



## Michael Hostetler

October 18, 1942

Michael Warren Hostetler, 70, of Bloomington, passed away Saturday at the IU Health Bloomington Hospice House with his loving family by his side. He was born and raised in Bloomington, IN. Born on October 18, 1942, he was the son of Elmer Warren and Mary Margaret (Kerr) Hostetler. Michael graduated from Bloomington High School in 1960. In 1976 he graduated from IUPUI with an A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice, he then attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. In 1991 he graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. Michael served in the United States Army as a Corporal with the Military Police from 1964-1966. He retired as Chief of the Bloomington Police Department in 2008. Michael served on the Red Cross Board from 1986- 1989 and with the Domestic Violence Task Force from 1994-2008. He was a member of the F.O.P and Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and a former CCD Teacher. Michael loved camping and being outdoors. He was an accomplished wood worker and attended many wood working shop classes. He was also a master gardener, but his #1 love was his family. Michael was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Michael is survived by his wife of 46 years Barbara (Farmer) Hostetler of Bloomington, his daughter Nancy Archer and her husband Eric of Indianapolis; two

granddaughters Jessica Archer and Elizabeth Archer; his step-mother Agatha Hostetler-Adams of Bloomington; two brothers John "Tim" Heagy of Ohio and Joe Heagy of Florida; three sisters Lori Wilkerson of Bloomington, Cindy Brown of Indianapolis and Cassandra "Taffy" Tomlinson-Adams of Florida; four brother-in-laws Walter Farmer of California, Arthur Farmer of Texas, Sam Farmer of California and Stephen Farmer of Bloomington; one sister-in-law Virginia Kleindorfer of Bloomington; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother-in-law Charles Farmer. A Funeral Mass will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church with Father Thomas Kovach officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens with Military Rites conducted by the Veterans Honor Guard. Family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hoosiers Outrun Cancer.

# Tribute Wall

GL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike's family in their time of sadness.*

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**George and Lisa Connolly** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

MA

“ *My heart goes out to you all. Cousin Mike will be missed. Here is a poem for you and it is called Thinking of You with Love.*

*We thought of you with love today,  
but that is nothing new.*

*We thought about you yesterday,  
and days before that too.*

*We think of you in silence,  
we often speak your name.*

*All we have are memories,  
and your picture in a frame.*

*Your memory is our keepsake,  
with which we will never part.*

*God has you in His keeping,  
we have you in our hearts.*

*A million times we`ve wanted you.*

*A million times we cried.*

*If love could only have saved you,  
you never would have died.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.*

*But you didn`t go alone.*

*For a part of us went with you...*

*the day God called you Home.*

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**Marsha Eads-Marker** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

TO

“ I remember Mike from the time I was City Controller a little more than 10 years ago. He was, indeed, one of the most professional and thoughtful people I've ever had the privilege to work with in my time with the City. I cannot say that I ever saw Mike with anything other than a pleasant disposition and confident demeanor, always greeting people with a smile.

*I, like the rest of community, will miss him.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family.*

*Tom Guevara*

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**Tom Guevara** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

GM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's illness and death. I knew Mike when I worked at the city and when I served on the Board of Public Safety. He was such a calm, quiet person, and he did such a good job as a policeman and as chief. I am thinking of you as you grieve his loss.

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**Glenda Murray** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

RP

“ Barbara and Family Mike was a loyal friend and a great working companion during the years I worked with him at PD Bloomington. Please accept our sincere sympathy for your loss. May your heart find healing in cherished memories.

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**Richard and Patricia Post** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

RO

“ I have known Mike Hostetler for almost 60 years and I have always been a proud supporter of his career in law enforcement. Mike was always kind and compassionate as a young boy growing up in B-ton with his friends and he was the same as he grew into manhood. Mike never changed even as he grew from a young rookie officer to the Chief of our police department. Bloomington has lost a true "Officer and a Gentleman". My deepest sympathies to Mike's family for their irreplaceable loss.

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**Rod Figg** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JF

“ I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Michael from the 1970's until he retired and found him to not only an excellent police officer but a real gentleman. Michael was always willing to answer any question I had for him and I found him to be patient enough to answer in layman language I understood. He was one of my best sources of information when I had a law enforcement question. He will be missed by anyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

*Maybe GOD need a fine Chief of Police in Heaven.*

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**Jerry F. Bales** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

SH

“ Barb, I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Sharon Kerr** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

KI

“ So very sorry to hear of Mike's passing, my thoughts and prayers to all of the family. I worked with Mike for many years at the Bloomington Police Department and he was a wonderful person to be around. He will be missed by all that knew him.

*Kimberly Carson  
Night Shift Telecommunicator*

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**Kimberly Carson** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

PA

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of Mike. He was a great person and he had a great deal of positive influence on me.

*I really appreciated the times that he stopped in to see me here on the IUPUI Campus when he came for treatments. It was an example of his kindness and character to think of me when he was being treated at the Med Center.*

*He will me missed.*

*God Bless you, Paul Norris*

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**Paul Norris** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JA

“ I CAN NOT TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED MIKE. HE WILL SURELY BE MISSED AT BLACK LUMBER. HE WAS A WONDERFUL CUSTOMER, AND A DEAR FRIEND TO ALL OF US.

*YOUR FRIENDS AT  
BLACK LUMBER COMPANY*

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**JANET LYLE** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

SU

“ *My love and condolences to your whole family at this difficult time.*

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**Susan Madden** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

MA

“ *Barbara, my sincere condolence go out to you and your family at this time. Sometimes life is tough but our God is always near to carry us through these difficulties.*

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**Mary Buher** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JD

“ *We are so very sorry for your great loss. Mike was an incredible man. When we think of him, we think of China. He was a loving father to us new parents and a wonderful grandfather to all the girls. We have deep respect for him and he will be missed.*

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**John and Donna Hancock** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM

BI

“ *Nancy and I were so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Bill Cowden** - March 22, 2013 at 08:16 AM