



## Michael J. Ross

March 26, 1961 - December 2, 2019

Michael J. Ross Jr., 58, of Maytown, died Monday, December 2nd after a brief illness. He was born in New Eagle, PA.

Michael leaves behind a wife Sonia, with whom he celebrated 31 years of marriage in October, and two children at home, Lauren Gabrielle and Benjamin Hunter. He is the son of Mike Ross Sr., Mount Joy, and Sandra Sutter Ross, who passed in 2017. He is also survived by two sisters, Deb Beach (Keith) and Tracey Ross of Manheim, nieces Kelsey McCreight (Tyler) of Columbia, Miranda Wolgemuth (Christian) Mount Joy, Tara Myers of Enola, and nephew, Joey Wright Jr. of Camp Hill, married to Megan Semuta.

Michael was a graduate of Donegal High School, class of 1979. He began his work career at TMI, where he worked for 10 years and was involved in the cleanup of Unit #2. After TMI, he worked for 10 years at Groff's meats in Elizabethtown and 10 years at Mount Joy Wire Corp. His last position was at BAE Systems in York, where he had been employed since 2006, first as a processor, then as an inspector of Bradley military tanks and the sale of these vehicles to other countries. During his tenure at BAE, he pursued additional training in OSHA protocol and served as safety chair. Michael was a proud steel worker, local #7687, and loved his union brothers and sisters. To say that he was a hard worker would be an understatement. He thought nothing of working 60 hour weeks, while still making time for his family, whether it was

coaching his beloved Maytown Braves, attending wrestling matches and riding lessons or searching a horse meadow with his daughter for a thrown shoe.

Michael was a member of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Maytown and served along with his wife as mentors for their homeless shelter for a time in the early 2000s.

A member of Elstonville Sportsman's Club, his greatest passion was hunting. A good day in the woods wasn't about the kill, but about a beautiful sunrise, the smell of woodsmoke from a neighboring cabin, or watching squirrels play in the leaves. Happily, on his last day in the woods on November 4th, he got to see his son harvest a 9 point buck. The irony of Michael's passing on the traditional opening day of buck season isn't lost on his family or friends. If he wasn't going to hunt here in his failing body, he was going to hunt in his healed one, in the most beautiful woods he could imagine.

A memorial service honoring Michael's life will be held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11 North Queen Street, Maytown on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 6 PM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 4 PM to 6 PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wolf Sanctuary of PA, 465 Speedwell Forge Rd. Lititz, PA 17543 or the Donegal Fish and Conservation Association, 759 Sharon Drive, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael J. Ross*

December 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tracey and family, so sorry for your loss. With love, The Casher Family*

**Tara Casher** - December 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gary and I were both so surprised to hear about Mikes passing. I'll always remember Mike's smile and how he had everyone laughing when he and Ben would come over for pitching lessons. Thoughts and prayers are with you, Sonia, Ben and Lauren and the extended family during this difficult time.*

**Gary and Sheree Gorski** - December 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



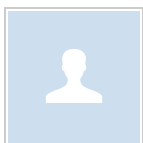
“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I wish you peace and comfort, knowing you will see him again.*

**Brenda Pardun** - December 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael J. Ross*

December 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael J. Ross*

December 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You are absolutely right*

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**Sonia** - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thank you Lindy. Yes, it's the laughter I will miss the most ... and all the nicknames he had for everyone, and the funny stories from BAE. He was a good man and I was extremely lucky to have him*

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**Sonia** - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Our family has been blessed by Mike - He was so amazing - his smile, his kindness and love for his family - My son , Luke grew up with Ben - and Some of his best memories as child and teen are from the love of Mike and Sonia. My heart is sad but I know he is in a beautiful place ... we love you Mike!! Betsy , Luke and Nick*

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**Betsy grady** - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael J. Ross*

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December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Sonia and family, Deepest sympathy to you and your family. He was always kind and sweet, your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Charlie & Cindy Groff** - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ So sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers. May we all find comfort in the fact that he is now in a place where there is no more suffering and that someday we will be with him again. God Bless.

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**Walt & Fonda Buckius** - December 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael J. Ross*

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December 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael J. Ross*

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December 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Wow, this eulogy was beautifully written, so much love! My heart goes out to your family, I wish you all peace during your time of sorrow. Thoughts & Prayers, Lorrie Johns*

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**Lorrie Johns** - December 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *A candle for you Mike. Hope all your days are like the first day of buck season. Sonia, our heartfelt sympathy to you, Ben and Lauren for the loss of both husband and father. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Terry, Tracy & Kylie Shreiner*

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**The Shreiners** - December 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sending love and hugs. This was a very touching tribute and I bet Michael would have been embarrassed by all of it on the outside, but deep down loving each word.*Michelle Ott

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**Michelle Ott** - December 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael J. Ross*

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December 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Mike had a knack for words and a sense of humor that always brightened the work day. He was one of my favorite coworkers and a good friend. Sending my thoughts and prayers to his family. He will be deeply missed.*

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**Lindy Lamparter** - December 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *We are so very sorry, Sonia, and wish you and your family peace and blessings.*

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**Lisa & Ash** - December 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM