

Michael Dale Ikemeier

August 12, 1949 - August 1, 2014

Michael Dale Ikemeier, 64, of Maitland, Florida, went home to be with his Lord on August 1, 2014. Born in St. Louis, Missouri on August 12, 1949, Michael served in the U.S. Navy as a petty officer third class serving two tours in Vietnam. He took great pride in service to his country. Michael married Terri Ikemeier on July 26, 1993.

He leaves to cherish his memory two children (with former spouse and good friend, Laurie Gabrielsen) Ryan Michael Ikemeier (Natalie Ikemeier) and Ashley Nicole Ikemeier, son (with Terri Ikemeier) Michael Raymond Ikemeier, two grandchildren, Alexander Lee Ikemeier and Greyson Anne Ikemeier, younger brothers Donald Joseph Ikemeier (Teresita Ikemeier) and Frank Henry Ikemeier, nieces Patricia Ann Burnley (Clayton Burnley) and Christine Nicole Ikemeier, and nephew Christopher Joseph Ikemeier.

With an inherited passion for fine food and beverage, Michael took much love in cooking and entertaining. He was known as Orlando's Premier Catering Director specializing in large and elegant events. His reputation as a "Class-Act" Caterer resulted in his clients becoming longtime friends. Michael loved playing golf, but what he enjoyed more than anything was spending time on the golf course with his two sons.

Michael loved the Lord and his grandmother, Cecilia Ikemeier, who he called

“his angel”. In his wallet, he carried a cherished rosary of hers and a hand-crochet pendent as a reminder of his faith. His family knows that Michael is with the Lord because He knows his heart.

He will be missed by all that knew and loved him, and his memories will last a lifetime. Memorial service will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church on Friday, September 12th at 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Pace Brantley Non-Profit School to continue to support Michael's education and school needs, as well as other students. For information, please visit the link below and note "Michael Ikemeier" in the memo.

<http://www.pacebrantley.org/giving.cfm?subpage=231642>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Asbury United Methodist Church
220 W. Horatio Avenue
Maitland, FL

Tribute Wall



“ I just saw that Mike had passed. We served aboard the USS Nereus in San Diego. I was on the boats before Nereus and Mike loved my stories and decided to serve in Vietnam in the Mobile Riverine Force. I have a picture of him if the family would like it but it's not digital.

David Gianini - April 05, 2023 at 10:53 PM



Contact me via Facebook

David Gianini - April 05, 2023 at 10:54 PM

CB

“ I just heard that he had passed away. I am so sad to hear that he is no longer with us. I met Mike 9 years ago when I needed a place for NW Sign Industries Holiday Party and Mike took care of all the arrangements'. I continued to follow Mike so he could set up all our Holiday Parties. He went so far as to hold our last Holiday Party in our manufacturing shop. He turned out to be a good friend, my husband and I will miss having lunch with him. My condolences to the family. He will be truly missed.

Bruce and Chris Baldwin

Chris Baldwin - April 02, 2015 at 12:45 PM

DK

“ I was just so sad to hear about Mike. Our family met him through the Double Tree for an event he managed for us. He was a fantastic person and hard worker. He will be missed.

Warm Regards,

The Koch Family

Darren Koch - October 22, 2014 at 03:29 PM

CH

“ Mike, I hope you know how much of a difference you made with everyone you came into contact with. I will always remember your kindness, generosity and wonderful personality. You always glowed when speaking of your family and I know they are feeling the pain of the your loss. You have and always will hold a special place in my heart. Peace be with you my friend until we meet again!

Carmen Hall

Carmen Hall - September 22, 2014 at 02:32 PM

CS

“Wow, my heart goes out to Mike the one many know as 'ike" and his entire friends and family. He touched so many lives with such lasting and impactful memories. At the age of 16 working at the Sheraton Royal in KC, I can honestly say and knew when I first met him that I always wanted to be like "ike". And 36 years later as I participate in Marriott's Weekly New Hire Orientation I share with the new associates to pick a leader you admire, work hard and you will be rewarded. Mike was the one I wanted to always be like. I have shared my experience with so many all these years and leave one regret, "I never had the opportunity to share with Mike what he meant to me". Mike you will be missed, yet never ever forgotten. Last but not least, I leave you with this when I have a bad day and we all do. Mike would always walk up whisper in my ear 'FIJFI". damn guy would put a smile on my face and life right back into perspective. Life is short, lets all make each and every day the very best possible.

Ike, missed yes, but never ever forgotten....

Chris Sullivan, Hotel Manager San Francisco Marriott Marquis

Chris Sullivan - September 17, 2014 at 09:59 AM

BW

“Mike was one of my first bosses in this business at the "Kansas City Sheraton Royal". He was the "Catering God", to many of us young people trying to figure things out. He was always there for us and very inspirational... I recall "whats shaking bacon" every morning when he walked by - touch me "russian service", great memories....

He is the reason many of us were successful - gave us the passion and "can do" attitudes... I was so fortunate to reunite with him recently and had coffee.

Thanks MIKE! We will miss you.... Bob Walsh

Bob Walsh - September 17, 2014 at 09:15 AM

LC

“ Mike was one of my first bosses at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Kansas City. I have so many fond and fun memories of our days in catering department. Often wondered what happened to him and sad to hear of this news. God bless him and his family. Lisa Reyes Cox

Lisa Cox - September 16, 2014 at 03:18 PM

RB

“ Mike and I were neighbors on Wismer Street in Overland, MO. We joined the Navy together on the buddy system. He was the best man in my wedding in 1969. Over the years we lost touch with each other. A few months ago, my wife, Debbie, looked him up on Facebook and sent him a message but I guess he didn't do much with Facebook.
My wife and I will miss Mike.....he was a long time buddy and will never be forgotten.
Bob and Deb Bullock

Robert Bullock - September 01, 2014 at 11:19 PM

DR

“ Michael it was a pleasure working with you at DBT. I will miss our going back and forth talk and you calling me Red Rock. You were awesome and we had many laughs. To his family, I send my condolences. Michael was a great guy and knowing him for over 5 years was wonderful.

Dricka - August 13, 2014 at 07:32 PM

RC

“ I worked with Michael at the Doubletree. I am going to miss him terribly. He always treated his clients with the greatest respect and gave them the world to make them happy. We would fuss sometimes and at times when we discussed some issues I did not know wether to choke him or hug him . But through it all he was a gentleman. I know he will be greatly missed. I not only lost a coworker. I lost a confidant and a friend.



Rita Cirino - August 13, 2014 at 06:42 PM

DF

“ Diana M. Font lit a candle in memory of Michael Dale Ikemeier

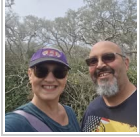


Diana M. Font - August 12, 2014 at 10:06 AM

DF

“ My condolences to the family. Mike was a wonderful human being and a good friend. I will miss him tremendously, especially the way he would always respond to my calls. He will be missed by the Executive Board of the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida as well. He was instrumental in our 1st El Josco Awards and now our upcoming 3rd Awards event in September. Rest in peace Mike as I am sure you are surrounded by Angels and our Lord. You will always be remembered with respect and love.

Diana M. Font - August 12, 2014 at 10:06 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to Mike his family and friends near and far.

Dana Martina - August 12, 2014 at 07:00 AM



“ While working many years in Florida I would travel all around but would always find a place to rest at the DoubleTree. This went on weekly for 5 years and Mike and I would talk often. He would handle our company sales meetings, food shows and many other special events we would have at the hotel with great care and dedication offering the best service and hospitality possible. He would personally see that I was treated with the utmost respect and care by the entire staff at the hotel during my many stays, and I was. His gratitude and friendship will be missed by me and many. Our deepest sympathy to his family, the DoubleTree family and the many friends who had the privilege of knowing and working with such a gracious and kind man.

Phil & Kim Latona

Phil Latona - August 11, 2014 at 04:23 PM



“ I had the TRUE pleasure of working with Mike for 6 years at the Adams Mark and Florida Hotel. I will always remember Mike as a very hard worker, gives warm hugs and always had a smile. He LOVED his wife, his sons and his job. Mike just called me a few weeks ago to congratulate me on the birth of my son, I wish I could have one more phone call from him to tell him how much he meant to me. I know he is in heaven and smiling down on all of us. I love you Mike and I will miss you!

Michelle - August 11, 2014 at 03:51 PM

IS

“ MIKE: You will be sadly missed. Loved working with you at Doubletree Seaworld. Irene Simon

Irene Simon - August 11, 2014 at 03:08 PM

RE

“ Mike, as I sit here reading all the accolades to you from your family, friends and business associates, my heart and eyes are filled with tears. You have been a loved and respected member of our family for over twenty years. You were the one who lovingly started calling me "Gladie" and it stuck. I will always think of you when I am called that. We shared so many gatherings, always with great food with you in the kitchen! I am so glad that I talked with you that evening on the patio when you were doing your favorite thing, barbecueing. I told you that we "love you and you will always be a part of our family, no matter the status of your marriage". I now wish I had told you that more often. Raymond will miss the great golf outings with you and your sons, our grandsons, Mikey and Ryan. You are now in a better place because God knows what was in your heart. You will always be fondly remembered, and sorely missed. We love you, Mike.

Gladie and Ray Entrekin

Ray Entrekin - August 11, 2014 at 02:34 PM

 Anne Ferber

“ I never had the pleasure to formally introduce myself to Mike, but I would see him walking past the restaurant at the hotel often and I would greet him and he always responded with a smile. He was liked by many and loved by many. Sorry for his family's and friends loss. May you all find strength and peace and know that he has gone to rest till you meet again.

Anne Ferber - August 11, 2014 at 11:29 AM



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IB

“ *I had the chance to meet Mr. Ikemeier last month with a co-worker of mine for an upcoming event we have at the Double Tree. We were so happy to meet him, he was such a nice and attentive person, taking care of all our needs for our event, suggesting decoration, giving ideas, etc. He identified with our organization and the work we do, and he really touched our hearts with his kindness. I pray God provides the necessary strength and comfort to his family and friends in such a hard time.*

Isabel Benitez - August 11, 2014 at 11:14 AM



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House of Freedom, Inc.

Isabel Benitez - August 11, 2014 at 11:17 AM

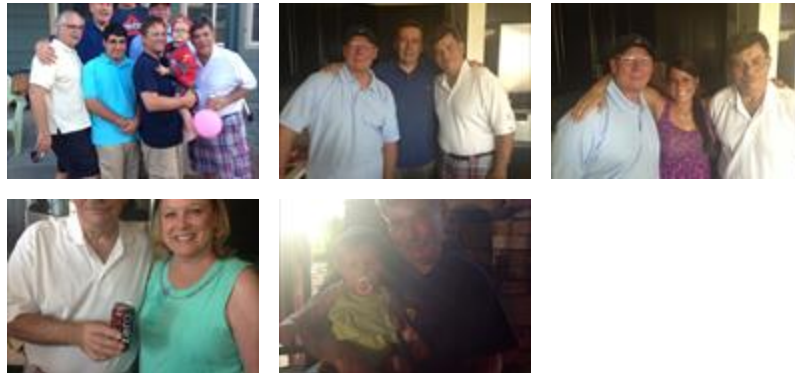


“ *Having worked with Mike for several years at the Florida Hotel, I was so sad to hear about what happened. I am even more sad that I did not keep in touch more. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mike's family and all his friends. You will be missed!*
Simone Kuska - Villanueva

Simone Kuska - August 11, 2014 at 09:04 AM

CI

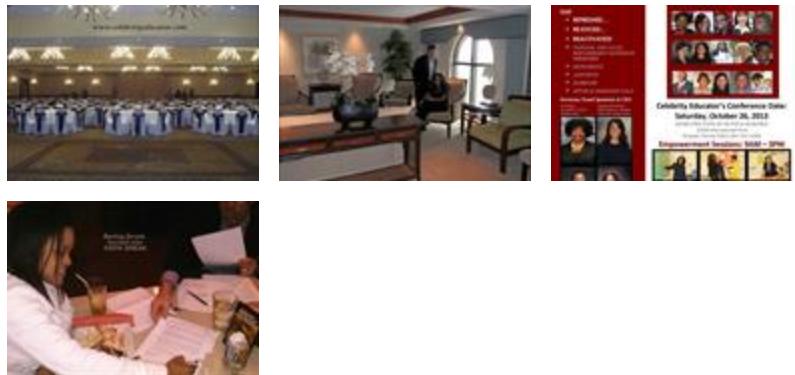
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Christine Ikemeier - August 10, 2014 at 10:59 PM

DT

“ 4 files added to the album New Album Name



Dr. Tricia Travis - August 09, 2014 at 04:05 PM

PK

“ I have treasured memories playing golf with Mike. He was fun to play with and we played for the enjoyment of the game and the wonderful company. I feel so sad that such a wonderful man has chosen to leave us.

Peter Koolen - August 09, 2014 at 02:08 PM

KH

“ Mike

It seems like yesterday the first time you took all my money on the golf course and then to repeat the act many times. Thanks for the memories, the friendship, and always being you!

Kurt Holbrook

Kurt Holbrook - August 08, 2014 at 04:33 PM

 Janice
Vincent

“ *I wish I would have told you how much I appreciated you. You ALWAYS made me feel welcome at your home. Always asking if you could get me something, "make me a plate", get me a drink, etc. You and Terri always including me and the kids in your family gatherings. You were an amazing cook and it was always with joy that you loved to serve others. If there was ever anything you could do to help others with anything, you were always there to "wing a deal". God Bless You. You were an amazing man.*

Janice Vincent - August 08, 2014 at 01:33 PM

DA

“ MIKE,MIKE, MIKEY...I MISS YOU SO MUCH MY FRIEND TO THE END LIKE CHUCKY. I MISS SEEING YOU IN THE MORNING. I WAITED FOR YOU, THAT MORNING BUT YOU NEVER GREETED ME.I WANTED YOU TO TELL ME HOW GREAT THE INDIAN WEDDING WILL BE:"GET READY DANNY IT'S THE BEST FOOD YOU WILL EVER HAVE"..I MISS YOU MY FRIEND YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART

Your friend Danni



Danyale - August 08, 2014 at 11:35 AM

JW

“ Mike - I have always missed your coming to see me, asking for the impossible but with an ear to ear smile that made everything possible. You always took that extra moment to make sure everything was okay, that I was okay. I have missed you and now my heart just hurts!

Julie Watts - August 08, 2014 at 04:46 AM

CI

“ Words can't explain how much I miss you uncle mike. As I read these memories others shared with you, I can't stop but cry and realize that others appreciated you and loved you just as much as i do. I am beyond lucky that I just saw you 3 weeks ago for my graduation party. We miss you all so much, your brothers miss you even more than words can explain. I wish I could list all the amazing memories with you but so lucky I got to spend time with you 3 times in Orlando, Denver, and St. Louis. I'm going to miss that thing you do with your bottom lip. I will forever remember you uncle like. I love you so much and going to miss future family vacations without you. See you in heaven in my future.

christine ikemeier - August 07, 2014 at 09:57 PM

 Patty
Ikemeier
Burnley

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Patty Ikemeier Burnley - August 07, 2014 at 08:30 PM

GF

“ Mike, I will miss your jokes and great sense of humor! It was nice meeting you 15 years ago! You were a great boss always made us smile. See you sometime up there buddy! Then we can laugh again.

Grisel Fierro - August 07, 2014 at 03:15 PM

 Zaira Feliberty

“ *Mikey Ikie...there are no words to describe how much I miss you...Tell me who I'm going to call now?????? I know there is a party in haven with that big smile.....All the years we worked together...all that I know about the industry you teach me. You are missed I I know that you had no idea hoe much you were loved and appreciated.*

*Your Friend,
"Z"*

Zaira Feliberty - August 07, 2014 at 02:59 PM

TH

“ *The world will never be the same without Mike, he had such a great smile and personality. I will really miss him,I enjoyed working together with him he always made the tasks easier and more fun he had such a wonderful way of making everyone he met feel special. You will truely be missed.*

*Your Friend
Terri Horton*


Terri Masutti Horton - August 07, 2014 at 12:54 PM

LO

“ *I had the absolute pleasure of working with Mike for several years and what a class act! He was funny and smart and as we would say.....could sell ice cubes to Eskimos. Mike and I had a couple of golf outings with clients and as good as he was on the golf course, he always made me feel like a pro. My heart goes out to his family and they are in my prayers. Mike you will be missed! God rest your soul.*



Lori - August 07, 2014 at 12:34 PM

 Jenn
Janssen

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Mike at Supercuts by cutting his hair...He was so sweet and always had a smile on his face when I saw him...He always spoke of his family and always asked me about my daughter, he will be missed and always remembered thank you for being a great client and may God smile on you as you rest in peace Mike you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. It was a pleasure knowing you and I will never forget your smile and your kindness.*

Jenn Janssen - August 06, 2014 at 10:34 PM

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Patty Ikemeier Burnley - August 06, 2014 at 12:26 PM



Mike , you were a great friend. I enjoyed the years we worked together. Everytime my phone would ring in my office, I would see your name appear, and I would say "HEY DOC" and you would reply "HELLO WINGNUT". Always made me laugh. You are a great man, and I will miss you dearly.

Jeff Miles

Jeff Miles - August 07, 2014 at 01:03 PM



To my dear brother, you will always be loved. You were always caring and protective of your brothers. Thank you for being such a role model and mentor. I miss you so

Donald Ikemeier - August 07, 2014 at 09:56 PM

DT

We always loved you Mike!!! You spoiled me and others like we were your family. You are irreplaceable because you took away our fears so that we can live out our dreams to hold conferences at the Double Tree Hotel. Many of us will cry for days because we will never get another you. If we could just hug you tight one more time, we would believe that everything is going to be alright. I hope that the Double Tree by Hilton at Seaworld will dedicate something at the hotel in your honor. You deserve something very special in your memory, like a ballroom hall, restaurant or something at the hotel so that you will never be forgotten. You took care of us as your clients while attracting many more clients because of your dynamic people skills and caring heart!!! Loads of love and appreciation for you and your family. Sincerely,
Dr. Tricia Travis
CEO of Celebrity Educator Inc.

Dr. Tricia Travis - August 09, 2014 at 03:55 PM