



# Mikeal Norman Ashcraft

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**N**EWARK: A funeral service celebrating the life of Mikeal Norman Ashcraft, 33 of Columbus will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday in the Newark Chapel of Vensil-Orr & Chute Funeral Home (“Mikey, be there at 10!”). Burial will follow in Kirkersville Cemetery.

Mike passed away suddenly Friday, August 12, 2011 at The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus. He was born November 15, 1977 in Newark to Thomas and Sue (Snyder) Ashcraft. A 1996 graduate of Newark High School, Mike worked as a chef at various establishments in central Ohio. He loved animals and sports. He was an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan and a Cleveland Browns fan.

Survivors include his parents, Thomas Ashcraft and Sue (David) Neudecker, all of Newark; maternal grandmother, Virginia Snyder of Thornville; his wife, Katie Fishman of Columbus; brothers, Tomas L. (Melissa) Ashcraft, and Joshawa T. Ashcraft, all of Newark; nieces and nephews, Kyla, Cole, Caleb , Anthony, and Kenneth Ashcraft, and Ethan Worth; two step brothers; one step sister; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Leland R. and Mary Lou (McGinnis) Ashcraft; maternal grandfather, Norman Snyder; and his loving pets.

Calling hours will be 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at VENSIL-ORR & CHUTE FUNERAL HOME, 1850 W. Main Street, Newark. Additional calling hours will be observed one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Ohio State University([www.giveto.osu.edu](http://www.giveto.osu.edu)) or ASPCA ([www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org)); envelopes will be available at the funeral home.



## Tribute Wall

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TA

**Thomas Ashcraft** posted:

Dear Mikeal we are coming up on 10 years of not seeing, or hearing your voice. But wanted to let you know I think about you all the time, and wish you were here with us. I remember that fateful day as if it was yesterday, when we had to say goodbye. As long as there is life in my body, you will never be forgotten. Love you my son, until we meet again. Love Dad

August 8 at 3:23 PM

CS

**Cindy Willacker, Smyers** posted:

Sue and family, I am so sorry for your loss, sending prayers your way! Mikeal, I will see you in heaven, sorry you had to go!

August 24 at 6:12 AM

JS

**Jennifer Smith** posted:

Love you and miss you dear cousin you will always be in my heart and in my thoughts always and forever till we get a chance to see each other again love you and miss you so much.

August 22 at 9:13 AM

GW

**Gale Williams** posted:

Just a note to let you all know how terribly sorry my entire family - Nick, Brian, Joe and myself - all are to hear of Mike's very tragic death. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you. May God give you all his comfort and love.

August 21 at 7:51 PM

JA

**Jessica Ashcraft** posted:

U r dearly missed by family & friends.u will always be in r hearts forever.

August 21 at 5:51 AM

GB

**Gus Christo-Baker** posted:

Tom and family may God be with you all and May He be your source of Comfort and hope as you go through this period. May he rest in peace with the Lord. Praying for you all.

August 19 at 5:56 PM



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NK

**Nikki Kane** posted:

To Katie (& family) and Mike's family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Katie, I wish you a speedy and full recovery. May you find the strength you need for today --and the hope you need for tomorrow. Nikki

August 19 at 9:36 AM

SD

**Sylvia Davisson** posted:

Goodbye old friend until we meet again

August 19 at 4:28 AM

MP

**Mallory Perry** posted:

keeping you and katie and your families in my thoughts and prayers.. Mallory

August 18 at 5:32 PM

ES

**Emma Schmitter** posted:

To the family of Mike, I only just learned about his passing today. I am an old friend of Katie's and I had met Mike a few times, he was always very kind to me and friendly. I enjoyed his company and I extend thoughts and prayers to you all during this difficult time. I will be thinking of you.

August 18 at 9:46 AM

MP

**Michelle Pelletier** posted:

Sue and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. you are all in my thoughts and prayers. you are in my thoughts and prayers. michelle (luckeydoo) Pelletier

August 18 at 8:51 AM

SM

**Sharon Miracle** posted:

Sue & Families There are no words to soothe your broken hearts for the loss of your son, a brother and a husband. I didn't know Mikeal personally, but from everything I've heard the world has lost another one of the "good guys". My thoughts are with you and your families.

August 18 at 8:31 AM



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MC

**Morgan Chestnutwood** posted:

Mike I only knew you as a neighbor the past couple of years and it doesn't seem right to come home and not see you and Katie playing with the dogs, I'm sorry I was not able to do more. My condolences to your family and friends.

August 17 at 7:51 AM

CH

**Chopps** posted:

Rest in peace mikeal with much love

August 17 at 4:23 AM

TR

**Toby Reidenbach** posted:

Tom and Family, it was an honor to know mike, and have the chance to play ball against, and with him. He will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers- Toby Reidenbach

August 17 at 4:12 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tom, Sue and Family....remembering wonderful memories at Mound City when our kids played ball together, especially Mikeal's winning homerun to capture the Shrine Championship! Praying God will comfort your hearts in the days ahead. Tammy and Gary Bonner

August 17 at 2:34 AM

BW

**Billie Wince** posted:

Tom and Lil Tom no words can comfort you enough in what you lost. I did not know Mike but if he was anything like you both he was a great person. May you know my thoughts and Prayers are with the both of you as travel the rest of your journey on earth. Always remember that Mike will be in heart forever and the memories you all had will be cherished always. God Bless You and know that I am here always if you need a shoulder, an ear or just to shed a tear.

August 16 at 9:50 PM



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CM

**Cristy Martin** posted:

Sue & Family You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you during this difficult times.

August 16 at 7:36 PM

PW

**Paula Worth** posted:

to the family my prayers are with you sorry for your loss

August 16 at 6:59 PM

RF

**Rick & Cookie Tate & Family** posted:

To Mike's family, We don't know if you remember us but Jeremy, Rocky, and Brian all played baseball with your boys at Mound city. We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Mike was a great kid and from what I have heard grew to be a great man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

August 16 at 4:15 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tom and family , our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike & June

August 16 at 1:51 PM

LG

**Linda Grant** posted:

Melissa and Tomas, my deepest condolences for the loss of your brother and your friend. May he REST IN PIECE. I am BLESSED to have known him.

August 16 at 1:26 PM

TP

**The Girls Of Park Pizza** posted:

Tom & family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time

August 16 at 12:22 PM



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TL

**Teresa` Lamb** posted:

dear tom and sue i am so very sorry for your loss you are in my thoughts and prayer i love you and to the family.

August 16 at 8:06 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

you will never be forgotten.miss you

August 16 at 7:58 AM

LS

**Lorena Snodgrass** posted:

Mike, I loved working with you and talking to you on our boring day shifts at the Tuna. I also love that we totally knew each other from Newark, but had no idea until we met up again, and Im so glad we did. You were the kind of person in life who you could tell would help someone if they really needed it. I always admired how genuine you were, how you were always just you and how you treated everyone you met equally. You are survived by a group of friends and family that love you with all of their hearts. To me, that is the mark of a life well lived. I will see you when I get there, you best believe I will come find you to say hello. Keep comforting your family. I know you already are, and I know you know they are going to need you around them for a while. Here's to you, a great friend and an all around great person. Love ya

August 16 at 6:54 AM

AL

**Andrew Loewendick** posted:

I don't know what to say. I can't believe it. God Bless.

August 16 at 6:39 AM

MO

**Mom** posted:

Mikeal words can not even say how much I love you and miss you. You made me so very proud of you calling you a hero doesn't even begin to tell what and who you are I love you Mikeal

August 16 at 3:13 AM



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LM

**Linda Baughman-Mash** posted:

Dear Tom, Sue and Family: I am so sorry for your loss and cannot imagine how hard this is for you. Being related to both of you only makes this hit twice as hard. I hope you know all your family is here for you if you need someone to talk to. God Bless all of you.

August 16 at 3:11 AM

LB

**Lisa Berk** posted:

to mike. you were a great friend always with e smile or goofy grin on your face. you saved my best friend and put her life before your own. i will always remember you as the hero you were. you will never really be gone.

August 16 at 2:43 AM

MS

**Matthew Swinehart** posted:

You will be missed buddy

August 15 at 4:58 PM

SD

**Shawn Wayne Dolen** posted:

My condolences to the Ashcraft family. We grew up just down the street from each other. We played little league together, we played violins together, we went to school together. We had a lot of great times together. We'll have more great times together one day. You'll be missed old friend.

August 15 at 4:57 PM

IG

**Ida Petrey/Gennetten** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out for the family. God be with you at this time.

August 15 at 4:01 PM

KJ

**Kristina Jackson** posted:

I'm very sorry for your families loss. My prayers are with you and your family. I remember Mike from high school, he was a very good man.

August 15 at 3:33 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Yep, I teased you, cause you went from being the oldest, to the little brother and I still maintained my Bossy Older sister status. I wish I had more time to have gotten to know you...Katheryn

August 15 at 1:39 PM



**Thomas Ashcraft** posted:

My son, I will miss you very very much. You touched so many hearts. The world was a better place with you in it. Until I meet up with you again. Love you very much.

August 15 at 1:10 PM



**Bethany Chos** posted:

To Katie, Mikeal's Family, and the Fishman Family--sincere condolences on the untimely death of your husband, son, brother, son-in-law. Lynn's Dinner Group Friends.

August 15 at 1:08 PM



**Kelly (Tussey) Hughes** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Mike and I grew up together (Ben Franklin days) and was a great friend. He will be missed.

August 15 at 12:35 PM



**Crystal Kelley** posted:

Tom, Melissa and Family, my deepest sympathies are with you. Mikey truly was a gift from god, one of the best guys I ever knew. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

August 15 at 10:39 AM



**Chastity Westfall** posted:

Mike was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. You will be greatly missed.

August 15 at 10:34 AM



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RB

**Roni Worstell (Baughman)** posted:

Mike, I remember the family times when we would play golf and goof off. I know that you're up there looking down on Tom, Melissa and the kids, Josh, Aunt Sue and Uncle Tom and Katie. Rest in peace, love you and miss you.

August 15 at 10:24 AM

KA

**Karen And Rick Armstrong** posted:

Those you love you never lose, For always they will be, Loved, remembered, treasured, Always in your memory Sue and Dave we are so sorry for your loss. We can not imagine this loss you are feeling. If you need anything at all at any time, We're just a phone call away.

August 15 at 7:38 AM

RC

**Ryan Clodfelter** posted:

My sincere condolences on your loss. Mike was a great friend to many... We will all miss him.

August 15 at 7:07 AM

TA

**Tom Ashcraft** posted:

Hey brother it just seems like yesterday we where kids playing baseball I have so many wonderful memories with you .through all the good times and the bad times you where always there for me I am going to miss you my friend my brother until we meet again I love you

August 15 at 6:04 AM

A1

**Allie Snow lamaw Local 1280** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

August 15 at 4:32 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sue, I am very sorry for your loss.. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family...Kim Chaney-Clark

August 15 at 4:30 AM



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SK

**Susan (Cottle) Kellough** posted:

Sue, Tom & Josh I am so sorry for your loss. It's so hard to put into words what made Mike so special! He was kind, sweet and everyones friend. I am blessed that I could call Mike my friend.

August 15 at 4:13 AM

MM

**Matia M.** posted:

Sue, I will keep you and your family in my prayers. \*hugs\*

August 15 at 3:53 AM

MW

**Michelle Sidle-Wayt** posted:

Mike will always be in my heart. He was so wonderful and kind hearted. You will be missed my friend and until we meet again.

August 15 at 3:27 AM

CB

**Cindy Berk** posted:

mike was such a loving man. We didn't know him that well but our daughter is katie's best friend and he was a wonderful friend to Lisa. We will do anything we can to help . Mike we will miss you very much. We love you. Cindy & Dale Berk

August 15 at 2:43 AM

NB

**Nancy Baur** posted:

Mike was always there for me when I needed a laugh or a shoulder to cry on when we were in high school. For awhile it felt like it was just him, me and Zea....like the 3 amigos. He had such big dreams and love for life. I am sorry we never kept in touch but I know we was truly loved.

August 14 at 7:52 PM

TS

**Timothy Spielberg** posted:

Mikeal, nothing a can say will describe what your friendship meant to me. You always put yourself before other, and my precious memories of you will never be lost. Rest in piece my dear friend, and go Browns. I love you

August 14 at 7:31 PM



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August 14 at 7:27 PM

SL

**Suzi Lewin** posted:

mike i love you so much. you are and always be one of my best friends. you died saving my best friend and for that i am forever grateful. please rest in peace. you will always be close to my heart.

August 14 at 5:19 PM

AF

**Ann Ridenbaugh-Fogel** posted:

I haven't talked to since our days in middle School at Wilson, which was a long long time ago but I had great memories of him there.. many classes we shared. My prayers are with Mike's family to help you through this awful tradgedy. May you keep the memories of your short time here on Earth with Mike close to your heart..

August 14 at 3:01 PM

RH

**Rachel Halpern** posted:

My deepest sympathies are with your family at this time. Mike was a great guy and a true hero. Katie's cousin,

August 14 at 2:06 PM

CK

**Carole And Bob Koontz** posted:

We are so sad to learn of Mike's passing. He was such a kind, gentle, well-mannered, and loving friend to our Natalie. May you find comfort in God's love and in the wonderful memories of Mike that you will keep in your hearts forever.

August 14 at 1:28 PM



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MG

**Melissa Wiegand-Griggs** posted:

Tom, Melissa and Kids, We are very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help.

August 14 at 10:34 AM

CE

**Chloe Ewing** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very hard time, Im so sorry for your loss, Rest In Peace Mike.

August 14 at 10:01 AM

DB

**Donald Brady li** posted:

My condolence to the family of Mike Ashcraft, I am thankful to have to known Mike from Wilson Middle school and Newark High. Sincere condolences... Donald Brady II

August 14 at 8:46 AM

JK

**Jamie Kaercher** posted:

Continued prayers and condolences for those who were close to Mike and are hurting in the midst of this tragedy. I'm lighting this candle in his memory...

August 14 at 7:31 AM

TL

**Terry Landis** posted:

Tom & Josh we are so sorry for your loss. Are sympathy goes out to you and your family.You are all in are thoughts and prayers. Terry & April Landis

August 14 at 5:33 AM

HD

**Hope Devary** posted:

To the Ashcraft family, Tommy the boys and I are so very sorry for your loss. We are so very glad we got to spend time with Mikeal through the years. Thank you all for sharing him with us. With LoveThe DeVary family

August 14 at 5:08 AM



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**Tarra Henderson** posted:

Our sympathy goes out to the family. Mikeal was loved by many and will be missed. Rest in peace, Mikeal. You are in a better place now. John & Tarra Henderson

August 13 at 7:47 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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