



Michael E. "Mike" Wendel

May 26, 1965 - June 22, 2015

Michael E. Wendel, 50, of Botkins, passed peacefully 7:45 p.m., Mon. June 22, 2015, surrounded by his family at James Cancer Center, Columbus, OH. He was born May 26, 1965, in Lima, OH, the son of Bill & Elaine (Mack) Wendel. His parents survive in Botkins. Other survivors include, siblings, Jackie (David) Beverly, Atlanta, GA; Lisa (Jim) Knox, Westerville, OH; Cherie (Bill) Phillips, Chattanooga, TN; Ellen (Rodney) Reaman, Anna, OH; Rebecca Wendel, Toledo, OH; Jason (Abby) Wendel, Botkins; and Julie (Jason) Rickert, Grand Prairie, TX; nieces & nephews, Daniel, Kyle, & Colin Beverly; Justin Wendel; Jenny & Thomas Knox; Ben & Sam Phillips; Ashley, Jacob, Breann, & Carson Reaman; Cameron Middleton; Madison, Jaydon, Peyton, & Kriston Wendel; and J.J. & Jaxon Rickert. Mike was employed at Wells Brothers, Anna, for over 17 years. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins. He was also a 1983 graduate of Botkins High School. An avid hunter, Mike took great pride & joy in being associated with several hunting related organizations. These organizations include Shelby Co. Whitetails Unlimited where he served as coordinator, and a member of the Shelby Co. Fish & Game Club. He was also a member and official measurer of the Pope & Young Club, the Buckeye Big Buck Club, and the Boone & Crockett Club. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Sat. June 27, 2015, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, with Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Burial is to follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Fri.,

and 9-9:30 a.m., Sat. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to Shelby Co. Whitetails Unlimited. Condolences may be expressed at www.bayliffandeleyfh.com.

Tribute Wall

WO

“ I have known Mike for several years through his involvement with the Buckeye Big Buck Club. He always had a positive outlook on things and his calm down to earth demeanor gained him respect from everyone in the club. His presence at and contributions to our organization will be greatly missed.

Will Ogden - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

KW

“ Elaine, Bill and family I am so sorry for your loss of Mike. I didn't know he was sick and I know he is at peace now with Vincent and Mildred watching over him. A parent should never have to bury their child. Prayers and love being sent your way. Karen

Karen and Rodney Wagner - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MR

“ Their are no more words that need to be said that your family has not already heard. We have been sad and upset and angry along with Mike since he found out about his cancer. I think i understand now. God has a large project that he needs done. So like us he wanted the best, so he called Mike. We are proud to say we no Mike Wendel he is and always will be our friend.

Mary and Scott Rickert - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

NW

“ My sincere condolences. Prayers to Elaine, Bill and their family.

Nancy Wilt - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

JG

“ My heart is with Mike's Parents, Family & Friends~ so many kind & beautiful words have been expressed about the wonderful man he had been. I do believe to leave this world and be missed is a wonderful thing... although we would much rather they stay right here with us. Mike will be always LOVED & Forever REMEMBERED. Sorry I cannot express my condolences in person~ I will be out of town for my neices wedding, but please know you are in my thoughts & prayers.

Jenny Guisinger - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

LC

“ With heartfelt sympathy and kindest thoughts to the Wendel Family. May you all find peace in the days ahead.

Lantie & Cindy - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MR

“ I was so sorry and sad to learn about Mike's passing. He touched my heart in the short time I spent with him. His views on life and living were such an inspiration. I feel blessed that I was allowed to care for him. He shared with me over and over the love he had for his family. May you all find comfort in the love and memories you share with Mike. Sending hugs and prayers!

Missy Tiberio, RN - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

JE

“ May it bring comfort to you knowing that God is standing with you. He specializes in hurting hearts and He will see you through. Sincerely with Sympathy.

Jane Egbert - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

BD

“ To the Wendel family, I am very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Beth Dunlap and family

Beth VanHorn Dunlap - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MB

“ With our deepest sympathy we hope that you find courage and strength to find peace in the wonderful memories that Mike created. A wonderful man with such a great personality and a wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed dearly, but it is our hope that his memories always fill your sadness with a smile!

Maggie and Richie Beard - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

LD

“ So, so sorry to hear about your son's passing. There are no words that can be said at this time, but know that your family & friends are there for you. "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." St. Matt. V.5

Liz & Bob Dunleavy - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

PT

“ Bill and Elaine, Jackie and family, You all have my deepest sympathies during this trying time. Thoughts and prayers go out to you all. May God wrap his loving arms around you all.

Pam (Hoelscher) Tyler - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

KW

“ Mike, my love and prayers go out to your family and they mourn your loss. You fought a tough fight alongside my brother-in-law who underwent chemotherapy at the same time. I received constant updates on how you were doing. Both of you lost your battle but you were a brave soul taken far too soon. May the angels lead you into paradise, Mike. My prayers and blessings to all who love you. Kathy

Kathy (Kinninger) Waugh - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MO

“ Bill and Elaine, Sorry for your loss....keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Myron & Wilma Oen - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

AW

“ Mike, you were one of the hardest working strong willed men I know!! You never asked for help you you were amazing and the kids and I loved you! You treated Jaydon like he was your own son and he is devastated and as for the girls well you never left them out. You showed up at dance recitals and things many dad's hate going to but you were a devoted uncle and brother. There is nothing I wouldn't have done for you but you never needed help that's just who you were and as I sit here typing this with tears rolling down my cheeks I cannot imagine our lives without you. I wish you were not taken so abruptly but I am glad you never seen it coming. You lived life to the fullest and we miss you already. You were an amazing brother and you had the kindest Christian heart. You looked so tough on the outside but on the inside was the kindest christian soul. I know you are way better off and you no longer are in pain but we have now acquired the pain you left behind cause our hearts will never fully mend. We will miss you more than words can say and your newest niece will know who you were because your memory will be carried on forever. I pray that you will be our guardian angel and continue to watch over us because you will forever be missed. This is not a goodbye letter it's a until we meet again letter.
Abby

Abby Wendel - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

TB

“ May you and your family find strength from each other and friends to carry you through this difficult time. Our heartfelt sympathy to All.
Love & Prayers

Tomm & Bonnie - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family.

Jim & Lea Muhleinkamp - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MB

“ Dearest Elaine, Bill, +family
Our heartfelt sympathy to you on the tragic loss of your beloved
Michael. Thinking and praying for you. Our Love

marge +rick bockman - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

AJ

“ Gone too soon, leaving behind many who cared and many fond
memories. It is very difficult to lose a family member at such a
young age. But, now Mike is at peace, and I will continue to pray for
him and the family.

Aunt Janet - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

TB

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our sincerest condolences to
your family.

Tony and Mary Bell - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

CF

“ Elaine, My heartfelt sympathies. What a tremendous loss. You are a
wonderful mother and I'm certain you raised a wonderful man. Gods
peace to you and yours at this time.

Cathy (Paul) Fogt - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

TR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.....many prayers for the entire family

Tracey Regula - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

JD

“ SO TERRIBLY SORRY TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF YOUR BELOVED SON; A LOSS OF A CHILD IS THE UNEXPECTED FOR DEVOTED PARENTS. NO WORDS CAN TRULY EXPRESS THE TRAUMA YOUR FAMILY IS NOW EXPERIENCING, I KNOW, I FEEL, I HAVE BEEN THERE. PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES.

JOANNE DRISCOLL - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

AW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was such a hard working fun loving guy. I could always count on him to razz me over a beer at Crystal Acres or the Inn Between. Too young to go. The Lord needed a hard working loyal man in Heaven. Prayers to your family!

Amy Wildermuth - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

KB

“ Offering our sincerest condolences to your family.

Kurt & Donna Bogart - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

CW

“ Our profound sympathy and prayers go out to you and your entire family Bill & Elaine. See you soon.

Charlie & Cyndy Webb - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

AM

“ Dear Elaine & Bill, my sincere condolences to both of you and your beautiful family. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Audrey Murray - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MW

“ Dear Bill, Elaine and Family,
Our deepest sympathy for your son Mike. It sounds like he was such a wonderful and caring person. He now is at such a peaceful place. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mark & Sue Wiston - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

LM

“ Sending love to all the family ..he went through a lot so now r.i.p.
Mike

Lynn and John mcontosh - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

SZ

“ Sincerest sympathy to the entire Wendel family and to the Botkins class of "1983". I know Mike will be missed by many.

Susan Zink - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

RY

“ Mike was more than just a cousin to me. He was like a big brother to me. I'll always remember the times we'd spend out at the Mack's playing football, basketball, and baseball. Later in life, we had a lot of great times playing softball together. He was a great blessing to me and to so many others whose lives he touched. RIP Mike!

Ryan - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

DK

“ Thoughts and prayers to Mike's family. Another life taken to soon. Hold on to all those precious memories to help you through this difficult time

dave and mary king - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

RZ

“ I'm so very sorry! Mike was my friend for 30+ years and although we didn't see each other often, I enjoyed every second of conversations with him!! He was such a great guy!!! Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Rhonda Zirkle - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MG

“ The entire Wendel family are in my prayers. Mike will be truly missed by so many. Hugs to you all.

Melissa Graham - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

NG

“ Sympathy to all the Wendels on Mike's passing. Didn't know Mike like I did the girls but will always remember his smile and friendliness! Thinking of you all as you go thru the next few days. Mike was taken way too early! Ed and Nancy Gutman

Nancy gutman - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

JS

“ What a GREAT big brother! I don't even know where to begin. You have taught me so much, which will never be forgotten. You had a heart of gold and would do anything for anybody. You were such a strong fighter and never gave up. I'm going to miss you! I love you Mike!

Julie (your baby sister) - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MO

“ *Son, you left us much too soon but I know you are in a better place with our Lord.
If tears are prayers sent when one can't speak, there are many, many prayers sent for you. Miss you so much already.
It will hurt to go on without you. Love you SO MUCH.*

Mom - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

JA

“ *Hey big brother....you are loved dearly and will be missed greatly!
You are the strongest and most positive person I know. You fought hard. You earned a very special place with the Lord and will forever be my guardian angel.*

Jackie - July 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM