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A Memorial Mass for Michael B. Blakely, 65 of Newark will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2023 at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville, OH with Rev. Father Timothy Hayes, celebrant.

Mike died July 13, 2023 at Embassy of Newark. He was born January 28, 1958 in Mount Vernon, OH to the late Virgil and Sharon (Miller) Blakely. A 1977 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Mike completed his studies in 2009 with a Bachelor Degree in Interior Design from Columbus College of Art and Design.

Mike was a talented artist and photographer. To know him was to appreciate his sharp wit and dry sense of humor. Mike was active in the community lending his talents to various activities. He enjoyed time spent volunteering and as an usher at The Midland Theatre. Mike was a parishioner of St. Edward the Confessor Church and had previously been active at St. Francis de Sales Church.

Survivors include his loving wife, Patricia (Smith) Blakely; a sister, Michelle (Terry) Durbin; sisters in-law, Dena Smith, Laura (Rick) Parker; brothers in-law, Vince (Cindi) Smith, John (Judy) Smith; nieces and nephews, Christina Balcom, Alicia Parker-Webb, Gerad Parker, Eric Parker, Andrea Cullinan, Alison Rhodes, Collin Smith, Conner Smith, Adelyn Bennett, and Mitchell Clouse; additionally, Mike was "grunkle" to many great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by a nephew, Aaron Smith. Friends and family may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2023 at Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 1850 W. Main Street, Newark. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Licking County or the Special Olympics.

The family would like to gratefully acknowledge the exceptional care they received from the staff at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center - 11th Floor, Doan Hall; Embassy of Newark and Generations Hospice.



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TE

Teresa Eberhardt posted:

So sorry to hear about Mike. I remember him very well from working at MVDC. He always had a smile on his face and so kind and thoughtful to everyone around him. Thoughts and prayers to his family. Such a big loss I am sure for everyone.

July 25 at 2:14 PM

JP

John, Kelly & Shannon Persichetti posted:

May Michael's loved ones find lifting peace in his many fond memories.

July 19 at 10:00 AM

DA

David Arnold posted:

Fond memories of Mike during our years as members of St Vincent de Paul in our elementary and middle school years, as we hung out together with his surviving cousin Bill Peterson. Very sorry for his passing and his family's loss.

July 18 at 6:01 AM

MB

Marcia Brannon posted:

Pat, I'm so sorry to read that Mike is gone. I always appreciated his wit and I'm so thankful our paths crossed while we all provided the music for Easter Vigil at St Francis♥ you are in my prayers!!

July 17 at 5:31 PM

CG

Charlyn (Fox) Green posted:

Dear Pat - so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Have many memories of you both when we worked at MVDC. My favorite memory of Mike was his quick smile to go with his quick wit! Praying God's comfort for you and your family.♥♥

July 17 at 3:06 PM



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Roger Marra posted:

Mike displayed a great work ethic and care and compassion working at MVDC. He always had a smile and was respected by co-workers. A big loss at too young an age. Sincere sympathy to his family.

July 17 at 2:24 PM



Laurie Stelts posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. Mike was such a great guy, very compassionate, always had a smile. He was a joy to work with.

July 17 at 2:11 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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