

Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach

June 14, 1951 - June 2, 2013

Michael H. Erpenbach, 61, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends on Sunday, June 2, 2013. Mike loved his wife of 22 years, Martha, his 4 children, 5 grandchildren, and 2 Dachshunds.

Mike was born in Milwaukee, WI, on June 14, 1951, to Max and Louise (Lund) Erpenbach. He moved to Florida with his parents in 1956. He graduated from Bishop Moore High School in 1970 and was retired from Teco Peoples Gas Company where he worked for 36 years. He married Martha Klinker on October 20, 1990, and they shared a wonderful life together. He also enjoyed traveling in his motorhome, Nascar racing, displaying his 1969 Boss 302 at area car shows, water skiing on the same lake in his backyard that he crossed to go to school, and especially spending quality time with his family.

He was greatly loved and will be missed by his wife, Martha; his sons and their wives, Christopher and Gretchen and Stephen and Jamie Erpenbach, Orlando; his step-sons, Michael Lewis and fiancé, Donya Pinkerton, Altamonte Springs, and Matthew Lewis, Orlando; his grandchildren, Alexander, Abigail, Andrew, Siena Erpenbach, and Harmony Lewis; his sister, Mary Kuenzli; his niece, Heather Greene, and his great-niece, Marisa Greene. He was also survived by his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lynn Klinker, Chandler, AZ, Paul (Maureen) Klinker, Eagle River, WI, Frances (Tobi) Klinker-Leonard, Hillsborough, NC, John (Gale) Klinker, Pahoia, HI, Jeanie (Glenn)

Bell, Oshkosh, WI, James Klinker, Bonifay, FL, Thomas Klinker, Apopka, FL, Alan (Licha) Klinker, South Gate, CA, Mike Retz, South Mills, NC, Mary Harvey, Apopka, FL, and Stephen Klinker, Morrisville, NC. He was further survived by his "brothers" Donald Churaman and Dick (Sandy) Sande, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends, along with his Dachshunds, Gretchen and Sophie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Louise; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Michael Klinker, David Klinker, Mary Anne Klinker, and Christine Retz. Also his Dachshunds, Sonny and Hans.

Visitation for family and friends will be at the DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, on Friday, June 7, 2013, from 6-8 p.m. with a Memorial Service starting at 7 p.m. A Catholic Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 861 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, FL. Interment will be at Glen Haven Memorial Park, Winter Park, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273).

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Park

2300 Temple drive
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Mike was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. There are no words that can describe our sorrow over his passing at such an unexpected time in his life. He will always remain in our hearts. Our prayers continue for his family.

Jeanie/Glenn Bell - June 17, 2013 at 01:25 AM

JB

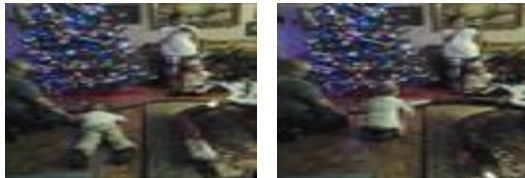
“ Jeanie And Glenn Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach



Jeanie and Glenn Bell - June 17, 2013 at 01:21 AM

JA

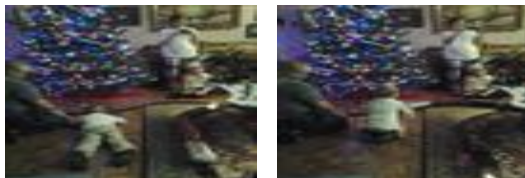
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Jamie - June 11, 2013 at 11:37 AM

JA

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Jamie - June 11, 2013 at 11:31 AM



“ Mike was an amazing friend my Dad's best friend and brother really. I have lots of great memories two that blew my mind were when Dad was diagnosed with cancer I spoke with Mike he in his reassuring way said whatever you , Dick and Sandra need Martha and I are there I'm just a phone call away. without a doubt you instantly knew when he said that he meant it. the next my parents had tornados go thru Tenn I'm working no idea by the time i found out Mike was already there had a generator a saw buzzing in the back ground when I called my Dad. I spoke to Mike later he had been tracking the storms gathered what was needed jumped in his truck my Dad was having health issues and Mike was there like always the man you could count on the brother my Dad needed in his life. He will truly be missed and I'm sure in his early departure his teachings and mentoring is and will never be done . I hear him saying what are you thinking? What do you need? his reassuring smile it will be Alright relayed without a word. Thanks Mike praying for your family. Love you all Lots. Mike see you and Shelly soon



Kim Lord - June 09, 2013 at 09:13 AM

MH

“ Madison Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach



Madison Harvey - June 08, 2013 at 09:16 PM

HT

“ I'm going to miss him. He was without a doubt the best uncle, and Donald Duck anyone could ask for. I'm going to miss seeing that smile he always had on his face and how he was always willing to hope people :-)

heidi, Tim, and Tj - June 08, 2013 at 03:23 AM

HT

“ Heidi, Tim, And Tj lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach



heidi, Tim, and Tj - June 08, 2013 at 03:07 AM

HT

Tim and Tj

heidi, Tim, and Tj - June 08, 2013 at 03:09 AM

HW

“ Heidi Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach



heidi weaver - June 08, 2013 at 03:05 AM

LC

“ Years and years ago, I remember visiting Cousin Mickey and family and having such fun. We would always bring our swimsuits and get to go swimming in the lake which was such a treat for us. Uncle Max would get out the boat and Mike would get out his skis and put on quite a ski show. He was so good that it was just like being at Cypress Gardens! I may not remember a lot at my age but our visits with the Erpenbachs will always be with me. Mike will be missed and our prayers are with the family.

Laurie Cheshire - June 07, 2013 at 02:48 PM

KS

“ Kim & Mark Sams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach



Kim & Mark Sams - June 07, 2013 at 02:07 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach.



June 07, 2013 at 12:24 PM

DM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I worked with Mike for many years and he always made me laugh. He never judged anyone and always had kind words. He will be truly missed, and I am so blessed not only to have known him but worked with such a kind and gentle person.*



Dee Macdonald

Dee MacDonald - June 07, 2013 at 10:59 AM

CH

“ *"Small boys become big men through the influence of big men who care about their small boys"...*

We love you, Dad. I think about you all of the time and I miss you every day.

Chris



Chris - June 06, 2013 at 08:37 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach.*



June 06, 2013 at 01:06 PM

 Donya Pinkerton

“ *There is not much more I can say that hasn't already been said. Mike was without a doubt just one of the best people I have ever known. I am so lucky to have been a part of his life and his family. And Harmony just thought he was the coolest ever...and she's right! Mike was giving, helpful, fun, caring, loving, and loved...and he will be missed terribly.*

Donya Pinkerton - June 06, 2013 at 10:41 AM

 Donya Pinkerton

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Donya Pinkerton - June 06, 2013 at 10:37 AM

MA

“ *There are no words that can begin to express the sadness that fills my heart. A life filled with such fun, love, joy and kindness, leaves an empty space. As I see first hand the wonderful friends of his that I have spoken to, I see even the bigger picture of the great Brother in law/ friend that I knew. Wow! To have even been apart of his life briefly was a blessing.*

Mary - June 05, 2013 at 10:20 PM

JE

“ *He was not only my father in law but my Dad. He gave me my wonderful husband and always made me feel like his daughter.*

Jamie Erpenbach - June 05, 2013 at 04:55 PM

DR

“ *What can words really say about this good man that touched us all. I am bless to have had a chance to work with Mike. He was always in good spirits no matter what was happening. He was always there to lend an ear or share a laugh.*

He was always lending a helping hand and treated you as if you were part of his family.

He will be missed but never forgotten because of those fond memories we have of him, he will continue to live on in our hearts....

Mike you were a great one and I'm glad I was lucky enough to have crossed your path...

David Rivera - June 05, 2013 at 03:31 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach.*



June 05, 2013 at 03:06 PM

CS

“ *"There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of one small candle.. any reminder of something deeply felt or dearly loved". Mike was deeply loved by lots of people his small candle will never go out but he will truly be missed. My prayers and thought are with you Martha and family.*

Cheri Sattelmeier - June 05, 2013 at 01:52 PM

CS

“ Cheri Sattelmeier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach



Cheri Sattelmeier - June 05, 2013 at 01:51 PM

CQ

“ Mike was definitely a special person, a loving person. The friendship he gave was a rarity and I consider him a true friend. He will truly be missed.

Carlos Quintana - June 05, 2013 at 11:27 AM

JE

“ We will miss him so much. He was more than a father in law he really was my dad.

Jamie Erpenbach - June 05, 2013 at 11:16 AM

JE

“ Dad E was more than a father in law, he was my Dad. He was there when we needed him, he passed no judgemen, he just jumped in to lend a happy hand. I will always be grateful for his open arms and the gift of his son and the unconditional love he gave all his grandchildren

Jamie Erpenbach - June 05, 2013 at 11:13 AM

CP

“ *Carolyn Polson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach*



Carolyn Polson - June 05, 2013 at 10:15 AM

DJ

“ *Mike was always whistling cheery tunes throughout the day. It always brought sunshine to each work day, even on a cloudy day. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. He will be greatly missed by all.*

Debbie Johnson - June 05, 2013 at 09:27 AM

ZF

“ *Zoraida Figueroa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach*



Zoraida Figueroa - June 05, 2013 at 09:25 AM

ZF

You're gone Michael but will never be forgotten. No matter how sad a person was, Mike always manage to put a smile on there face with his jokes. One of the most touching thing about Mike is that he loved everyone. He never looked @ there size,shape or color. My prayers to Martha & your family.

Zoraida Figueroa - June 05, 2013 at 09:37 AM

CQ

“ Mike was definitely a special person, a loving person. The friendship he gave was a rarity and I consider him a true friend. He will truly be missed.

Carlos Quintana - June 05, 2013 at 09:19 AM

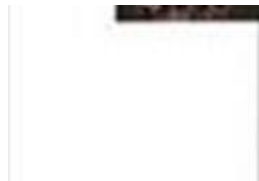
DR

“ Mike was a very special person, always willing to help and make you laugh with his Ducky talk. He loved life & people. Prayers to Martha & family. Debbie Roop

Debbie Roop - June 05, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DF

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Debbi Frazier - June 05, 2013 at 07:54 AM

DF

“ I will always hear the echo of Donald Duck in the halls of our building. Mike touched my heart and made me smile. He was truly a special man.

Debbi Frazier - June 05, 2013 at 07:49 AM

DF

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Debbi Frazier - June 05, 2013 at 07:37 AM

DB

“ Darlene Branim lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach



Darlene Branim - June 05, 2013 at 07:36 AM

MA

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Martha - June 05, 2013 at 07:18 AM

SD

“ Sharon Drow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach



Sharon Drow - June 05, 2013 at 04:01 AM

ME

“ *Max B. Erpenbach was added to the Family Tree.*

Martha Erpenbach - June 04, 2013 at 09:06 PM

ME

“ *Louise M. Erpenbach was added to the Family Tree.*

Martha Erpenbach - June 04, 2013 at 09:05 PM

ME

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Martha Erpenbach - June 04, 2013 at 08:43 PM

ME

“ *Martha Erpenbach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Henry Erpenbach*



Martha Erpenbach - June 04, 2013 at 08:35 PM



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Michael Lewis - June 04, 2013 at 08:10 PM

DT

“ *Michael Erpenbach family, so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I always enjoyed talking with Mike at Teco/PGS, one of his favorite phrases was let Mikey do it with his Daffy Duck impersonation. Rest in peace friend and God be with your family in this time of sorrow.*

David Turner - June 04, 2013 at 06:07 PM

GE

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Gretchen Erpenbach - June 04, 2013 at 05:10 PM