



Michael McGinnis

November 11, 1954 - December 5, 2004

Visitation for Michael R. "Mike" McGinnis, 50, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died Sunday (Dec. 5, 2004) in Macon, Ga., after a sudden illness. Mr. McGinnis worked at Industrial Steel. He was born Nov. 11, 1954, in Kankakee, the son of Raymond F. and Betty Chayer McGinnis. His mother is deceased. Surviving are his wife, the former Karen Sue Parbs, of Bourbonnais, whom he married Nov. 23, 1974 in Kankakee; one son, Michael T. McGinnis of Bourbonnais; one daughter and son-in-law, April and Tim Heinrick of Chicago; father and stepmother, Raymond and Jean McGinnis of Bradley; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cathy and Michael Carstens of Kankakee, Michelle and Tim Geary of Bourbonnais; one brother and sister-in-law, Kevin and Linda McGinnis of Bradley; mother-in-law, Patricia Parbs of Bradley; several nieces and nephews; and his future grandson. One brother, Mark McGinnis; and father-in-law, Charlie Parbs, are deceased. Mr. McGinnis had attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. He played the guitar, piano, drums, loved music and enjoyed hunting and computers. He lived and worked for his family.

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“ We had so many fun times together, so many memories come to mind. You were like my brother, I will miss you very much. We had a bond that will last forever and thanks for the congrats the last time I saw you, it meant the world to me. I love you with all my heart. Your sister-in-law Sherry##imported-begin##Sherry,Bob Lockwood Taylor,Grant Offermann##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your dear loss. I½Mike was a friend to everyone. I½I wanted to leave you with a poem dedication.

How little in me is not touched by you!

A friendship is a light that fills the heart,

Painting with its gold each darkened hue,

Providing warmth to each sequestered part.

You are the mirror of my better self,

Verifier of the best in me,

A bridge across the unsuspected gulf

Lodged between what can and ought to be.

The faith of friends in us is wholly ours,

Incoming to uplift us to its height.

No soul can see itself, but must depend,

Each on each, upon a trusted friend.##imported-begin##Monica Taff##imported-end##

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“ First, to you all, Love and Prayers. I pray for everyone who loved Mike and were blessed to have known him, to have the strength needed now to endure this terrible loss.

He was, from what I knew, a good father. Spoken highly of by his children. He was a soon to be a grandfather, looking forward to the first birth in His' and Karens' family.

As a husband, well, only Karen can answer, but I'm convinced she loved him with all her heart and Mike the same. ï¿½Making Karen happy was how I came to know and understand the love they had for each other. They started as "sweethearts" in high school, married and celebrated thirty years together building their life and family. ï¿½

Mike was well thought of and loved by the family he had "married into" too. He was loved as a son would be, by a guy he liked to call "Chuckie", and a gal I call Aunt Pat, as his Mother and Father in law. He was a joy to the both of them. ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½

For some, Mikes' death is still unbelievable. For some, the grief is crushing, unbearable.

For some the question of "why" will be their main thought.

For me, I'm terribly saddened by his death and wish I could be there as our families gather. ï¿½Just know, you are in my thoughts and prayers! ï¿½Love to all, cousin Lynette###imported-begin###Lynette Clark###imported-end##

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“ Mike was a great friend, and my heart is broken. ï¿½###imported-begin###Steve Langevin###imported-end##

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“ Mike and family, I am thinking about you in this very difficult time.###imported-begin###Denise Coyne###imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy to your family for your loss

of your loved one.##imported-begin##Fran & Sue Gullquist##imported-end##

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“ Whenever someone asked me about my brother-in-law i ½ Mike, my answer was always the same, "he a is kind, sweet man". i ½ If Mike wasn't joking around with the adults, you could find him in another corner of the room with his children and nieces and nephews. i ½ He loved to explain things to the children in great detail and we would always tease him and say that it was all going right over their heads, but i guess not because he raised two smart sweet children and my own children can recite many of the stories he told them.

If you would ask my sons about their uncle Mike ,they would simply say, "He was one of the good guys." My thoughts exactly.....##imported-begin##Chris Tiltz##imported-end##

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“ hello i am so sorry to hear the news that a great friend has pastied over. Mike was a great guy i met mike in the UP and jammied with him for a long time on one of his passings through every time was new one too hear where he had been working and that the family was doing good also mike ,myself .and marty had some great times with our music. I never met his wife and kids but felt i knew them from mike storys. My heart my thought and prairs go out to them now for we all lost a great man.##imported-begin##martin latta##imported-end##

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“ To Karen and family,

I was shocked to hear of the loss of Mike. Though I did not know him, I know he deeply loved his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time. There are no words to comfort for such a tragedy as this but, I do know from experience, there is great comfort that only God can give.

My deepest sympathy. Diane##imported-begin##Diane Brooks Loftis##imported-end##

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“ You have my deepest sympathy.

 He was a wonderful young man and I'm sure he i½grew up to be a wonerful husband, and father.

You will be in my prays always.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Mills (Hertz)##imported-end##

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“ knew mike from playing music....now our songs sound a little sweeter....nothing but positive memories... i never heard him say a negative word, and i know he loved his family....sorry for your loss...

peace and love.....steve##imported-begin##steve stouffer##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Connie##imported-end##

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“ My dear, sweet sister,

There are no words to describe how much it hurts to see you, April and Michael go through this horrible pain and loss. Having been with you for the past week and hearing everything that everyone has said to you to try and comfort you, I know that there is nothing that I can say that really does that. What I can do is tell you that I had so much respect for Mike, for the kind of father that he was to April and Michael, and for the really wonderful husband he was to my sister. I can think of so many times where he quietly explained something to one of the kids as they listened intently, and it was a joy to see how much he loved you and how happy you two were together. He was, as someone told me when dad died, "one of the good guys" and I will miss him dearly.##imported-begin##Connie##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to Mike's wife and family. I always enjoyed working with him and his quick smile was contagious. May your fond memo and the love of your family comfort you in this trying time.

Sincerely,

John##imported-begin##John Ludvick##imported-end##

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“ Karen and family, You have my deepest sympathy, I will say a prayer for your family.##imported-begin##ray schmidt##imported-end##

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“ Our family has lost one of the best guys around...whenever I got to spend time with Uncle Mike there was always laughter...When he was around you always knew there would be smiles...My cousins, April and Mike, are exceptional people raised by an exceptional set of parents...Mike's personality and caring nature is evident in children...Mike's spirit will live on in his family...I wish I could be there to offer any support I could...One of the most recent memories that sticks out most in my mind is when I was in town for April's wedding and My friend Nick and I were asking Mike about hunting because we've never been. ¶½Throughout the weekend he would keep making jokes about the hunting. ¶½Each time we spoke he would make us laugh by doing some imitation of hunting or something of the sorts. ¶½We would laugh and then talk about how cool my Uncle Mike was. the picture I keep seeing in my head is uncle Mike playing the guitar with Michael next to him. It always seemsthat the best people are taken from us so early and Uncle Mike was definately one of the best. Aunt Karen, Mike, and April, I love you guys and I am here for anything, Love, Devin###imported-begin###Devin Saint-Albin###imported-end###

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“ Dear Karen and family, I was so sorry to hear about your husband Mike. I remember when we lost my son Tim, a friend told me something that helped and still consoles me. He said "try not to dwell on the fact that you've lost Tim, be thankful for the 19 years you were blessed with him." I hope that thought might give you some peace with the passing of Mike. You have my deepest sympathy. ¶½Sincerely, Joyce###imported-begin###Joyce Frank###imported-end###

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“ Karen,

I just found out about Mike last night. I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. I remembered you and I talking at Wal-mart about us having the same anniversary date. You have my sincere sympathy and I'll pray for you and your family. If there is anything I can do for you you can call me or email me. Again, I'm sorry that I am just now emailing you but, I did not know until I got home last night. May GOD bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Larry McIntyre###imported-begin###Larry McIntyre###imported-end###

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“ I loved mlke like a brother.We had some great times together and I will never forget him. I learned alot from him. Because of him I will always have a song in my heart. I'll miss you my friend. love ya!!!
Steve###imported-begin###Steve Posing###imported-end###

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