



Michael D. Sowich

April 9, 1956 - March 2, 2007

Mr. Michael D. Sowich, age 50, of New Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 2, 2007, while attending the Fire Academy in Baltimore, MD. Born in Chicago, Illinois on April 9, 1956, Michael was the son of the late Leon and Donna (Sorenson) Sowich. Raised and educated locally, he was a 1975 graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. He then pursued his studies at M.V.C.C., earning an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He also received diplomas from the U.S. Army for training in medical and police studies. As a proud veteran, Michael's military experience spanned 20 years, including a tour in Germany. He was also a reservist with the 331st General Hospital Unit on Burrstone Rd. serving as a medical specialist. On June 27, 1981 he married the former Barbara Lynn Bailey with whom he shared and celebrated over 25 years of marriage. The couple knew a close bond of love and friendship and mutually raised a family.

In 1980 Michael accepted a security position at Oneida Limited, an occupation he held for 27 years prior to his untimely passing. A proud time during his firefighting career training included his studies at the Academy of Fire Science at Montour Falls. This certification yielded him the opportunity to fulfill his passion to teach other firefighters to perform in a safe and competent manner. He conscientiously served the community as a member of the Sherrill Kenwood Fire Dept. since 1991, where he was also a training officer. Additionally, he was the City of Sherrill Fire Inspector, and more recently he joined the ranks of the New Hartford Fire Dept. In order to fulfill his

commitment level to fire fighting and prevention, he realized a goal when he attained the position of State Fire Instructor for the Office of Fire Prevention and Control. He was also certified as a HAZMAT specialist. Michael's inherent resolve, as all fire fighters know and proclaim, was that others' safety comes first. He lived by the precept that "If he could save one person's life, he did his job". This was an accomplished goal which made him proud. He was a loyal member of numerous fire fighting organizations. A patriotic and family-oriented man, Michael adored his loved ones, his work, and his country. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Michael is survived by his wife Barbara; and his cherished daughter Lisa Marie Sowich who was the apple of her dad's eye. Also surviving are his sisters and brother-in-law, Barbara Loomis of Utica, and Susan and Robert Kubelius of Herkimer; his brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Vanessa Sowich of New Hartford; and several step-siblings including Brian Sowich and Earl Sowich. His extended family includes several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; his father-in-law, Clarence Bailey; his in-laws, Mary Lou and Roger Smith, Sr. of New Hartford; two godsons, Roger E. Smith, Jr., and David W. Smith; a special and beloved uncle, Edward "Sacco" Sowich; and cousins. He also leaves behind a brotherhood of firefighters and many students. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Marie (Guido) Bailey and his step-father, Warren Graves.

The family offers heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of support and respect from the members of Sherrill-Kenwood Fire Department, and the New Hartford Police and Fire Department, especially Chief Bill Freiburger and Dave Corr, and the NY State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, which has been of the greatest solace and comfort. The relatives, friends, and community have sincerely embraced the needs of Barbara and her family. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00–8:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, memorial contributions may be made in Michael's honor to the family to establish a

scholarship fund for their daughter Lisa; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. The New Hartford Fire Department and any Emergency Services Personnel will assemble for ritualistic services on Wednesday evening at 8:00. Michael's funeral will commence Thursday at 11:30 from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors and Full Firefighter's Honors. Entombment will take place in the Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Antlager cliopter.##imported-begin##propecia##imported-end##*

June 02, 2007 at 03:29 PM



“ *Thank You##imported-begin##Alex##imported-end##*

April 23, 2007 at 11:11 PM



“ *We just learned of Mike's passing as we are away from home for the winter.*

Al & Mike worked together many years at OL - shared some very good "jokes" & many great times

Our very deepest sympathy to his wife & daughter##imported-begin##Al & Carol Phillips##imported-end##

March 17, 2007 at 12:02 AM



“ To Susan~~

I did not come to the visitation, but wanted to leave you a message.

I don't know if you remember me, but I went to school with you. Remember back in Mr. Albrecht's 8th grade homeroom, when he used to yell out, "Smola, Sowich, Stockton, Stone" really fast everyday?

Well, I'm Tauni Stone, & was thinking of you when I read about your brother. I am so sorry for your loss, Susan...

Love,

Tauni (Stone) O'Toole.##imported-begin##Tauni Stone O'Toole##imported-end##

March 10, 2007 at 12:24 PM



“ BARBIE AND LISA MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN THE LOVING MEMORIES YOU HAVE OF MIKE. I WILL KEEP YOU BOTH IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. I LOVE YOU S DEIRDRE##imported-begin##DEIRDRE SPICER##imported-end##

March 09, 2007 at 12:23 AM



“ suzi, joe, barb.....and family.....i am so sorry for you loss.....i didn't really know michael.....he was a few yrs younger than me.....but he is in my prayers. marylou, roger and roger...i never knew the connection between michael, you, and the sowiches.....such a small world.. again..so sorry.....love, sandy##imported-begin##sandy ferrone--hastings##imported-end##

March 08, 2007 at 09:56 PM



“ Barb and Lisa I am sorry for your loss, if there is anything i can do for you please let me know. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers always.
Love, Anthony S.##imported-begin##anthony sanchez##imported-end##

March 08, 2007 at 07:49 PM



“ Barb and Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers always. If you need anything please let me know. Love, Lisa and family##imported-begin##Lisa and family##imported-end##

March 08, 2007 at 07:47 PM



“ Barb & Lisa-

Our new association as co-workers has limited my time getting acquainted, & being off & out of town delayed my hearing of your loss. Despite never meeting him, your dedication & love for Michael was already something I'd heard about. My deepest sympathy goes out to your family at this most difficult time. Please let your "family" of co-workers know if we can do anything at all for you now or in the future. Peace to all.##imported-begin##Cheryl Rose##imported-end##

March 08, 2007 at 04:51 PM



“ Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. I just wanted to let you know that I am thinking of you and your family and that you are in my prayers. If there is anything that I can do for you, please let me know.
Sarah##imported-begin##Sarah Montana##imported-end##

March 08, 2007 at 04:02 PM



“ ME, DEBBIE HARRIS AND MY SISTER VANESSA WENT TO SCHOOL WITH MIKE AND SUSIE (SUDSY). JUST WANT TO GIVE MY CONDOLENCES TO HIGH FRIENDS AND PRAY THAT THE LORD BLESSES YOU IN THIS TIME OF SORROW. KEEP YOUR HEAD TO THE SKY. ALLT HINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH THE LORD. PEACE BE WITH YOU AND YOURS, ALWAYS.##imported-begin##LORRAINE RUCKER (PUCCI)##imported-end##

March 08, 2007 at 01:35 PM



“ *The Officers and Members of the Michigan State Firemen's Association join in extending heartfelt sympathy to the family of Michael Sowich and his fire department members in this hour of sorrow.##imported-begin##Joe Edgerton - Secretary/Treasurer##imported-end##*

March 08, 2007 at 12:59 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Julie Mathews##imported-end##*

March 08, 2007 at 12:45 PM



“ *To the Sowich Family:
I did not personally know Mike. I was attending the NFA for a class that ended Friday, March 2. I was there when the news broke about the tragic loss. From reading about Mike and from the other entries here, it is evident that he was a great leader, teacher, and friend. From North Carolina, I send condolences to the family. You can be proud of Mike's Legacy in the fire service and I am sure his memory will live on forever in the hearts of his co-workers and his students.*

*Benjamin Lunsford
Western Regional Fire Rescue Training Coordinator
NC Community College System
Asheville, NC##imported-begin##Benjamin Lunsford##imported-end##*

March 08, 2007 at 10:25 AM



“ Mikey.... you have changed the lives of so many people in a positive way, thanks for always looking out for the boys from the bay,our department has lost a true friend and hero..... I don't know if heaven has a fire dept, but one things for sure.... they do now ! God Bless Mikey.##imported-begin##Joe Matthews 1st asst. chief North Bay F.D.##imported-end##

March 08, 2007 at 09:44 AM



“ Barb & Lisa - You are in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. May you find find peace through this process and bottle up all the happy memories, that will be with you forever.##imported-begin##Kris Manbeck##imported-end##

March 08, 2007 at 09:33 AM



“ Mikey, you will be missed so much, but never forgotten. I know I will see you again one day. Barb and Lisa, you will remain in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Keith Acker##imported-end##

March 08, 2007 at 08:38 AM



“ The Officers and Members
of the
Mattydale Fire Department
join in extending
Heartfelt Sympathy
to you and your family at this
Time of Sorrow.##imported-begin##Mattydale Fire Department,
Mattydale, NY##imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 11:02 PM



“ Barb Lisa our words can not express how we feel, though know deep in your hearts we are here, with you always.##imported-begin##Doug Gylene Danielle McNeil##imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 07:14 PM



“ Mikey, you were an amazing person and we all here at Oneida Limited will always have you in our hearts. Your family are in our prayers. Until we meet again, "I said"!##imported-begin##Elizabeth Looft##imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 04:25 PM



“ Some of us where unable to attend this evening and we wanted to let you know that Mike will always have a place in our hearts and memories.##imported-begin##Tina McNulty##imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 04:16 PM



“ Iam sorry for your lose.I will miss mickey vey much.I learned so much from him.I will never forget him.##imported-begin##Joe Mather Oneida Castle Fire Dept.##imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 03:33 PM



“ I remeber first meeting Mike when i was taking my FF Essentials Course . He would always talk about his Family . I thought i wouldnt ever be able to be a Interior FF . but mike helped me over come my fears and i passed thanks to him . I responded to a couple calls along side him and he reassured me i could do it . His passing is a Great Loss not only to his Family , FF Famlies but to all that ever knew him and to those who he helped.

Sorry for your loss###imported-begin##Jacklyn Yeman North Pole Fire Dept ###imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 03:17 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Sowich family. What a great instructor and protector we have lost. Please know that you were always with him and he let all of us know how important his family was to him. Everything he taught us will be with us for the rest of our lives. Thanks Mike, see you in heaven.###imported-begin##Tammy and Andrew Conley-Vienna FD###imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 11:47 AM



“ It's difficult to express the loss of my friend. There must be a Training issue in Heaven because they needed you. I'm so proud that you were my friend. Even though I was one of your instructors, you taught me so much. I'll miss you. We're surrounded by friends and support but there's one missing. Keep us safe, Mikey.###imported-begin##Bill Wren###imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 11:05 AM



“ MIKEY I WILL REALLY MISS YOU OLE BUDDY. I SPENT MORE HOLIDAYS WITH YOU THEN I DID WITH MY OWN FAMILY. YOU WERE ONE OF KIND. BARBIE AND LISA, YOU WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS.##imported-begin##GARRY THALER##imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 10:32 AM



“ Mike, Having you as an instructor and also a close friend was wonderful. Everything i know about fire fighting i learned from you. You made such a great impact on my life and will always be in my heart. Your life will and has inspired mine and many others. Now you will live in our memories untill we meet again someday.##imported-begin##Michael Bennett##imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 09:03 AM



“ Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you, Barb and Lisa Marie, during this very difficult time. Mikey trained Dave and Mike, and Andy was looking forward to being his student this spring. He was such a postive role model and great brother to us all with his great smile and lust for life! His love of fire service was obvious and evident in both his words and actions. He told Dave once, "Some people fish or camp....being a fire instructor is the thing that I do." We are honored to have had Mikey cross our path in life. We know he will always be with us as a guardian angel guiding each of us, and all of those he has trainined, to safety. God speed Mikey!##imported-begin##Dave, Colleen, Mike & Andy Bennett-Sherrill-Kenwood Fire Dept.##imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 09:02 AM



“ On behalf of the Oneida County Firemans Association we express sorrow over your loss.##imported-begin##Andy Frank##imported-end##

March 07, 2007 at 06:23 AM



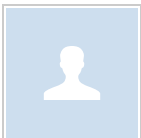
“ Dear Lisa, I am very sorry for your loss. The pain is great, but your dad loves you very much and is so proud of you! You are a wonderful, caring, and compasionate person! I want you to know that you have a friend in me and if there is anything that I can do to help, please let me know. Love and prayers, Ewa Szymanska##imported-begin##Ewa Szymanska##imported-end##

March 06, 2007 at 09:44 PM



“ Barbie and Lisa Marie, take peace in knowing that Mikey passed away doing what Mikey lived to do - fire safety and instructing was his number two love in life and you both were his number one love in life. We have all lost our friend and pal and I have lost my buddy. May peace be found knowing that Mike will be at every fire in the future, guiding all who have been touched by him in the past.##imported-begin##donna anken sherrill fire department and oneida security##imported-end##

March 06, 2007 at 08:09 PM



“ Deepest sympathies to the family##imported-begin##Louis Paciello##imported-end##

March 06, 2007 at 06:56 PM



“ *barb lisa -barb our prayers go out to both of you . iwill allways remember my buuddie mikes laugh and joking ways.his love for you guys willhelp get you through this. rest in peace buddie.##imported-begin##paul & maria devins##imported-end##*

March 06, 2007 at 01:56 PM



“ *Mike -- I am proud to call you my friend. The Fire Service in oneida County will certainly miss you as a State Fire Instructor. Your dedication and committment was second to none. You respect for your fellow fireifghters was obvious in everything you did. Thanks for being my friend. I will miss you always. Fred##imported-begin##Fred Van Namee -- Oneida County Director of Emerg. Serv.##imported-end##*

March 06, 2007 at 09:25 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, god bless.##imported-begin##Lt. Stan Dorozynski, Frankfort Fire Department##imported-end##*

March 06, 2007 at 08:32 AM



“ *Mikey you will be missed my prayers go out to you and the ones you left behind, God Bless you always.##imported-begin##Guy Hoffman Verona FD##imported-end##*

March 06, 2007 at 07:24 AM



“ My condolences go out to the Sowich family. Mike the many hours you spent instructing will not be forgotten. We are a better Fire Department because of your long unselfish hours. Stanwix Heights F.D.##imported-begin##Randy Rundle##imported-end##

March 06, 2007 at 07:16 AM



“ Mike was a big part of our community. It is very hard to find dedicated volunteer's that give time to a community. The residents of Sherrill are grateful for the service that Mike provided to us. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Mayor Joe Shay (City of Sherrill)##imported-end##

March 06, 2007 at 06:59 AM



“ Barb and Lisa..I am so very sorry to hear about Mike. Barb your love for Mike will always live on. Lisa you are your Dad's little girl and that also will live on. God will give you both the strength to go on. Mike will always be in your hearts. I will say a prayer for all of you. God Bless . Love Nancy and family.##imported-begin##Nancy Sportello##imported-end##

March 06, 2007 at 12:53 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes to the entire Sowich family. Mike taught my wife and my son in the firefighter I class. He was truly a great guy. He will be missed by all in the fire service.##imported-begin##Bill, Brenda, & Tom Farley Clayville FD##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 09:46 PM



“ MIKEY! You were awesome. You will be dearly missed. There will be nobody that could fill the shoes that you did...or should I say boots. My heart and stomach dropped when I heard what happened. I was counting the days that we could possibly work together. I WILL MISS YOU BROTHER!##imported-begin##Steven Minsaas##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 09:19 PM



“ sue& all the sowich family
i can only say ,how sad it is for all of lose.
but mike will be at peace please if anything call me.##imported-
begin##Barbara-Charlie sprague & family##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 09:05 PM



“ I have enjoyed the years we worked together. You will be missed. I will always remember you calling me pooh.##imported-
begin##Howard Philo##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 08:53 PM



“ R I P Brother.##imported-begin##Kevin E Wheelock (NNY AREA
REP. 0##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 08:51 PM



“ Barb and Lisa,
I know exactly how you feel. Trust me, Mike will be with you forever.
Rick Gigliotti##imported-begin##Rick Gigliotti##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 07:59 PM



“ We are sorry for your lose. Mike was a terrific person. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Fire Fighter Shawn Stevens and Cheryl Salisbury##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 07:20 PM



“ Mike
even though I only attended your class once the things that I learned and the memories of that day still replay in my head. The entire Ambrose Firefighting family will miss you. You were a great mentor to the whole firefighting community. Thank you for all you did. Also thank you for getting me interested in the fire department a whole lot more.##imported-begin##J. Ambrose ##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 06:42 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Mike was my instructor at the Yorkville Fire Department last year and he spoke about his family and how he was most proud of his daughter! He was truly a family man and you could tell by the way he spoke of you, that you were the most important to him. He will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Colleen Herubin##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 06:35 PM



“ My condolences to the family of a man known throughout the fire service in Oneida County and beyond.##imported-begin##Bill Gagnon##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 04:31 PM



“ *Mikey, not only were you a brother..but a caring friend. You will be missed by the many you have taught and the many who you made laugh. I'll Miss ya buddy!
Best wishes to the family..Mike was an amazing person!##imported-begin##Ryan Legacy##imported-end##*

March 05, 2007 at 04:30 PM



“ *YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME MAY YOUR FIND SOME PEACE IN YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.MAY YOUR MEMORIES OF MICHAEL BRING YOU A SMILE AS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.##imported-begin##CHRISTINE CAMPESE##imported-end##*

March 05, 2007 at 04:07 PM



“ To the family and friends of Mike Sowich. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to everyone who Mike ever reached out and touched both personally and professionally and would like to add the condolences of the other 31 people who were on the Syracuse bus which Mike had taken for years down to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. This is where I met Mike. He was always a pleasant and jovial person to be around while we were on the trip. This year the slogan "Everyone Goes Home" took on a new meaning for the ride home from the Academy. It was rather quiet and subdued. I would like to offer the following prayer, which was originally written in 1972 for a North Tonawanda firefighter.

The Firefighter's 23rd. Psalm

*The Lord is my Chief,
He has chosen me to serve.
He leads me to still the fires raging
around me.
He restores my soul to fight, even
when all seems lost.
He has prepared for me a place in life,
devoted to service, honor, joy and
fellowship.
He annoints my soul with courage in the
presence of my enemy fire
Yes, even though I have chosen to walk
through life in the shadow of death,
I will fear no fire, for He is with me,
His strength will comfort me.
And when life's final alarm for me has
sounded,
I will dwell in the station house of the
Lord forever.
Amen*

The students of Syracuse bus #2 will continue to keep the

memories of Mike alive every year we go to Emmitsburg and do a little extra for him at the State memorial service which is held.

Til we meet again, it was great to know you.##imported-begin##Richard K. Murphy, Marion FD, SFI for Wayne County##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 01:47 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Sowich family in this time of mourning. Mike, I will take the valuable lessons you have taught me through your compassion for the fire service, on throughout my career. It was an honor to have you as an instructor and more importantly as a friend, particularly each year on our trip to Maryland. God bless##imported-begin##Kevin Crane Westmoreland Fire##imported-end##*

March 05, 2007 at 01:19 PM



“ *Barbie and Lisa - words can't express my sympathy for you. Mikey was the world to both of you and you were the world to him. GOD will give you both the strength to handle these hard times. Know that he is still in your hearts and will always be there. I love you and pray for you. ginnie##imported-begin##ginnie trask##imported-end##*

March 05, 2007 at 10:53 AM



“ Barb and Lisa,

Dave and I can not even put into words how sorry we are for your loss. Mickey will be missed by so many. He truly was a man of honour always putting others first. His big smile and kind heart will forever be remembered.

I will say a prayer for him every year on our birthday!

Much Love,

Kimmy and Dave##imported-begin##Kim Viti -Witchley and Dave##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 09:43 AM



“ Barbara and family,

We want to express our condolences to you and your loved ones at this most difficult time.

Barb, we did not personally know your husband, but we want you to know that we are thinking of you and your daughter and know you must be very proud of all Michael accomplished. You can truly be proud.

Our prayers are with you.

Bev Covell##imported-begin##Rev Charles Covell, Bev & Stephen##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 09:26 AM



“ Mikey - you will be missed! Thanks for the laughs, friendship, and knowledge you shared with all you came in contact with! My thoughts are with your family during this tough time.

You will not be forgotten!##imported-begin##Frank McCully - NHFD and Whitestown Police Dept.##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 09:19 AM



“ On behalf of my-self, My family, and my staff. We were all so sad to hear of mikes far too soon passing. Our thoughts are with you. Rest in Peace Mike##imported-begin##Dr. T. Singh ##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 09:16 AM



“ Barb and Lisa,
Words alone can not express the sympathy felt for you and your family during this very sad and unfortunade loss. If there is ANYTHING you need please let me know. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kim##imported-begin##Kimberly A Cookinham##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 09:09 AM



“Parts of this prayer was read for Mike at the Memorial Service on Saturday at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland by tyhe contingent of Oneida County firefighters present that day. You will be missed!

A Fallen Firefighter's Prayer

Brother, when you weep for me,

Remember that it was meant to be.

Lay me down and when you leave,

Remember I'll be at your sleeve.

In every dark and choking hall,

I'll be there as you slowly crawl.

On every roof in driving snow,

I'll hold your coat, and you will know.

The house from which I now respond,

Is overstaffed with heroes gone.

Men who answered one last bell,

Did the job and did it well.

*As firefighters we understand,
That death's card dealt in our hand.
A card we hope we never play,
But one we hold there anyway.*

*That card is something we ignore,
As we crawl across a weakened floor.
For we know that we're the only prayer,
For anyone that might be there.*

*So remember as you wipe your tears,
The joy I knew throughout the years.
As I did the job I loved to do,*

*I pray that thought will see you through.##imported-begin##Brian
McQueen##imported-end##*

March 05, 2007 at 09:05 AM



“ Peace Mikey. Thanks for keeping us safe and teaching us well. You are with us always brother.##imported-begin##John Barattini - Lt. T1 Sherrill FD##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 08:56 AM



“ Barb and Lisa:
You are in my thoughts and prayers!
I am so very sorry and I am here if you need anything. I love you both.##imported-begin##Royanne##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 05:21 AM



“ MIKEY,
A DEEP HEART FELT SORROW, TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY,
FROM A FELLOW COWORKER.##imported-begin##george I lloyd##imported-end##

March 05, 2007 at 05:06 AM



“ Mike,
Thankyou for all you contributed.
You were a great mentor and friend, and will be greatly missed and remembered.##imported-begin##Tom Bolanowski##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 11:12 PM



“ Barbie and Lisa,

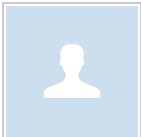
*I can't comprehend just how sad you must feel
For the loss of someone you love.
This sorrowful time must still feel unreal
And you're looking for strength from above.*

*I hope, from my heart, that your pain will decrease,
That your spirit will gain strength again,
And I pray that your faith will create inner peace
And that God will send blessings--Amen.*

*Till then, if you need me to lighten your load,
I'm waiting to come to your aid.
Just call on me, and I'll walk down that road,
Until the dark times start to fade.*

*Deep condolences,
Lorena Chapman###imported-begin###Lorena###imported-end##*

March 04, 2007 at 10:58 PM



“ You will be missed more then you'll ever know.###imported-begin###Kent S Eggleston###imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 10:02 PM



“ Mike, Thanks for helping the "new guy" out when I needed it. I will continue the tradition of forming a "Mikey Circle" with my students to give them encouragement and praise like you've done on so many occasions. You will truly be missed. -Chad SFI###imported-begin###Chad Powers###imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 09:37 PM



“ Mikey

I am proud to have been your friend, co-worker, and " Brother". I will always remember all the good times we had. You will be missed, but not forgotten!##imported-begin##Randy Peck##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 09:25 PM



“ Thank you for everything you have taught me when it comes to firefighting and life. You definitely loved what you were doing and it showed. I hope I can gain at least half the knowledge about firefighting, that you had.##imported-begin##Chad Hill - Sherrill Kenwood##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 08:03 PM



“ MIKEY

THOSE OF US AT LEE CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO KNEW YOU AND SAW YOU AT THE TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL MISS YOU VERY MUCH.WE WERE OUT AT AN ALARM WHEN ONE OF OUR MEMBERS TOLD US WHAT HAPPENED.SEE YOU IN HEAVEN OUR FRIEND.##imported-begin##Chief ken baker jr##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 06:54 PM



“ Mikey you will be missed forever and I won't ever forget all those jokes and videos you showed us in class. God Bless You. You will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Richard Harvey##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 06:42 PM



“ I will remember Mike dearly. I am so sad to hear of his passing.##imported-begin##Jennifer Philo Hoffman##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 06:27 PM



“ Mike,

I only wish I had known you longer than 2 months.

I could have learned so much from you...

Ed De Sanctis - NHFD##imported-begin##Ed DeSanctis##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 05:36 PM



“ My condolences to the family from my family and myself. Mike and I became acquainted through the fire service and he taught me son state classes. Mike will be truly missed as a F.F. instructor and friend. garry##imported-begin##Garry Johnson Oneia County Dep. Coordinator(272)##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 05:30 PM



“ Mikey,

You will be missed by us all. You are a great man and will never be forgotten. Be at rest brother, your legacy will live on. God Bless your family and friends.##imported-begin##Derek Macero##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 04:56 PM



“ Mike,

I've known you for almost 20 years. we had some wonderful and fun times at Oneida limited. You were quite the jokster as well. My heart was filled with unbelievable sadness when I heard you were gone. My heart goes out to your wife and family with my deepest sympathy. The world is going to miss one of it's truest and rarest joys. We had seen each other in passings, but out of sight alot, but Mike! Never out of mind. I will miss you. Terribly! I will see you again someday. God Bless You and your Family. Nils.##imported-begin##Nils Rundberg##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 04:29 PM



“ Mikey Thank you for being my friend and my "brother". You will be missed!##imported-begin##Rob Cowles Jr##imported-end##

March 04, 2007 at 04:27 PM



“ *Mikey, Your training and guidance has made us all better trained firemen, Your dedication and charisma will truly be missed by all that worked with and had the pleasure of calling you a friend.##imported-begin##North Bay Fire Department##imported-end##*

March 04, 2007 at 02:15 PM



“ *Mike,
It was a privilege to teach alongside you, -your efforts will be long felt through many generations of firefighters... Rest easy now Brother.
-Paul
SFI##imported-begin##Paul Lebron, Jr.##imported-end##*

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