of your child. All of us parents know that. So, I feel for you literally and have a sense of what you are going through, and will go through in the days ahead. All I can say is hang in there as best you can. Steve

Steve Warren - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

KL

“ I shall always remember Mikey's good nature and calming influence. He was a pleasure to talk with and I truly enjoyed getting to know him during LIS class. Our world needs more people like Mikey; kind, compassionate, and he had a great deal of empathy for others.
My thoughts are with his family during this sorrowful time.

Kathy Loser - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RO

“ I pray for your family to give you strength, peace, and forgiveness in all.

Rosa Hildebrandt - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DI

“ Dear Mary and family,

I was so saddened to hear of Mikey's death. Because I'm out of town all this week, I will not be able to attend the visitation or reception. But please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Diana Lambdin - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

AN

“ Dear McMullen Family,

A community draws a circle around you at this moment to help you bear your heart ache. With condolences, Angela Lexmond and Bob Gonyea

Angela Lexmond - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

TF

“ Dear Friends and Family: Those who wish are invited to the Facebook memorial site -- "Mikey McMullen was a Friend of Mine" h
[ttp://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=116930858347318&ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=116930858347318&ref=ts)

Thank you for your love, caring and well wishes at this time. Mikey's Family

The McMullen Family - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RU

“ Oh Mary and Rick, Brad and Ben. I just saw this. My heart is breaking for you. I loved Mikey, loved seeing him and Brad and Ben grow up. I loved the joy your whole family brought to my family, loved the afternoons in the backyard with our kids, loved that I was fortunate enough to have such wonderful neighbors.

Mikey touched the heart of everyone who knew him.

Ruth Paris - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JA

“ Mary and family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Jane Meyer

Jane Meyer - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

BA

“ Dear Rick and family -- I was so sorry to hear of the death of your son. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Barb Starrett (RGS at KU)

Barb Starrett - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

MF

“ We are thinking of you and remembering your precious Mikey.

Marilyn Stone Family - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

AL

“ Dear McMullen Family,

We are very sorry to hear about your tragic loss. We all have found memories of Mikey as as a young man and this is shocking and very sad news. You have our condolences and are in our thoughts.

Sincerely,

Alexander, Robin and George

Alexander Murphy-Nakhnikian - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JO

“ Dear Mary and Rick:

I am SO SORRY to hear the loss of your dear Mikey!!! Words are inadequate in conveying my sorrow for this terrible loss. I will pray for a memorable memorial service and for cherished memories of your beloved son!!!

Joanne Peng - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

PA

“ My prayers are with you... Love you!

Patty

Patty Reyes-Cooksey - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DC

“ Dear Mary, Rick, Brad and Ben,

It is with the greatest sadness that we learned of Mikey's death. There are no words to adequately express how deeply sorry we are for this great loss to your family. Mikey was such a special young man who brought so much joy into everyone's life. Please know that you are held closely in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with each of you in the difficult days ahead.

With deepest sympathies,

David & Stephen

David & Stephen Wade & Chambers - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

EW

“ Mary and Rick,

Our prayers are with you and your family at this time. As parents ourselves it is hard to understand how anyone could cope with such a loss. At some point I hope the good memories will overcome the hard ones.

We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you deal with all that you need to.

*Sincerely,
Kim and Eric*

Eric and Kim Wickizer - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM