



Michael Strawser

May 25, 1952 - December 29, 2011

Michael Glenn Strawser age 59 of Bixby, Oklahoma passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 29, 2011 after a long and courageous battle. Michael was born May 25, 1952 to Cleo Laverne Strawser and Betty (Johnson) Strawser in Minnesota. He was the younger of two children.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Cleo L. Strawser.

He is survived by the "love of his life" his wife, Rose of thirty-six years; the "light of his life" his son, Ira and his wife Amy and their son Evan Michael; his daughter, Siera "Daddy's Girl"; his mother Betty Strawser, his brother Craig and his wife, Krista Strawser, their children Nikki and Matt and their families, his cousin Ron Strawser; his caring in-laws Julie Goodnight and Kay Terry, friends Carrie, Bobbie, Bob and Susie along with other family members, friends and acquaintances.

Michael touched the lives and hearts of many people with his smile, his charm, his sense of humor, laughter, optimism, intelligence and individuality. He was "one of a kind".

Michael was a wonderful husband, an awesome father who dedicated his life to his family. Michael was a funny, warm, kind, gentle and giving man who will be missed, cherished and loved forever.

A celebration of Michael's life will take place 10:30 a.m. January 28, 2012 at Camp Loughridge.

Memorial donations can be made to the Clarehouse.

Arrangements were entrusted to Daniel C. Schaudt of Schaudt's Glenpool Funeral Service & Cremation Care. Family and friends may view the obituary and send condolences to the family online at www.schaudtfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Celebration

JAN **28**. 10:30 AM.

Camp Loughridge

Tribute Wall

RH

“ My friend Michael...I will always remember that smile that lit up my day so many times, that laugh that always brought my spirits up no matter what, the silliness that just made me shake my head side to side and giggle. What a joy it was to have you for a friend. A constant reminder not to take life too serious, laugh all you can, share a drink or two with friends and make a memory to last a lifetime, count each day as a blessing, love your children like you want to be loved! These are just a few of the life lessons Michael taught me and I will never forget them. I will never forget him. I love you very much Michael and Rose. My son was born on Monday the 23rd, we came home Wednesday night and did not sleep for over 48 hours it seems, and in my head when I felt like I was delirious I could hear Michael saying you can do this girl! My deepest apologies for missing the memorial...lack of sleep did me in. You will be missed Michael...

Riann DePlois Harrell - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Siera,

I am so sorry to hear that you lost your dad. Here is a poem that I found when I lost my dad. I hope it helps. Debbie

*God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around him
and whispered, ?Come with me.?*

*With tear-filled eyes we watched him
suffer and fade away.
Although we loved him deeply,
we could not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
hard-working hands put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Author Unkown

Debbie Robinson - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *always enjoyed seeing you and Rose, talking about cars, sports or whatever come up, it was fun and wish we could have spent more time with you. Bless you Rose and wonderful children Ira and Sierra*

chuck muller - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ It was fun to be around Michael, weather it was in a crowd or just two or three people. He had such a good personality and was so good natured. I admired michael because he was so nice to every one and never had anything bad to say about anyone. You could tell his family meant everything to him. When he and Rose were together you could tell that's where they belong. There could never be another Rose for him and there could never be another Michael for her. She was his rock and he was her rock. Ira and Sierra, you have the same good nature and personality that your father had. Just stay that way for ever. Rose if you ever want to talk just call any time . I love all of you. aunt Mary

Mary Jorday - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Perhaps they are not really stars in the sky...perhaps they're openings in the heavens where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.

A friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Mike is my cousin but I loved him like a brother. We spent our childhood together fishing, hunting, skiing, trapping and all of the things boys would find to do in the north country. Mike was kind and generous. I looked up to Mike even though he was nine months younger than I was. He always looked out for me. He was the smartest person I ever knew and I would go to him for answers. Mike and I were very connected. It didn't take but two seconds to pick up where we left off from the last time together. I treasure the time I had with Mike. I will always carry him in my heart. I love him dearly. To Rose, Ira, Sierra and Mike's family my love and deepest sympathy.

Ron Strawser - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ He was "The rug that really tied the room together." One of the most unique people I'll ever have the pleasure of knowing. He walked to the beat of his own drum truly, and the Dude abided. A great and kind man that we all should strive to be like. If we do even half the good he did in this world and life, we should count our selves lucky. He was Roses Rockstar. An truly a great father

Michael Simmons - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ "Rosie Rose, there are no words to express the sadness that I feel for you and your family at this very sad time. When God created Michael, He blessed this world with such a truly amazing person. Michael touched the lives of so many people and he will never be replaced in our hearts. God's ways are not our ways and we do not understand why God chose to bring Michael home at this time. However, I know for certain that we will see him again in Heaven. It is a privilege and honor to say that Michael was my friend. I love you so much and I am here for you--whatever you need. Jackie"

Jackie Edwards - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ How do I put in print what this loss means to my family? I have struggled with this problem until right now, looking at Michael's picture here. I can hear his voice, laughing in my kitchen as usual, telling me that "It isn't bad Bob, basically I just read all day and watch soccer matches on the tube." He's fine now, and all those who love him are the unlucky folks, left behind without him. I will miss most those kitchen conversations, that could drift seamlessly from today's game to religion to politics to science to current events... and then slide right back into soccer without even a speed bump. The personality traits I admire most are honesty, intelligence, and wit, and Michael was the trifecta! to Rose, Flyra and Booboo... we will all stick together. We love you guys.

Bob Martin - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Michael was one of the nicest people I ever met. I only wish I had more time to know him better.

Donald J. Howard - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Hi Rose,
Your mother told me about this. My sincere condolences. It sounds like a cliché, but time will heal.
your friend,
blaine

blaine reininger - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Rose: Just talked to Miss Julie and she told us about Michael.. A great man has gone on to a better place. He will be missed by all of us. Love-Caroll

caroll weiesnbach - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dear Rose and Strawser Family,

*Please accept my heart-felt condolences on your recent loss. You and your family have been in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. It is so wonderful that you and Michael had 36 years together and you have a beautiful family to lean on for support. I will continue to pray for God's hand on you and your family. Sincerely,
Debbie Richardson*

Debbie Richardson - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Hi Rose , it's Lynn's daughter Tracy. So sorry to hear about your loss. seeing the pictures of you on here, you have not changed a bit in 30 years. Hope someday my mom & I can make a trip down to visit. Prayers your way.
Love, Tracy

Tracy Ferrell Mendoza - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Well there is nothing I can say that will ever explain what I felt about Michael. I love Michael as a father figure, he has always been here for us. Rose and Siera, Michael left us with everything we need to live. I love you guys as my mother and my sister. I will always be here for anything you may ever need me for. We will always figure things out. Michael is still here with us, and always will be. Once again, I love you both. And we will always keep Michael in our hearts.

Abel Rodriguez - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Rose and Family: Mike and I were very sorry to hear of Michael's passing. We have had all of you in our prayers for a long time now and will continue asking God to give you strength, comfort and peace. We always enjoyed seeing and visiting with Michael when we came to the store. I am so glad you were blessed to have someone like Michael. Just know, that you are loved by a lot of people and we are here for you. We love you. Mike and Amiee

Mike and Amiee Jones - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ May we always remember that no one really dies. Their spirit lives on, not just in the hearts of those that remember Michael's laugh or his wit or his healthy ego, but in the sense that we know he is still here. He still appreciates our love. He is watching us shower him with hugs (which was a job for two big men)!

Bill Barnes - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Truly sad to hear about this, had many a deep conversation with this man growing up. Honestly one of the smartest men i have ever known.

Nick Arnholds - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FN

“ Rose and family,
I am so very sad for your family, and your loss of this wonderful man. I always loved coming into the store and visiting with him. He was a very special man. I know how much he will be missed by all of you.
With love and prayers.
Franky Neal

Franky Neal - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“Where do I begin. I have simply never met a man like Michael. In 36 years Michael never once woke up in a bad mood. In 36 years he never yelled at me. Never once. Honestly. He never yelled at the children or said words that were wounding. He never even yelled at the pets. Not even crazy Ralphie, our rescue poodle, who chewed on his feet for 13 years. About 20 yrs into our always interesting marriage I told Michael "I would give up an entire year of my life just to be you for one day". Just to spend 23 hrs and 50 mins a day being silly so he could spend 10 mins being serious. And 5 mins of that he spent gearing up for being silly again. He was eternally gentle. Michael was complete. It was a privilege to be his friend. It was an honor to be his wife. The beauty, the simpleness, the kindness, the security and the love he brought to our marriage will live in my heart forever and forever. I've lost the wrapping but I will never lose the gift that was Michael. You were my everything and I know you would be here if you could. I loved you once I loved you twice I loved you more than beans and rice. I will love you for ever and ever. Sweet dreams and lima beans My Sweet Prince. Rose

rose strawser - January 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“Rose... I am sooo very sorry for your loss my friend... my heart is breaking for you (Ira & Siera) I have so many fond memories of you & Mike from Missouri. My girls remember him well too! You were blessed to have Mike, he was a Wonderful Man that loved you so deeply! Too bad we lost touch of each other as our lives went separate ways but know that I thought of you often and my thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time my dear friend!!! Love You!!

Lynn Jones (use to be Hively) - January 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love to you,

Chris, Allyson and Kelley

Chris Leggett - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I don't even know where to begin on my memories of Michael. I can say that I've known Mike since I can remember walking basically...and in all of my memories I can only remember him in shorts :) rain or shine, no matter what.

He was my indoor coach and a second dad to me growing up. He always put up with Siera and I on every soccer roadtrip, hotel visit, and every time I'd come over to wreck his house. We were pretty annoying growing up..and I have no idea how he dealt with us. He was an amazing cook, coach, dad, listener and probably one of the funniest men I have ever met. He ALWAYS spoke his mind, even in public, and it embarrassed the hell out of Siera when we were teenagers. It was perfect. I think he taught me how to be ornery and sarcastic. I still can't believe he drove a mini van...makes me laugh.

Michael was a wonderful man. And he loved his family passionately. I never saw him miss a game of any sort. The Strawzers were my best friends growing up, and still are. I cannot say how much that family has shaped who I am today. Micheal raised an amazing daughter and impacted everything he touched.

Thank you Michael for treating me like your own daughter day in and day out. You always made me feel welcome in your house since I was 5 years old.

I will miss him and I am proud to say I knew him.

I love you Michael and always will.

-Sparky

Sparky - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Michael Glenn Strawser c/o Schaudt's Funeral Service & Cremation Care Centers funeral home.

January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose and Sierra, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family now and for a very, very long time. Michael was such an important part of support for the Cowgirl family.

Marian Lindstrom - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose, Ira, Sierra and family - you are all in my thoughts and prayers as you are going through this terrible time in your life. Please know that you have many friends you can lean on during this time. We love you and pray for peace and comfort. Michael was an incredible person and will be terribly missed. Gob Bless.

Kim (Cuccuini) Arnold - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose and Family,
I've been where you are, and know that this is a horrible time in your lives. If there is anything at all that I can do to help you, please feel free to call me. For now - I'm keeping you in my prayers and thoughts. Michael was a "bigger than life" kind of guy. I will miss his presence at your store and his intelligence, work ethic, humor (gay gout shoes) and smile.

Sincerely,

Sherry Turpen

Riverbend Shoppes Property Manager & Friend.

Sherry Turpen - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM