



Michael E. Manuel

May 3, 1941 - January 22, 2010

Michael E. Manuel, 68, of Botkins, died 5:16 p.m., Fri. Jan. 22, 2010, at the Wilson Memorial Hospital, E.O.R., Sidney, OH, after a valiant battle with Multiple System Atrophy. He was born May 3, 1941, in Wheeler, IL, the son of Burl & Rosella Manuel. His father survives in Tolono, IL, and his mother is deceased. On May 12, 1962, he married Jean E. Rasmussen, and she survives in Botkins. Other survivors include, 3 daughters, Janet (John) Bergman, Julie (Leo) Schmerge, both of Botkins, Jeanne (Jeff) Brown, Wapakoneta, 13 grandchildren, Derek, Kyle, Andrea, Trenton, & Alex Bergman, Andy, Tyler, Brent, & Kaitlyn Schmerge, Amanda, Nathan, Xavier, & Nolan Brown, 2 sisters, Linda (John) Rasmussen, Ogden, IL, Becky (Jim) Hand, Tolono, IL, 2 brothers, Jerry (Pat) Manuel, Champaign, IL, Mark (Carla) Manuel, Tolono, IL. He was preceded in death by a sister, Janet Manuel. Mr. Manuel worked 14 years at the University of Illinois and 30 years at Fertilizer Dealer Supply. While with Fertilizer Dealer Supply, he first worked in Philo, IL, and then as manager at the Botkins branch until his illness caused him to retire. He played bass guitar in several bands for 17 years. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Thurs. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Burial is to follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins, OH. The family will receive friends from 2-8 p.m., Wed. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501,

Wapakoneta. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Multiple System Atrophy, St. Thomas School, Philo, IL, or Botkins Fire Department.

Tribute Wall

DN

“ Thinking of all of you...even though 2 months has past, we know that the void is still there and always will be. Count your blessings...you were blessed with a wonderful father. We love you all...Debbie

Debbie Niebrugge - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JJ

“ Jean- I'm so sorry for your loss. I'll be praying for you in this time of loss.

Julie Jenkins - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JS

“ Very sorry for your loss, Mike was such a great guy. Our prayers are with all. Jack & Laurie

Jack & Laurie Smith - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

AG

“ To Mike's family and friends, I send my deepest sympathy on his death. I've known Mike such a long time and always knew him to be great company, quick-witted and great fun. He will be missed. God bless him and God bless all of you. - Anne

Anne Grady - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

WM

“ I offer my deepest sympathy to everyone in the Manuel family. I worked with Mike at FDS for many years, first meeting him in 1980. We shared many business discussions and a lot of good times together. I will always remember Mike as an honorable person of very high integrity. He always put family first in his life and cared about those he employed and had business relationships with. Mike contributed significantly to the agricultural industry and will always be remembered for his dedication. May God bless all of you and comfort you in the days ahead.

William Mertens - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

PW

“ Jean and family This is always a hard thing to find the right words for but please know you are all in our prayers. Mike will be terribly,terribly missed Jean and family This is always a hard thing to find the right words for but please know you are all in our prayers. Mike will be terribly,terribly missed!! Paul and Barbara Woods F.D.S. Missouri Store .

Paul Woods - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

BP

“ Jeanie, So sorry to hear of Mikes passing. I only had the pleasure of being around Mike a dozen times or so as our paths crossed at managers meetings and such. It did not take me long to figure out that Mike was a good, honest, hard working man. I know from listening to him talk about, and brag on his family that he was every bit as good as a family man as well. I had the pleasure of meeting you as well, when you brought Mike over to Illinois a few years ago. I could tell what a great couple you were. I know Mike will be missed by many, but I am sure he has left his mark on all his family and friends. Brian Parman Boonville, MO

Brian Parman - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

PP

“ *Becky, Jim, and family, Sorry to hear of your brother's death. With sympathy, Mike, Phyllis, Ellen, and Anne Picklesimer*

Phyllis Picklesimer - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

TH

“ *Jeannie and Family: We are so sorry to hear about "Mickey", as Tom Hess always called him. We pray that God will give you strength during this time of sorrow. Tom and Kathy Hess*

Tom and Kathy Hess - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

DF

“ *Jean and Family: Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. I am so glad I was able to spend some time seeing him again when you traveled so far to celebrate my mothers 85th birthday. I'll never forget the times he spent talking/ playing catch with me when you lived next door to us. God Bless you all during this time and may you find strength in knowing he is at peace.*

David and Stacie Young and Family - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

CB

“ *I am employed with Norwesco and spoke with Mike many, many times over the years. Although we never met, he was always a friendly voice on the phone and I enjoyed working with him. Knowing Mike, I'm sure he battled this disease until the very end. God bless you during this time of sorrow and my sympathy goes out to your family.*

Connie Beneke - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JG

“ Jean and Family - Please accept our most sincere condolences. We are so saddened to hear of Mike's death. I (Judy) have many fond memories of time spent with Mike and the Manuel family. I remember babysitting Mike, Linda and the twins when the twins were newborns (I was only 10 at the time). The Manuels were often in the Phillips household, or vice versa. Mike and I spent a lot of time in the top of the old willow tree in our yard, playing ditch 'em on our bikes, digging tunnels for our trucks at the roots of the trees, playing mumbly peg with our pocket knives and dancing in the Beardsley Park dance group. I think of those days of peace and good times often and know that we were blessed to have been raised in such an atmosphere. Hold on to your memories; they'll last a lifetime. We pray for peace and comfort for you at this time. may God bless you all.

Judy (Phillips) and Bill Gray - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

SW

“ Our prayers are with your family as you are grieving the loss of your father.

Scott Williamson - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

GD

“ Jeanie, Gary and I were so sorry to hear of Mike's passing . We know he fought a long battle. Gary is in Fl. but I will call him, I know he will be very saddened by Mike's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gary and Rae

Gary and rae Dalton - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

AF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. We know how hard it can be to suffer the loss of a loved one, but know that he is in God's care now and has truly found peace. Our deepest condolences ~

Aunt Amelia & famliy - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

DF

“ Our hearts go out to you in this time of sorrow. Although it's difficult to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you in the days ahead. May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time. Our sincere condolences---Dave & Teri Greve and family

Dave & Teri Greve and family - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM