



## Michael T. Shaffer

April 22, 2016

Shaffer, Michael T. age 38 a lifetime resident of Bergenfield passed away Friday, April 22, 2016. Beloved husband of Dorothy (nee) Romano. Devoted father of Michael, Jr. and Sarah. Loving son of Kathy and Thomas Shaffer. Dear brother of Marcella. Michael worked for 15 years in the Security Department of the Bergen County Department of Public Safety. He was also an avid photographer. He often worked with local fire departments photographing fire scenes. Family and friends are invited to visit Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck. A funeral service will take place on Wednesday, 10AM at the funeral home. Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus.

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

APR **26**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *it's been seven years and i still think about you sometimes. Mike, thank you for being a great guardian and friend.* ”

alh - December 04, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ *Michael T. Shaffer* ”

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Michael T. Shaffer* ”

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Michael T. Shaffer* ”

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *V lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer* ”



V - March 27, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *V lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



V - November 16, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ *I miss you every second and love you always..*

V - November 15, 2016 at 09:27 AM



“ *Daddy and I Miss love you and miss you so much, rest in peace my son.*

*Love Mom*

Kathy - August 03, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ *Happy Father's Day Michael*

*Love Mom*

Kathy Shaffer - June 19, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ *It is not the same working at BCA in the evenings without you Mike. The Security desk just feels empty sitting there alone. You are missed by all and your impact will be felt forever.*

Paul Kaser - May 17, 2016 at 07:59 AM

KB

“ We are still feeling the loss of your positive energy and warmth at BCA. Feel blessed to have known such a good-hearted person who was always willing to help out anyone, anytime. Miss you, Mike.

Katie Fernandez Blake - May 04, 2016 at 05:31 PM

EL

“ You were a new friend & I enjoyed your laugh & smile. A kind soul with a huge heart. We only just met, but you are gone to soon. I will miss you. My condolences to your family.

Elyse Lenskold - April 28, 2016 at 08:32 PM

CA

“ Rest easy and know you will be missed.



Cathy - April 27, 2016 at 09:08 PM

MT

“ My deepest and sincerest condolences to you and your family. It is not an easy time. I hope your family will take solace in knowing you are now at peace. Something that may help... 11 symbolizes something to them on "the other side". Start looking on the ground for \$0.11 (11 cents). The most common is a dime and a penny, but it can be any combination. At 1st it will seem like a coincidence. Pick them up. It's "their way" of letting you know that they are with you! If nothing else, it brings a little comfort.

Michelle Thompson - April 27, 2016 at 01:40 PM

DT

“ i have not seen him in years but my little cousin was such a strong personality. my thoughts and prayers are with my aunt and uncle ar this time. i wish i could be there for them. i never met his wife or children but my heart breaks for them

*Deborah Tumlinson*

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**Deborah Tumlinson** - April 27, 2016 at 07:39 AM

DK

“ Mike,

*We always had the best talks, even the ones that were difficult to discuss. The best was discussing the power of words and the "mental dump exercises". Your mind is clear and free now. I'll carry the all the discussions, even the humorous ones everywhere I go. It's funny how even now, I know that you are still listening and routing for me. The feeling is mutual buddy, see you one day.*

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**Danielle Kouefati** - April 26, 2016 at 04:33 PM

RS

“ Mike,

*It is with the heaviest of heart I write this to you. It was my sincere honor to work beside you throughout the years. Your devotion, dedication and commitment to public safety was unparalleled. Whether answering a 9-1-1 call or standing guard at a County event, you will surely be missed. You were always a true professional and a gentleman! May you rest easy for all of eternity and peace be granted upon you my friend! God bless you and your family!*

*Ron Salzano*



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**Ron Salzano** - April 26, 2016 at 03:54 PM

LK

“ We were so terribly saddened to hear about Mike's passing. Mike was so wonderful to my daughter Katie and her friends at BCA. I only met Mike a few times but I felt like he was a longtime friend. He always greeted us with a smile and kind words! I knew immediately what a special person he was. Our prayers and thoughts are with Mike and his family. He touched many lives and will never be forgotten. With love, The Kane Family

Laurie Kane - April 26, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ Dear Michael:  
Just wanted to let know you that you will be missed very much. I will Never forget your graduation party and all the fun we had that day. also the tie we watched speed at Robbie's house. So may memories I shall never forget. You were an inspiration to me with your fitness goals I wish I had that determination. I wish we had more time together I wish you were still here with us. I hope you found the peace you were looking for rest easy my friend. Love always Catherine Spadaccini AKA Jones.



Catherine Spadaccini - April 26, 2016 at 01:08 PM

RD

“ michael.....I have no intention of lighting a candle for you....And I'm not sending any flowers either....However, because we share a love of movie one-liners (and nobody knows more one-liners than you) I'll leave this line with you, and in your honor shall utter it no more...."one pork-chop one".....Rest in God's peace  
Michael.....rocky

Rocky D'Esposito - April 26, 2016 at 11:41 AM

SB

“ *Stephy Bee lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**Stephy Bee** - April 26, 2016 at 11:00 AM

SB

*Brian and I will never forget you Mikey! You lived with us and called our house your Home for two years! I will always remember the good times, the smiles, the happiness, the funny memories we have in our home! Thoughts and Prayers to your family! May you Rest in Eternal Peace! I sent this candle because you always said we shared our favorite color "GEEN!"*

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**Stephy Bee** - April 26, 2016 at 11:08 AM

 William Peppard

“ *William Peppard lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**William Peppard** - April 26, 2016 at 10:19 AM

RD

“ *All of us are saddened by Mike’s passing and we will miss his warm and caring presence on our campus. As a community, we mourn his loss and send our deepest sympathies to you. I hope it is a comfort to know how much Mike was admired and respected at the Bergen County Academies and that we will always remember him with love.*

*Sincerely,*

*Russell Davis  
Principal*

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**Russell Davis** - April 26, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael T. Shaffer.*



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April 26, 2016 at 12:32 AM

 Marie  
Fredella

“ *You touched many lives Michael. And you will live in our hearts forever.*

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**Marie Fredella** - April 25, 2016 at 11:52 PM

JM

“ I met Mike back when he joined the security unit of Bergen County. He was always a friend and he cared about his co-workers as much as he cared about everyone else in his life short of his family, who were obviously the center of his life. My condolences to them. He never ceased to try hard and always do the best job that he could. He will be missed.



*Jim M*

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**Jim M** - April 25, 2016 at 11:24 PM

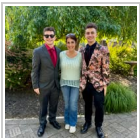
AM

“ Officer Mike did nothing but show support to our hip hop dance group at Bergen County Academies. He'd go beyond his duties as security guard and never fail to express to us how proud he was of all our hard work. On the night of our performance, he approached all of us and told us that our hard work paid off. He said he was proud to have watched us grow, that he enjoyed being able to watch us improve and put on a great show. He made sure that everyone was safe, happy, and proud of themselves.

*Thank you Officer Mike for your support and for everything you've ever done for everyone in the BCA community. You will be greatly missed. I give my condolences to his family.*

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**AM** - April 25, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ I'm going to miss our hockey talks and our monthly lunches just to catch up. Your smile was contagious and your friendship was true. I'll miss you forever. Rest in Peace my friend.



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**Melissa Dawn** - April 25, 2016 at 08:50 PM

SE

“ *Michael,*

*You made the evening shift at BCA a lot of fun. I'll always remember the laughs we had and your good-natured personality. You are and will be sorely missed. RIP.*

*Sergei*

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**Sergei** - April 25, 2016 at 08:12 PM

TG

“ *The Ganci's lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**The Ganci's** - April 25, 2016 at 08:08 PM

TF

“ *The Ganci Family lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**The Ganci family** - April 25, 2016 at 08:06 PM

TF

“ *The Ganci Family lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**The Ganci family** - April 25, 2016 at 08:05 PM

JM

“ JM lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer



JM - April 25, 2016 at 07:12 PM

JM

Prayers and condolences go out to the Shaffer family. May you all find peace in memories and love. Michael, I lit a candle to guide your soul to heaven.

JM - April 25, 2016 at 07:15 PM

PR

“ Pat Rossi lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer



Pat Rossi - April 25, 2016 at 06:18 PM

HF

“ You'll be happy to know that my boyfriend paid for our entire date yesterday. You know who this is. When I left school the other day, I couldn't figure out why the goodbye felt so final. Now I know. But you were always an amazing listener. I'm sure you're listening now from wherever you are.

hackBCA friend<3 - April 25, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“ *Your HackBCA Friend <3 lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



**your hackBCA friend <3** - April 25, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ *Elise Caitlin lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



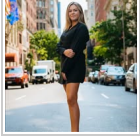
**Elise Caitlin** - April 25, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ *Bergen Tech Fencing Team purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Michael T. Shaffer.*



**Bergen Tech Fencing Team** - April 25, 2016 at 03:07 PM



“ *I want to offer my deepest condolences to Mike's friends and family.*

*I was a student at BCA and called Mike a friend. He watched me grow up over four years. He was by far one of my biggest fans at fencing. While not many people would show up, if it was a home meet we could count on that Mike would pop his head in and support us in any way he could. There were many times he would offer me a high five or a hug after a especially difficult bout. I could always count on Mike to lift my spirits and put a smile on my face. As many other students can relate. I was also one of the students that often got picked up late after practice. Instead of being alone and perhaps a little scared Mike would make sure I knew he was there to talk to and keep me company. That was how I met him and how our friendship grew. He was there at many big moments in my life. From when I became team captain, my last team dinner, to my graduation, Mike was always there to give me a hug and tell me what a good job I had done. There are just so many memories and laughs I can share that I had with him. I loved Mike dearly. In such a difficult time of our lives Mike was always there to show me the bright side of my day. I only hope he knew how much we loved him in return. I will never forget the smiles and laughs we shared and I will always miss him.*

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**Nitza Granados** - April 25, 2016 at 02:28 PM

JP

“ *Joseph Lewis Peterson lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**joseph lewis peterson** - April 25, 2016 at 01:11 PM

TG

“ *Tammy Ganci lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**Tammy Ganci** - April 25, 2016 at 12:47 PM



Courtney  
Masincup

“ *Courtney Masincup lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**Courtney Masincup** - April 25, 2016 at 11:14 AM

JP

“ *RIP Michael, you will be missed*



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**Joanne Pianghi** - April 25, 2016 at 09:00 AM

BL

“ *Thinking of you all in this time of need. My prayers are with you all.*

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**brittany langelotti** - April 25, 2016 at 08:54 AM

DC

“ *Denise Carello lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**Denise Carello** - April 25, 2016 at 08:12 AM

RO

“ *Robin lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer*



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**Robin** - April 25, 2016 at 07:56 AM

CI

“ *You always had a kind heart. I will miss your laugh, your personality and just the way you'd always be there for me and my family. God took an amazing person from my life and I will forever have a piece of me that will be lost. I pray peace has finally found you. Love ya bro💔*

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**Cindy** - April 25, 2016 at 06:50 AM

DP

“ One memory that come to mind was when Mike and I used to work together at Pathmark in Bergenfield. He asked me to help him move into his first place after hearing that he was going to be a father. We borrowed my Dad's Nissan truck and packed as much into it as we could. Running down that road listening to (at the time) Y-107.1, the old country station in New York. Blasting Joe Diffie, Prop Me Up. And bobbin our heads as others looked at us strangely.

*My prayers go out to his family. Rest In Peace. You will be Missed!*

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**Dominick Panarotti** - April 25, 2016 at 06:01 AM



“ My condolences to the family. I will never forget him and will be missed by many of us. Rest in peace Mike.



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**Samara Bauer Ruchok** - April 25, 2016 at 12:31 AM

JH

“ Myself being a pretty introverted person, I never knew Michael that well. However, he was always kind and very easy to talk to. I remember it was around 7:30 PM and he had a conversation with me when he should have been angered that I was getting picked up so late. I did not know Michael as well as other students in my school, but as someone who has been around him, seen him so much, I feel it is the least and most I can do to share a memory of him like this. Although I am not the person to judge him, to make comments about him it is the least I can do to make sure he is remembered in another way. Truly, you will be missed. Michael Shaffer was a guardian, a symbol of peace. May you rest in peace.

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**June Hong** - April 24, 2016 at 07:40 PM

Robyn  
Socha  
Katz

“ I will miss you and love you forever and always. I don't think anyone has ever loved me the way you did and I'm glad we rekindled our friendship. Last time I saw you as always you were helping me. I feel like I never did enough for you but you always told me that's not true. You are forever engraved in my heart. the kindest, most gentle, loving person ever. It's sad we will never get to live out those promises we made together but i keep doing it alone for you. My heart goes out to all his friends, family and coworkers.

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**Robyn Socha Katz** - April 24, 2016 at 07:39 PM

NS

“ I feel blessed to have known you since September, Mike. The time was short, but you will always be remembered. You were a true gentleman and always said hi with a smile. BCA will miss you dearly!



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**Nancy Sousa** - April 24, 2016 at 07:18 PM

PP

“ May the road rise to meet you may the wind be always at your back May the sun shine warm upon your face may the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hands



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**Phyllis Pallatta** - April 24, 2016 at 06:06 PM

SA

“ *What a sad day for the family. Our condolences go out to them. Mike was a friend of our son. He was a guest at our home a couple of times. We would see him each year at the Fireman's Convention in Wildwood and have breakfast with him on Sunday morning before heading back home. What a polite and well respected person. He will be sadly missed.*



*Stacy & Ed Aldrich*

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**Stacy & Ed Aldrich** - April 24, 2016 at 06:05 PM

CS

“ *My sweet Michael you will always be in my heart forever Love Aunt Connie*



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**Constance Shaffer** - April 24, 2016 at 05:56 PM

NS

“ *Michael Your a wonderful guy and I will never forget you !!* 🍷❤️



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**nicole shaffer** - April 24, 2016 at 05:51 PM

YH

“ You will truly be missed. R.I.P



Yvonne Harmon - April 24, 2016 at 05:36 PM



“ Mike always cared for everyone at Bergen County Academies. Our community is forever in your debt for what your protection, helpfulness and dedication meant to all of us. I will miss seeing your smile and your attendance at every BCA show. Being handicapped, I always knew I could count on you for a spot in front of the school. Rest in peace, my friend, and thank you. May God bless your family.  
The Fiorino Family

Ruta Fiorino - April 24, 2016 at 04:03 PM

CC

“ Mike, you were always a caring person, so sorry you felt the need to leave us, you will be truly missed. My heart goes out to your family, I know there are no words at this time that will help, so my prayers are going out to you, as I was in your shoes 5 years ago my heart is breaking for you.

Carol Candeloro - April 24, 2016 at 03:57 PM

JF

“ Jansen Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael T. Shaffer.



Jansen Family - April 24, 2016 at 03:35 PM

SR

“ *Such a caring guy I met in college and we continued our friendship until this day. Mike you will forever be in my heart. May you be at peace now. Gone but never forgotten. Xoxo*

Stephanie Riccii - April 24, 2016 at 02:17 PM

DJ

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



David Jansen - April 24, 2016 at 01:53 PM

DJ

*WE WILL MISS YOUR DAILY SMILE*

Diane Jansen - April 25, 2016 at 12:51 PM

VI

“ *I'll always love and miss you. I'll never ever forget you. I hope you're at peace now. 😭💔*



Vicky - April 24, 2016 at 01:21 PM

Jeff Trifari

“ *You touched many people in your life. You will be remembered and missed*

Jeff Trifari - April 24, 2016 at 12:13 PM

MD

“ Mike was a genuinely caring man and loved interacting and with the BCA community. He always took the time to see the school's shows with the students and always had encouraging words for my daughter. He took such good care of them, watching out for their belongings and most especially their safety and overall well being. What I especially enjoyed, were the times Mike and I would have a few moments in the middle of the the day to talk in the BCA front lot. He often shared stories about the love and pride he had for his own kids and his Mom and how his face always lit up with an even bigger smile than he usually had. Thank you, Mike for being so kind and caring for our kids, too. You will be sorely missed. Eternal rest.



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**Marie Domingo** - April 24, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ R.I.P Mike you be will surely be missed



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**Joe Koch** - April 24, 2016 at 09:57 AM

JG

“ Jennifer Greenberg lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer



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**Jennifer Greenberg** - April 24, 2016 at 09:35 AM

FF

“ My prayers and condolences to all the family and friends of Mike, he will be missed by so many...last time I saw him was of course at a fire doing what he loved, taking pictures and even though I've moved south(NC) awhile ago, he would always greet me like I was always around and throw out a joke about how far I came to buff this job lol...may you Rest in Peace my brother...



Frank Pinto Jr. & Family - April 24, 2016 at 09:14 AM

EF

“ Mike I looked forward to seeing you at BCA all the time. You were kind and funny and always helpful. I am going to miss you so much. Rest in Peace.



Ellen Feld - April 24, 2016 at 09:04 AM



JennyAnn Oriente

“ JennyAnne Oriente lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer



JennyAnne Oriente - April 24, 2016 at 08:57 AM

Peter Russo

“ Met Mike back in college and one of the most funny, caring guys out there. He was a great friend and will be missed.



Peter Russo - April 24, 2016 at 08:29 AM

SW

“ I'll always remember Michael when he was younger and how sweet he was and how He grown into a wonderful man blessed by two parents that showed him how to be this wonderful person. I'll also remember the sleepless nights that he worked and still came down to visit my dad. My heart goes out to his parents and his children.

sheryl white - April 24, 2016 at 08:25 AM

Arlene Marie

“ Arlene Marie lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer



Arlene Marie - April 24, 2016 at 08:06 AM

AS

“ I will always remember Michael respect, kindness and caring to me and our student s at Bergen County Texhnicl Schools. He truly will be missed.

Andrea Sheridan

Andrea Sheridan - April 24, 2016 at 07:51 AM

VH

“ Valerie Hanley lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer



valerie hanley - April 24, 2016 at 07:50 AM

CM

“ RIP Mike. Best fencing fan ever. Thank you for all the care and concern you showed not only to my daughter, but the whole team. And thank you for the conversation. Sleep well-  
Christine McNamara

Christine McNamara - April 24, 2016 at 07:37 AM

KC

“ R.I.P. Michael. You were and always will be a great father, cousin to all of our family. We miss you greatly. Cousins, Kathy, Joshua and Anthony. God Bless you and our family in this difficult time.



Kathleen Eisen Corvino - April 24, 2016 at 07:16 AM

EP

“ Mike Rest In Peace. Prayers and Thoughts to your family.



Eddie Pfeifer - April 24, 2016 at 05:59 AM



“ Kyle McKee sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael T. Shaffer



Kyle McKee - April 24, 2016 at 01:35 AM



“ The very first time I met Mike was when he and another friend was planning a birthday party for Trudy. We had been talking back and forth through Facebook. When we finally met, we instantly clicked and a friendship soon followed. The joking and laughing is what I remember of Mike and the protectiveness that he had for those that were close to him. I will miss you brother and all the times you made me and those around you laugh.

Kyle McKee - April 24, 2016 at 01:18 AM



“ Love u always cuz!!!



Bill Shaffer - April 23, 2016 at 11:53 PM

RB

“ Michael was an amazing friend who was more like a brother! There are so many memories with him, way too many to have to choose one! He had a big heart and loved his children dearly and was so proud of them. He was loved by many and will definitely be missed! ❤️ I send my condolences to his family 🙏😭👤



Rachel Blessing - April 23, 2016 at 11:41 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Michael T. Shaffer.



April 23, 2016 at 11:40 PM

BC

“ Brian Corvino lit a candle in memory of Michael T. Shaffer



Brian Corvino - April 23, 2016 at 08:58 PM

AL

*You will be missed*

alicia - April 24, 2016 at 06:57 AM

ML

*So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He always took the time to stop by my classroom, chat and care about the kids. Miss him already.*

Michael Lemma - April 24, 2016 at 08:20 AM

KS

*I have seen so many loving, kind comments about Mike in the past couple of days and can only hope these somehow comfort the Shaffer family. Mike was a good guy. He knew everyone, remembered to ask about everyone and was always there for a hug (and sometimes a prime parking spot). I'm going to miss that.*

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**Karen Sacks** - April 24, 2016 at 06:40 PM

RO

*I will miss you so much, Ur my best friend I loved you so much I always looked forward to seeing u on Tuesdays at the Academies A good person with a good heart Ur always loved*

*Love u  
Robin*

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**Robin** - April 25, 2016 at 07:55 AM

RL

*My condolences to Mike's family. Very sad news. There is one story that we will always remember in our house. My son and Mike's son were both in cub scouts together. Mike, along with the Cub Master, took the scouts to Camp Lewis. Well as you know, we have bears in NJ. My son saw a bear and instead of running away from it, he ran towards it. Well, Mike saw him and thank God with his booming voice said "Alex, stop!". "Slowly turn around and walk towards me". Thank you Mike. You will be missed.*

*Robin Lecky*

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**Robin Lecky** - April 26, 2016 at 08:46 AM