



Michael Payne

February 18, 1963 - January 7, 2012

Every life impacts another so strongly. We write obituaries trying to sum up the lives of great men and women. To bring meaning to whom and what they were between the dashes of born on –died on--.

Mike Payne was an adventure down the road of life. He was vibrantly, alive always ready with an easy smile, a smart remark, and in his younger days a ready fist. He married his high school sweetheart Bardy Thornton, and they started their journey down the highway. They added his baby girl Tanya to the journey in 1983, “the baby son to him father”, Nathan, in 1990, and his baby angel Savanna in 1997. Their family was complete. Mike loved his family with a passion and he always wanted for them to be as close to him as possible. He hated that his work sometimes took him far away and that made him want to hold them all the more closer when he was home.

He loved people and he loved to have whing dings at his home. He offered his guests steak, his world famous potato salad, burritos, bean dip, watermelon and a healthy dose of sarcasm. He had something for everyone and especially the ones that dared to venture over on their birthdays. He promptly served them up a birthday whipping like no other. He was a true friend and generous to a fault. Everyone was his favorite.

He was known for calling a spade a spade, being tough as nails, and knew a lot about everything, but his trade mark will always be his laughter. He loved to laugh and make others laugh. He played so many practical jokes on so many people that we could write a book just about that alone. Laughter is

such a wonderful medicine and Mike was a regular medicine man. The laughter stopped suddenly for Mike on January 7, 2012. He had made his last stop, played his last joke, and gave us his last smile. But it is the laughter, the generosity, the very vibrancy of Mike that we will remember and treasure. Laughter is what filled the dashes of Mike's life and heaven must be full of laughter because Mike is there.

Michael is Survived by Wife Barbara of the home, Parents Manuel Payne of Roswell, Oleta Mask and her husband Bill of Roswell, three children Tanya Thompson and husband Justin, Nathan Payne and fiancé Ashleigh and Savanna Payne all of Roswell, Brother Manuel Payne, two sisters Kristy Velasco and Mendy Mask and fiancé Pete Hernandez all of Roswell, three Grandchildren Zoe, Ashlyn and Josiah Thompson. Nathan and Ashleigh have a child on the way. Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and his friend and neighbor Miss Nellie also survive him.

Services for Michael Payne will be 1pm, Friday, January 13, 2012 at Waymaker Church with Pastor Mark Green officiating. Interment will following at South Park Cemetery. Viewing will be held 12pm – 8pm, Thursday, January 12, 2012.

Pallbearers are listed as Ryan Payne, Joe Smith, Justin Thompson, Nathan Payne, Manuel K. Payne and Gary Willard. Honorary Pallbearers will be Pete Hernandez, Will Garrison, Manuel Payne, Ronnie Parker, Henry Miranda, Trent Moore, Kirk Goldston, Fred and Benjamin Kreutzberg, P.J. Ramer and all his close friends and family.

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 & Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Payne*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *im'm so sorry for your loss,it seems like yesterday i was watching those boys growing up,my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

peter crist - January 18, 2012 at 08:56 AM



“ *daddy mike, we will miss u very very much. it hurt so much inside my heart, but i know that you are in a better place, and i know that u are looking down on us, and we miss u a whole lot. daddy we love u and will always love u. love always miss nellie & izzy*

missnellie&izzy - January 13, 2012 at 12:39 PM



“ *Mike, You were a good friend to me when we were younglings. I'm glad I had you and the rest of our 'Motley Crue' to help me figure out how to grow up right. I'm thankful Life let us know each other. "Rest In Peace", Old Friend. Love, Scott*

Scott Hurst - January 12, 2012 at 10:24 PM



“ *Michael Payne*

Ronnie & Joyce Parker - January 12, 2012 at 08:36 PM

LF

“ Although I haven't seen you in many years Mike, you will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. You will always be a good friend.

Lonnie Dunn & Family - January 12, 2012 at 07:00 PM

KB

“ *Bardy and family; Judy and I were so saddened to learn of Michael's death. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Luv, Ken*

Ken Banister - January 12, 2012 at 06:17 PM

LG

“ *Loved U cowboy cousin, felt like he was a brother. When I was a little girl I lived with him and his parents. Mike treated me like a baby sister, Mike was so kind and loving to me, like a brother. When I was little with no one to play with, it was Mike who played with me and didn't care what anyone said or thought about him playing dolls with me. Mike felt sorry for me that I didn't have any friends to play with. For that I will always love him. When I got married it was Mike and Manuel who sized up my husband and told my husband that I was their baby cousin-sister and that my husband had better treat me right or he'd come back to California. Mike laughed and gave my husband a big strong hug and laughed, only a person who truly knew him knows that laugh. My husband said he loved Mike too. A place in my heart is missing because Mike is in heaven with the rest of our family. Mike was a wonderful cousin/brother to me I will miss him so much. Bardy and children, please know that Mike always spoke about you to me he always said beautiful things. He loved you so much. Y'all will always be a part of me forever too, please remember we are family always. I love y'all cousin Lorena*

Lorena PayneHoekzema, Gerry Hoekzema, and our girls - January 12, 2012 at 05:56 PM

GG

“ *Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Georgia Griffith - January 12, 2012 at 12:35 AM

MF

“ *We wish to extend our condolences and let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Marcos and Johanna Franco - January 11, 2012 at 10:53 PM

EW

“ *Mendy, I just wanted to offer my deepest condolence to you and your loved ones. Your brother sounded like an amazing man and it must have been a blessing to those fortunate to have known him. Again I express my deepest sympathy and prayers to you and the family. If there is something I can do please let me know. Love Ermelinda & family*

Ermelinda H. Wylie - January 11, 2012 at 06:23 PM

IS

“ *TANYA JUSTIN NATE AND SAVANNA, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND THE KIDS....ZOE, ASHLYN AND JOSIAH WILL MISS THERE GRANDPA VERY MUCH... I REMEMBER MIKE CALLED ME AT WORK ONE DAY AND SAID "HEY DOLORES WILL YOU GIVE ZOE A HUNDRED KISSES AND HUGS FOR ME" THAT PLAYS IN MY HEAD ALL THE TIME..... TANYA AND JUSTIN IF YOU NEED ANYTHING LET US KNOW...WE ARE SO VERY SORRY.*

ISRAEL AND DOLORES SALAS - January 10, 2012 at 06:40 PM

SB

“ *Bardy and family, We want you to know we are allways here for you. We are sending our Love and Sincere Sympathy for the loss of Mike. Love, Ricky and Sherrie Britain & Family*

Sherrie Britain - January 10, 2012 at 06:21 PM