



Michael Lee Christian

March 15, 1957 - December 10, 2016

I've never been one for tradition, so I would like to use this to thank those who have given me such a wonderful life. I have had 59 years on this Earth, I had the perfect wife, three children I could not be more proud of and friends and family that filled our home with so much love. I grew up and lived most of my life in Topeka and passed with my family surrounding me on December 10, 2016. I'm now with my Mom and Dad. (Katherine and Leonard Christian)

Even though I left quite suddenly, I consider myself the luckiest man in the world, because I found a woman who loves me like you do, Jeanette. 31 years, they were the best years of my life. We were given three boys and were able to help them grow into fine young men. Watching our sons find women who love them like you love me made me so proud. It's what any father would want. Being a papa with you, Nana, for Zac and Kellan filled me with more joy than you and the boys could ever know.

Jordan, Jason and Justin, my sons, the most any father can ask for is to see his sons grow into fine men. You will forever be my greatest source of pride and truly the best things I leave on this Earth. Watching you grow up while guiding you and simultaneously learning from you was the privilege of my life, and something for which I'll always be eternally grateful. I may be gone now, but I will always be watching over you and love you with all my heart.

I worked for Westar for many years and served as the COO for 1CapApp. I think of my colleagues at Westar and the 1CapApp team as family. You all have been a major part of my life and you all know I came back from retirement to help. Well, I'm back on retirement now and I'll be looking over all of you for years to come.

My message to everyone reading. Life is short and can change quickly. Family is the most important thing in life. Always give to others, because the way we live on is in the hearts we touch.

Parish rosary will be prayed at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS, 66614, with visitation to follow until 7 p.m.

Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

I've never liked flowers because they don't last. In lieu of flowers, please donate to something that will last. I have always loved the Topeka Rescue Mission, Wounded Warrior Project or the Hearing Loss Association of America.

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 12. 4:30 PM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Visitation

DEC 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Resurrection

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Lee Christian*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS LOSS. WE FEEL LIKE WE LOST A FAMILY MEMBER TOO. WE, AS WELL AS OUR CHILDREN, ALL GREW UP TOGETHER AND SPENT A LOT OF TIME CHEERING OUR LITTLE ONES ON, TAXING TO AND FROM OVERNIGHTS, AND ATTENDING ALL THOSE SCHOOL AND THEATER PROGRAMS. WE WILL CHERISH ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES AND THE LAUGHTER WE SHARED WITH ALL OF YOU.*

MICHAEL WOULD NEVER QUESTION THE LORD ABOUT HIS SUDDEN EXIT FROM OUR LIVES, BUT GRACIOUSLY THANK HIM FOR A WONDERFUL LIFE. I GUESS WE NEED TO GRACIOUSLY THANK THE LORD TOO FOR GIVING US MICHAEL FOR THE YEARS WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HIS PRESENCE.

HE WILL LIVE ON THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES HE GAVE TO ALL OF US.

GOD SPEED MICHAEL AND GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR INCREDIBLE FAMILY.

LOVE,

THE TATRN'S

JONA C. TATRN - December 13, 2016 at 06:58 PM

GA

“ Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. Your family was a special family to the Rochester School community May you be comforted with the promise of John 3:16 that though we die bodily we will live eternally in Christ Jesus. You remain in our prayers as one day you will meet once again with Michael in Heaven.

Gary and Loretta Zimbelman

Gary - December 13, 2016 at 11:37 AM

JB

“ Jeanette and Christian Family,

I am sorry for your loss. Just over six years ago, Mike was my manager at Westar -- and was a great mentor to me. I recall a time he ordered a singing telegram for Jeanette.... while sitting in a cube across from him while delving into the great deep Triplepoint APIs, he wore a sly smile while discussing his super-secret plan to surprise her. After ending his call to what I'm guessing was a secret hotline for setting up a singing telegram that only he would know about in Topeka, he'd release a contagious sneaky laugh while waiting for a call after the plan had successfully been played out.

True to his obituary, he was more about creating life experiences than just sending "dead flowers." He loved sharing stories about his kids and freely shared his advice to anyone that would listen to "never own a rental house in Lawrence (though it was handy for kids in school)"!

*My most memorable quote from Michael was when we were working on a challenging project and he said to me, "With computers, there is *always* a way." He always found a way, and had patience with both people and computers. He taught me a tenacity of finding a route to solving problems that I continue to use.*

I am thankful to have worked with Michael and the skills he taught me and helped me. When he interviewed me at Westar, I remember telling him that I wanted to "work in a hospital" -- and he laughed, but still hired me (computer geeks don't always interview very well, I guess). Just under 3 years after hiring me, he helped me migrate my career to a hospital, understanding that it was where I wanted to be.

Jason Bengel

Jason Bengel - December 12, 2016 at 11:06 PM

DH

“ Our family was saddened by the passing of Michael . I would see him out and about and he always had the time to talk, no matter how busy. He was such a nice man and always had a smile on his face! The great memories all of you have of him will carry you through the rough times ahead. Take care. Larry, Dana, Ian and Kara Hahn

Dana Hahn - December 12, 2016 at 06:46 PM

SH

“ Just wanted to say how sorry I was to hear about Michael. As a teacher, there are some special families we will always remember. He was a very special father. I am sorry I am unable to attend the visitation as I would love to see you grown up boys. Mrs Sandi Humston. "Mrs H"

Sandi Humston - December 12, 2016 at 03:44 PM

CD

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies and condolences on the passing of such a kind and loving man.

Courtney Dufries - December 12, 2016 at 12:56 PM

JE

“ Our warmest condolences: several of us at MCG has had the pleasure of working with Michael on Westar's IAM CXL Integration.

- Jerome Khan, Product Manager - MCG

Jerome - December 12, 2016 at 11:57 AM

SG

“ Jeanette and family, I am so very sorry for the sudden loss of Michael. Please know that I will be praying for you, that God will give you peace and love during this difficult time.

Shanna Groves - December 12, 2016 at 11:00 AM

GP

“ Deepest condolences from Martha and Gary Piland.

Gary Piland - December 12, 2016 at 10:50 AM

KM

“ Jeanette and family. I am very saddened to learn of Michael's passing. May God help you through this trying time. I remember when you got engaged and the love you had for each other. The many times we went out for dinner. God's speed Michael.

Keith Martin

Ketih Martin - December 12, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ Jeanette, I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart is with you and your family during this very difficult time.

*Most sincerely,
Katie Skipper
Advanced Bionics*

Katie Skipper - December 12, 2016 at 10:22 AM

CB

“ Jeanette, Jordan, Jason and Justin - I was shocked and saddened to learn of Michael's passing. It's quite obvious he loved all of you as much as he loved life. Hold dear those fond memories that you have to help carry you through this difficult time in your lives. He will be missed. RIP Michael - Cindy Beattie



Cindy Beattie - December 12, 2016 at 09:40 AM

JP

“ I thoroughly enjoyed working with Michael at Westar. He was genuinely kind and fun and always positive as he scurried around working on different projects. He will be greatly missed. Thinking of the Christian family through this difficult time.

Jennifer Perry - December 12, 2016 at 08:53 AM

CL

“ Mike was a good guy when he was in school, and he ran true his whole life. As far as I could see, Mike loved everybody and everybody loved him. He radiated a deep joy.

-Charlie Lasnier

Charlie Lasnier - December 12, 2016 at 03:22 AM

TS

“ Jeanette, Jordan, Jason and Justin, I pray that the love of God enfolds you all during your journey through your grief. I always enjoyed seeing your wonderful family at school and church over the years!

Teresa Schiffelbein

Teresa Schiffelbein - December 11, 2016 at 06:26 PM

B(

“ I am so sad to hear of Mike's passing. Although it has been years since I've seen him, I will always remember him as a kind and loving man. The blessing you left your family and friends was so very you. I will keep your family in my prayers. My deepest sympathies to your wife and sons and daughter-in- laws and grandchildren.

Barb DeWalt (Tinsley) - December 11, 2016 at 06:22 PM