



Michael Determan

October 2, 1974 - November 8, 2012

Michael W. Determan, Jr., 38, of Roswell, NM passed away on Thursday, November 8, 2012, in Roswell. Michael was born in Roswell, NM on October 2, 1974 to Victoria A. Spurrier and Michael W. Determan, Sr. both of Roswell. Michael was an active, bright child involved in soccer, football, and basketball. His Uncle Don and his Dad were instrumental in starting the youth soccer program at Russ DeKay field in Roswell. Michael loved science, winning numerous awards in school. He was an honor student graduating from Goddard High School in 1993. There he transformed into the persona "Mike D.". His family later gave him the alias "Little Pic".

After high school, Michael enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and completed his basic training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California. He completed his military training in administration and explosives at Cherry Point, North Carolina. While serving his country, Michael received a Rifle Marksman Badge, a National Defense Service Medal, three Letters of Appreciation, a Meritorious Mast, a Certificate of Commendation, a Good Conduct Medal, a Commandant of the Marine Corps Letter of Recognition, and a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Michael loved his country and was proud to serve as a Marine. He was stationed in San Diego, California and Okinawa, Japan during his military career and was honorably discharged in 1997. On July 2, 1994, Michael married Nina Grado of Roswell. To this union was born Erik Alexander Determan on May 2, 1995. Erik was the light of Michael's life and his purpose for being. Michael was both a wonderful father and a best friend to his son. Erik survives him in Omaha, Nebraska, where he is a senior at Bellevue High School.

After Michael's service to this great country that he loved deeply, he lived in Perrysburg, Ohio briefly then moved back to New Mexico. He lived in Roswell for a time then moved to Albuquerque where he worked for Holly Corporation as a mill operator.

From there Michael began his career as a college student, determined to complete his education despite being a "non-traditional" student. His determination was evident as he commuted from Roswell to Portales every day for a year to attend Eastern New Mexico University, majoring in Archaeology. His fortitude was unmistakable as he sacrificed by living in a tent at Oasis State Park and commuted into town 21 miles one way each day. He did upgrade to a travel trailer but still commuted daily from the State Park. Michael

graduated with his Associates Degree in 2008 and completed his Bachelor's Degree in 2010. He was accepted into the Masters Program in the Fall of 2011. He worked on several digs near Portales and was excited about his new passion, learning about the past through anthropology.

Michael was a loving, kind soul who cared deeply for his family and friends. You could always count on him for a loving smile and a huge hug. He was the life of the party, wherever he was! Michael was an avid connoisseur of great music, TOOL or anything Maynard! He loved reading, gaming, and spending time with family and friends. He loved and hated golf, as any golfer will understand. He loved hunting, especially with his dad, son and uncles. He loved World of Warcraft, Halo, and Rock Band and spent many hours in pursuit of the perfect game.

Michael was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Fines and Eva Spurrier, paternal grandparents Franklin A. and Lillie M. Determan, two uncles Jack Spurrier and Dee Spurrier and one cousin, T.J. Jordan.

Michael was very fortunate to have a large loving family. They cherished him deeply and he cherished them.

He is survived by his mother Victoria A. Spurrier, father Michael W. Determan, Sr., son Erik A. Determan, his loving canine companion, Lex; aunts Sheila Jordan, Lorie Kindrick, Cindy Callihan (Ken), Victoria Lusk (Joe Blood), and Sandra Heath (Kent); uncles Rick Spurrier (Linda), Jerry Spurrier, Franklin A. Determan Jr. (Brenda), Steven A. Determan (Rebecca), Donald J. Determan (Gloria), and numerous cousins. He is also survived by many more family members and friends who will miss his magnificent character and loving heart.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home on Friday, November 16, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery in Roswell. Pallbearers will be Daniel Weems, Henry Ortiz, Nathan Spencer, Patrick Newman, Dale Crown, and Jeff Hargrove. Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Jordan, Jr., Rick Spurrier, Tony Determan, Steve Determan, Don Determan, Joe Blood Lusk, Ken Callihan, Kent Heath, Chad Determan, Bryan (Cody) Determan, Charlie Determan, Danny Lusk, Eric Overbey, Joey Determan, Jacob Determan, Jeremy Determan, Ty Jordan, Travis Wilson, Kenny Kendrick, Matt C., and Hugo Magaña.

Family and friends will be received at Michael's family home, 800 E. 23rd Street following the services.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the ENMU Foundation benefitting their Archaeology Scholarship Fund. Gifts may be mailed to: ENMU Station 8, 1500 S. Avenue K, Portales, NM 88130. Please note that your gift is in memory of Michael W. Determan, Jr.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories in the online register book at andersonbethany.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Bethany

Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall

SD

“ I have so many wonderful memories of my special nephew! It has been eleven years since your death, and you are missed everyday. Michael, my daughter Becky, and I went on an adventure to Disneyland in California. We hopped fences with our bags because I parked so far away from the airport terminal! We ran wild through Disneyland park, rode every ride more than once, and didn't stop until we dropped. He came to several Diablo baseball games with us. One time we all thought it would be funny to suck the helium out of balloons and talk like Mickey. Well Michael took it to the extreme and sucked one to many times; he fell like a rock completely passed out. It was quite a scare. Once he woke up, he was like "what's up peeps?" ... Even now as I look at his sweet face and beautiful smile, I remember Michael as the happiest and most loving boy. I know you are holding our place in heaven sweet nephew, but we miss you dearly everyday. Sending you my love sweet Miguel /// Bye for now until we meet again in eternity. Love always Aunt Sam

SANDRA DETERMAN - June 04, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ Michael Determan

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

SD

Still miss you Michael...Love you

Sandra Determan - April 19 at 12:49 PM

VR

“ I knew very little about Mike but somehow it feels like I've known him all my life. He had a great smile and sense of humor. I just can't believe he's gone, a piece of my heart is missing. I send prayers and love to his son and his family. I miss you Mike!

Valerie Russ - November 17, 2012 at 01:40 PM

DB

“ My heart goes out to all Michael's family and friends. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Michael was a wonderful person and a great student. He was a real asset to the anthropology department at ENMU, and he was on his way to becoming a great scientist. We will miss him greatly.

Dave Batten - November 16, 2012 at 01:41 PM

PC

“ i'm sorry for your loss of mike, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

peter crist - November 16, 2012 at 10:12 AM

RM

“ to the detterman and spurir family your loss is deeply felt in our hearts. we met michael a few yrs ago through steve and becky. he was awesome guy and has a very loving family. he will be missed greatly. i hope mike will be chasing those quail all threw heaven!!!

rick and tammy morgan - November 16, 2012 at 09:21 AM

DW

“ Mike D. was one of my best friends. He was one of the most sincere people you could ever meet. He was someone you could confide in about anything and he would never judge. He will be missed tremendously. Love you Mike.

Daniel Weems - November 15, 2012 at 02:26 PM

DC

“ For the short time we worked together at EPNG, Michael was such a pleasure to work with.
Please accept our deepest sympathies.
Don and Louise Campbell

Don & Louise Campbell - November 15, 2012 at 01:21 PM

JS

“ I remember back in the day Me and Mike, Dale and Karl used to hang around. I also remmeber playing soccer with Mike and his dad coaching. The one time that sticks out in my mind was when he tried to do a bike kick and ended up doing it but said never again because he felt the worst pain. I also remember me and my dad playing against him and his dad every Sunday at my house and boy would we have some good battles and times. I also remembering when we would go hang out every weekend and would play basketball in the Gus Macker. he was an awesome invidual and has a great family that has always supported him. The Determan family always did a lot for me when I was playing soccer with them...Truly a Blessing is what they are and will always be...My Love goes out to Mike and Vickie, I will always be there for you like a son if at all you ever need me let me know...You guys always supported our team in soccer and we had fun a success in the process...

Joseph De los Santos - November 14, 2012 at 07:41 PM

HN

“ Our prayers go out to the entire Determan Family. We are so saddened by your loss. I know Mike was such a true friend to Patrick and we share in your loss.

Hal & Jo-an Newman - November 14, 2012 at 07:28 PM

KF

“ Our hearts go out to the Determan Family. Our prayers are with you. I thank God Mike was a part of our lives. Mike (Little Pic) will be missed.

Karl and Gena Fredrickson - November 14, 2012 at 07:12 PM

RS

“ My family is so very sorry for your loss

Richard Morgan Sr - November 14, 2012 at 04:13 PM

AA

“ He was a really good person. I am very you have lost him.

A. Anderson - November 14, 2012 at 02:17 PM

PN

“ Mike is the only person who truly knows me, I will miss the him so much.

Patrick Newman - November 14, 2012 at 02:11 PM

DT

“ We're so sorry for your loss. You're in our thoughts, hearts, and prayers during this difficult time.

Dave & Becky Thomas - November 14, 2012 at 11:10 AM

BS

“ Vicky what a tribute to Michael's life a man is remembered by the difference he made in the lives of others and although we were neighbors I am saddened that I did not know him better. I watched as he grew and became a man, and it was an honor to have taught his son Erik in my Preschool. His absence will cause you grief but his time in this world as your son will leave lasting memories that will forever live in your heart.

Bee Sanchez - November 13, 2012 at 09:01 PM

PJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a sweet, kind person and will be missed.

Pat Jordan - November 13, 2012 at 06:56 PM

HW

“ *My heart felt condolences go out to the Determan family! I pray for strength for all of you during this time of great lose. To Vicki & Mike both of you had a great blessings of a wonderful Son.*

Hope Wolf - November 13, 2012 at 04:41 PM

PF

“ *Our prayers go out your entire family. May he rest in peace. May God Bless each and everyone of you.*

Palomino Family - November 13, 2012 at 03:47 PM