



# Michael Friday

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**M**ICHAEL K. FRIDAY  
OGDENSBURG, WISCONSIN “I wasn’t always perfect, but I had a perfect life.” – Mike Friday Michael Kent Friday passed away October 5th, with his wife at his side. He courageously battled esophageal cancer for the past 23 months – and fought bravely until the end. Mike will be sadly missed by all that knew him. His contagious smile and his willingness to help anyone cannot be forgotten. He touched so many hearts in his 49 years of life.

Mike took pride in his children, grandchildren, and family.

He was an avid outdoorsman; hunting, fishing, cutting wood were his passions. His favorite place to be was in his tree stand waiting for the big one to come into range... He loved to spend time with family and friends around a camp fire up north or at home and could cook one of the best steaks on an open fire. He also liked spending time watching the packers, the brewers, the outdoor channel, and NASCAR races.

Mike spent many years as a volunteer EMT with Iola Fire and Ambulance and Waupaca area Ambulance. He loved his 20 plus years on Northwest Area First Responders he was always there to lend a helping hand to those in need. Mike also was a Stress Debriefing counselor for many years with Waupaca County stress debriefing team. Mike’s past work experience were at Sturm foods, Anthony Farms, Neuville Motors and Wisconsin Veteran’s Home in King, where he loved spending time hearing the stories of the Veterans that he took care of. It was at King where he met his soul mate, Missy. They were united in marriage August 2, 1999, in Charlotte, Vermont on Mount Philo overlooking the Adirondack Mountains. Mike was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on May 21, 1963 to parents Arlyn (Red) Friday and Janice (Gray) Friday. In 1969 the family then relocated to Waupaca from Vesper, WI. Mike is survived by his wife and best friend, Melissa Friday; a daughter, Shayna Friday; a son, Jeremy Turnmeyer; step-daughter, Heidi Odom; two step-sons, Tim



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(Cassy) Odom and Terry Odom; two granddaughters, Mia Brier and Keirah Odom; his mother, Janice Friday; two brothers, Rick (Jeanette) Friday and Randy Friday; a sister, Tami (Tim) Friday-Buchholz; a step-brother, Todd (Sherri) Hanson; two step-sisters, Laurie (Will) Schumacher and Stacy (Brian) Roycraft; a half-brother, Kevin Hanson; step-mother, Yvonne Friday; brother-in-law, Thomas (Patty) Gibson; his grandfather, Elmer Knuth; three uncles, Jeri (Arlene) Friday, Larry Jepson, and Roger E. (Elizabeth) Gray; an aunt, Valarie (Daryl) Friday; and his godparents, Dave and Donna Krommenacher. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Mike was preceded in death by his father, Arlyn Friday; a brother, Scott Friday; his paternal grandmother, Coryl Knuth; his maternal grandparents, Edward and Orrie Gray; an uncle, Daryl Friday; a step-brother, Lynn Hanson; half-brother, Dean Wallgenbach; and an aunt, Nancy Jepson. Mike is going to be missed dearly by his partners in crime Mark (Rosebud) Rosenau and Charlie Peterson, also by his faithful side kick Cheyenne, and many friends and co-workers. Mike was the life of the party, you never knew when he was going to pull a joke or make you fall for some crazy story that only he could get you to believe. Up north was always an adventure when you were with him and he especially loved to visit the Chippewa flowage in search of that king musky! A Funeral Service for Mike will be on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 11:30 AM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca, WI. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 1:00 – 7:00 PM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca and also on Wednesday from 10:30 – 11:30 AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, an account has been set up for Kippenberg Creek Kids at Farmers State Bank in Waupaca in Mike's honor. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements. The family would like to thank the staff of RMC, Fox Valley Hematology, Oncology, Dr. Phillips and his two angels Becky and Susan you were all wonderful...and God bless you all. Mikey, Mikey, you were my everything, my best friend, my partner and the best husband a girl could ever ask for. We shared so many great memories that I will hold in my heart forever. I know you are in good hands with lots of family and friends around you. I know someday we will meet again...I love you and miss you dearly baby...lots of hugs and kisses...Missy HOLLY FUNERAL HOME



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SG

**Scott Guthu** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about mike we have know each other for a long time and we used to work together at neuvilles.I just heard about his passing today from my sister.I have been recouperating from a triple bypass that i had at the begining of the month i was in appleton medical I have been unable to work for the whole month i sure wish i could have been there we will truely miss mike alot.I am still recovering from my surgery and getting better God bless you all and sorry for your loss.

March 4 at 7:00 PM

LT

**Lee Trainor** posted:

I will always remember Mike as being the most friendly and helpful person I worked with at King. His practical jokes were legend; his personality, a Power Of Example. He will be missed. I pray for the hearts of his family to be healed, and guided by his example.

March 4 at 7:00 PM

DB

**Dianne Borgen** posted:

So sorry for your great loss. Mike was a joy to work with and always willing to help. Praying for your family. God will comfort and strengthen you. Psalm46:10

March 4 at 7:00 PM

TM

**Tod And Chris Much** posted:

So sorry to hear about Mike. We are thinking of you Missy and your family. What a great guy! Praying for you for strength. See you soon. Todd and Chris

March 4 at 7:00 PM

JH

**Jon Hood** posted:

You are going to be missed. Mike you for over 30 years and could not want a better preson to know. Thats for the memmories. Jon

March 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Tonette Ybanez** posted:

My heartfelt condolence to the family, I am really tearful when I wrote this. I last saw Mike when I went to Neithmuth's I was standing waiting to be help when a guy asked me,

March 4 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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