



## Michael J. Prince

December 25, 1969 - December 19, 2011

Visitation for Michael J. Prince, 41, of Kankakee, will be from 3 p.m. Thursday until the 7 p.m. funeral services at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Father John Peeters will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. He died Monday (Dec. 19, 2011) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

He was born Dec. 25, 1969, at Fort Irwin, Calif., the son of James and Nancy Bertrand Prince. He was a graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and Western Illinois University. He enjoyed cooking, watching Chicago sports teams and listening to music.

Surviving are his parents, of Bradley; one sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Ken El-Talabani, of Bourbonnais; paternal grandmother, Angeline Prince, of St. Louis, Mo.; one niece, Kaitlyn; and one nephew, Keaton.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Duane and Mary Bertrand; and paternal grandfather, Leo Prince.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
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## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Jim & Nancy,*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Rhonda Carrow Bryant*

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**Rhonda Carrow Bryant** - December 24, 2011 at 04:11 PM

KJ

“ *A few weeks ago, I spoke with Mike at Ultra Foods. I had a ? and he was standing nearby, and said "Mrs. James, do you remember me, you were my third grade teacher". Of course, then I could see, that was Mike. We visited for several minutes, catching up on Kim and Mom and Dad. I was stunned to see the newspaper. From reading the other tributes, I can see he was a good man. May God bless all your family, prayers for all of you. Karen James*

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**Karen James** - December 24, 2011 at 12:17 PM

KB

“ *He will be missed , peace be with you Mike.. Love Kimmie*

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**Kimmie Brown** - December 24, 2011 at 02:25 AM

BH

“ *Mike, you were a part of our family, and we are going to miss you greatly. We love you very much!!*

*Love, Bill and Andye*

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**Bill and Andye Henricks** - December 23, 2011 at 03:15 PM

JH

“ I am very thankful that I am lucky enough to be one of the people who could call Mike my friend. He was like part of my family, and will be missed. We had a lot of great times together and I will carry those memories with me always. Love ya Mike!

*Jennean Henricks*

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**Jennean Henricks** - December 23, 2011 at 02:19 PM

ST

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Price and Bertrand families for the lose of Micheal. He was a kind man and he will be greatly missed. It was so tragic to lose him at such a young age. I pray he rest in peace. My love and prayers go to all of you.

*Susan Tounas*

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**Susan Touans** - December 23, 2011 at 10:26 AM

DS

“ Dorci Schoolman lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince



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**Dorci Schoolman** - December 22, 2011 at 05:21 PM

DO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jim and Nancy, so sorry for your loss.



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**Dennis O'Reilly** - December 22, 2011 at 05:06 PM

JH

“ I was fortunate enough to meet Mike through my nephew Pat when they were attending WIU. We became friends immediately sharing a love of sports and music. I was thrilled to hear from Mike recently via Facebook and he would message me with some off the wall comments regarding some smokin hot peppers he ate on a dare at our house 20 some years ago. We kept planning a day for him to come over to fish and how I wish that had occurred. Occasionally in some messages Mike would mention how he loved my wife and I and that really summed up Mike. Never afraid to show those in his life how much they meant to him. A huge heart for friends and life. The world needs more people like Mike. My prayers for the family and Mike's friends. Joe and Lori Hilsenhoff

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**Joe Hilsenhoff** - December 22, 2011 at 04:08 PM

CD

“ Dear Family and Friends of Michael Prince: I extend my sympathy to everyone who loved and knew Mike. Just by reading what other people wrote tells me how beloved Michael was by numerous people. Sounds like Mike had a wonderful sense of humor. I knew Duane Bertrand from my chaplaincy role at Provena Heritage Village. Duane talked a lot about his grandchildren. Heaven is a beautiful place as Mike reunites with his maternal grandparents. Many blessings of comfort and peace.  
Sincerely,  
Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo Director of Pastoral Care at Provena Heritage Village

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**Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo** - December 22, 2011 at 02:40 PM

AR

“ I was lucky enough to work with Mike at 2 different restaurants, Joes Crab Shack and Sahn's Place! He was always one of my favorite people to work with! He had a wonderful smile and sense of humor! He will be greatly missed!

*Alice Retzinger*

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**Alice Retzinger** - December 22, 2011 at 01:20 PM

TV

“ A Tribute to Mike,  
Family, friend, kind and gentle, polite, loving and forgiving ... it's how we remember Mike. From his days as a little boy ,, Christmas birthdays .... to "Buster the Cat's little house in the basement", to "won't you come home" ... Always a smile, a chuckle and laugh at a joke or some silly thing committed by a cousin. We loved his quick-witted humor and jovial personality! We admired his knowledge and loyalty to his Chicago sports teams - with every sport he was a walking encyclopedia and authority.

For all of us, Mike always offered a firm handshake or an endearing hug with a smile - always with a smile ....genuine in every regard. All of us should reflect on and learn from Mike's positive attributes. Remember and treasure them as life's finest qualities. Thank you Mike for sharing with us.

On your arrival Home, Mike, we pray that you have found everlasting peace and solace in your New Life. We also pray that all those you loved and touched will celebrate your life and cherish and share their special memories of you.

We love you Mike. Peace be with you.

*Terry and Debbi*

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**Terry and Debbi Vaughn** - December 22, 2011 at 11:44 AM

SS

“ *RIP Mike. Heaven will have more laughter now. I know you always made me smile.* ”

Stefani S - December 22, 2011 at 07:49 AM

DD

“ *R I P Mike.. You were a good friend..* ”

Damon Denoyer - December 22, 2011 at 06:51 AM



“ *Barb Mcgrath lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince* ”



Barb Mcgrath - December 21, 2011 at 09:02 PM

Jody Allen

“ *There is no lack of love for you here Sanchez, you will be missed by many. I am sure you are in a better place and have all the peace you truly deserve.* ”

Jody Allen - December 21, 2011 at 07:21 PM



“ *Mike was truly one of the nicest guys around. I was lucky enough to have known him while going to WIU. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this very difficult time.* ”

Jaime Barbee - December 21, 2011 at 07:16 PM

KH

“ *It's been forever since I talked to Mike but there was a group of kids a long time ago that I remember allowing a new kid to start hanging around with them. Going to play baseball with them. A new kid couldn't have asked for a better group of friends.*



*I'm sorry I didn't keep in touch.*

*RIP Mike.*

*Now you're in heaven looking down. Hopefully one day I'll see you again.*

*Kirk Harrington*

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**Kirk Harrington** - December 21, 2011 at 07:08 PM

DB

“ *My heart is saddened by the loss of my very dear friend Mike Prince. He touched many lives and genuinely cared for everyone. Mike was a big part of my life for so many years and in so many ways. We worked together and were roommates for many years. He was in my wedding and was at the hospital when both of my children were born. I will never forget his kind heart and how much he meant to everyone he met. The world was definitely a happier place with Mike in it. I pray that he watches over me the way he always did and that someday we will meet again. Rest In Peace Mike, may you find total happiness in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with Jim and Nancy and all of the rest of the family. Mike is in a better place and will always remain in our hearts.*

*Much Love,  
~Dawn Boehlke*

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**Dawn Boehlke** - December 21, 2011 at 07:05 PM

TT

“ *RIP Mike....my thoughts and prayers are with Jim, Nancy, Kim and their family*

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**Tina Wicker Tuominen** - December 21, 2011 at 06:38 PM

SS

“ *I first met Mike when we worked together at Ruby Tuesdays. He worked in the kitchen as a cook and I was a server. You would think there was war going on between the cooks and the servers most nights during our shifts, but once the maddness ended we were back to being friends. Mike was always common ground though. He was Never in a bad mood, worked with a smile, and always made sure we got what needed to make our tabels happy :) Mike had a smile that made your heart melt when you seen him. I couldn't be in a bad mood when he was around. He always knew just what to say to make me smile. I miss those days at Ruby's and I surely will miss Mike very much.*

*My heart goes out to Mike's Family today... when the sun is shining, think of that warm bright smile he has and remember that he is always with you.*

*Much love to Jim, Nancy, Kim, and the rest of the family  
God Bless*

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**Sarah Sluis** - December 21, 2011 at 05:12 PM

DJ

“ *R.I.P. Mike, I will always look back fondly on the good times we shared at WIU. You will be missed.*

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**Dave Jacobson** - December 21, 2011 at 01:33 PM

RE

“ *Ray & Vickie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince*



Ray & Vickie Edwards - December 21, 2011 at 12:11 PM

SL

“ *Sandy Link lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince*



Sandy Link - December 21, 2011 at 11:42 AM

 Jennifer Reynolds

“ *Jennifer Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince*



Jennifer Reynolds - December 21, 2011 at 08:43 AM

TH

“ *My heart is saddened by hearing the sad news of Mike's passing. I use to work with Mike at Ruby Tuesday and we became friends. Such a wonderful kind hearted man he was. He was always making me laugh. He would tell me daily how beautiful I was and that I had a terrific smile. He was there for me when I needed someone to talk to. My deepest condolences to his family, may God be there for you in this time of sorrow.*

Teri Hinshaw - December 21, 2011 at 08:37 AM

NL

“ *Nanette Learned lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince*



Nanette Learned - December 21, 2011 at 07:52 AM

JS

“ *It's been a long time since I talked to Mike, but I have very fond memories of him... Particularly his sense of humor and kindness. RIP Mike!*

jp schwark - December 20, 2011 at 11:01 PM

LD

“ *Linda Dismang-Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince*



Linda Dismang-Stevenson - December 20, 2011 at 09:22 PM

GD

“ *Rest in peace Mike.*



ginnie deputy - December 20, 2011 at 08:43 PM

SR

“ *Stacie Rood lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince*



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**Stacie Rood** - December 20, 2011 at 08:26 PM

SR

*It's been a few years since I've seen Mike, but as so many have said, there are so many memories going all the way back to grade school. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. May you rest peacefully.*

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**Stacie Rood** - December 20, 2011 at 08:29 PM

TK

“ *R.I.P.MIKE.*



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**TIM KARRAKER** - December 20, 2011 at 05:59 PM

ED

“ *Rest in peace, Mike. You will be missed.*



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**Eric Deputy** - December 20, 2011 at 05:34 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Bittmann lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince*



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**cindy bittmann** - December 20, 2011 at 05:04 PM

MD

“ *Marie Delabre lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince*



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**Marie Delabre** - December 20, 2011 at 04:53 PM

J(

“ *I have fond memories of Mike from back in grade school at St. Joes. Mike always had a kind heart and a kind word for everyone. So sorry to hear of his passing. God Bless you Mike.*



*Joleen Gillum (Sommer)*

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**Joleen Gillum (Sommer)** - December 20, 2011 at 03:44 PM

LD

“ *Mike was a great guy with tremendous kindness and the biggest heart I've ever known. I know God must have needed him. God Bless You Michael*

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**Lance Devore** - December 20, 2011 at 03:19 PM

SJ

“ I am so lucky that I knew, Mike! He was a great boss (Ruby Tuesday) and co-worker (Joe's Crab Shack)! I am so sorry for his family for what they are going through. Just know that everyone that knew him is a better person because of the friend that he was! My deepest condolences!  
Stephanie Johnson

stephanie johnson - December 20, 2011 at 02:27 PM

CW

“ Cindy Walters lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Prince



Cindy Walters - December 20, 2011 at 02:12 PM

KP

“ Mike was the nicest and most generous person I have ever met. I am grateful for the time I was able to spend with him while he lived in Indianapolis, and I am sure everyone here that met him would agree. My thoughts are with the family.  
-Kane

Kane Pitman - December 20, 2011 at 12:04 PM

CV

“ Jim , Nancy & Family,  
i am so sorry for you loss of Mike. I know that he is in heaven with Mom & Dad now and Mom will be sure to take care of him. We all loved him and will miss him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Chris

Chris Vaughn - December 20, 2011 at 09:07 AM

JM

*I am so sorry to hear about Mike. You and your family are in our prayers.*

*Jaime & Joey McMullen*

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**Jaime McMullen** - December 20, 2011 at 11:33 AM