



Michael Dan Cansler

March 18, 1950 - January 5, 2018

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Michael Dan Cansler, 67, of Merriam, KS passed away January 5, 2018 at The University of Kansas Medical Center. Michael was born on March 18, 1950 by the parents of Melvin and Margaret(Bradley) Cansler. He is 1 of 13 children. He had 7 brothers and 5 sisters. He is preceded in death by his parents Melvin and Margaret(Bradley) Cansler. He is survived by his wife Denise of 48 yrs, daughters Julie(Steve) Ferguson, Sarah(Kyle) Hicks, 5 grandchildren, Matthew Ferguson, Mason Ferguson, Emma Hicks, Brody Hicks, and Gunner Hicks. A Visitation will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM, with a funeral service to follow at 7:30 PM at The First Baptist Church of Shawnee. 11400 Johnson Dr. Shawnee, KS 66203.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 05:30PM - 07:30PM

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First Baptist Church of Shawnee
11400 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS, US, 66203

JAN **Funeral Service** 07:30PM

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“ A tribute video has been added.



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“ Oh, I love all if these. Such great memories.

Donna Krum - January 08, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ We would like to send our prayers to the Cansler family, Denise and her children and grandkids. Mike's twin Pat and her husband Richard are very dear friends of ours, so our hearts go out to them and the other members of the family. I knew mostly the sisters and my husband worked with Denny and Richard years ago at Haver Lockhart. Many years ago. The Cansler's always made you feel like part of the family when you were around them, very special family. We pray that the love you have for each other will comfort you all in this time of sorrow. God Bless you. Tom and Sharon Nelson

sharon nelson - January 08, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Dan Cansler.



January 08, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ I have known Mike since I was about 6 or 7 years old. He used to show up at our house to see my sister, Denise, when they were in high school. My earliest memory of Mike was the first time he ate supper with our family. I don't remember what we were eating, but whatever it was, it didn't go with ketchup. When he asked if we had any ketchup, I remember thinking it was a joke because he was a really funny guy. My dad was a chef, so the request to cover up his main course with something from the fridge, didn't go over very well. After that, we just put the bottle of ketchup next to Mike's plate any time he was over. Didn't matter if we were having pork chops, roast, steak, fish.....he covered it with ketchup.

Mike and Denise provided me with a lot of firsts. Things that I would never have experienced as a child were it not for them. First drive in movie, and many more as I grew up. First time to go camping. First time sleep in a camper. First time up on water skis, first time in a boat. First time attending the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. First time earning money, babysitting my niece Julie. Because of Mike, I met my first best friend, his niece Debbie, who is still to this day my oldest and dearest best friend. Mike gave me my first butt chewing when I mouthed off to my mom. I remember that like it was yesterday.

He stepped into the big brother roll when my dad became ill. Mike walked me down the aisle in my wedding. I chose my wedding colors by the color of suit he owned. I didn't want him to have to buy a new one, so I found out what color his was, and just went with that. It was brown. Not my first choice in wedding colors but what are you gonna do? I never told him that either. That's the kind of relationship we had. We were both outspoken, quick witted and funny. Maybe a little sarcastic, too. We gave each other lip service all the time, but we had an unspoken admiration and respect for each other.

Mike was a "larger than life" kind of guy. Never quiet. Never boring. He could make anyone laugh. He was generous. He was genuine. He was ornery. Mike didn't know a stranger. If he REALLY liked you, he'd call you something other than your real name, like, Vern, Louie, Herschel, Louise. He was just a good guy. A good husband, father, brother, uncle and a wonderful Papa to his five grandchildren.

I still can't grasp the fact that he's gone, but I truly believe that if he wasn't going to regain use of his limbs, he wouldn't have been okay with that. Mike took care of people, he didn't ever want to be a burden. He gave 100% and wouldn't settle to be less than that. There's no doubt in my mind that he's watching over all of us. I actually had some odd things happen yesterday and my first thought was that he was messing with me. Man I'm going to miss him. R.I.P. Mike. I'll see you again.



“ Mike was always a great person to be around he loved to tell jokes to everyone he knew. I always loved being around him. He was the life of the party and man if you had ever got to party with Mike, his brothers, Jeff and Denny man it was a total riot. Them guys could keep you laughing all day long because what one didn't think of the other ones would think of. One day Mike ask me if I knew of a good mechanic and I said yes buddy what you got and he said my brakes are not good on my 41 Willy's Jeep and I said when do you want to do them and he replied like right now so I said ok let me make a phone call so I called my son Willie Jr. (which is a real good mechanic) too see if he had anything going on it was a Saturday morning and he said no I got nothing going on so I went and picked him up at his house and we went back to Mikes house and got his brakes on the Jeep fixed and drive able again. Mike loved picking on me and joking around a lot. We become real good friends over the years and his brother Denny has cut my hair since I was a real small kid and this is how I got to know the whole Cansler group and His other brother Jeff and my brother Fred and me have all gone to the stock car races together many many times at Lakeside Speedway in KC, KS . What a really great family they all are and really true and a very loving family . My condolences go out to the whole Cansler family love you all and you all are like family to me and will be for ever and thinking of you all at this time. Love you guy's Willie Harmon kcks



willie harmon - January 05, 2018 at 07:39 PM