



Mike "Rueben" Lushell

February 13, 1953 - June 9, 2013

Robert Michael Lushell, 60, a former Rushville resident, passed away at his home in Frankfort, Indiana, of congestive heart failure, on June 9, 2013. Mike was born on February 13, 1953, in Rushville, the oldest child of Wallace M. and R. Colleen (Sherwood) Lushell. He was united in marriage with Christina (Meckes) Sheppard on April 13, 2011.

Mike was a 1971 graduate of Rushville Consolidated High School and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, with a degree in special education. He served in the United States Army. "Rueben," as he was affectionately known amongst his many friends, spent several years teaching and working with disabled children in the Indianapolis Public School system, the Noble Center, and in Fort Myers, Florida. Mike was an advocate for disabled adults and helped to rewrite policies & procedures protecting their civil rites in Indiana. He later became director of Rushville Parks and Recreation, then owner of Southeast Indiana Restoration and Mike's Carpet Care. He was a member of the St. Paul's United Methodist Church and the American Legion in Rushville. After being diagnosed with prostate cancer in October 2007, he became very knowledgeable on his disease and was appointed by the United States Department of Defense to serve on a committee in Washington DC to review and distribute grant funding for prostate cancer research.

Mike's greatest passion was sitting on a lake fishing and telling stories with his best friend, Joe Gulde. He also enjoyed golfing, watching sports, reading, cooking, basketball, hunting and spending time with those he loved. Above all,

Mike was a man of faith and compassion whose memory will live on through his loving family and many friends.

Survivors include his wife, Christina Lushell of Frankfort, brother, Mark (Marcia) Lushell of Carmel; sisters, Carol (Scott) Swaffar and Debi (Bob) Ware, both of Fishers; mother-in-law, Mary Helen Meckes of Rushville; step-son, Kiel Sheppard and step-daughters, Ashley Buckner of Frankfort; and Andrea Sheppard, at home; step-granddaughters, Alazaya Sheppard, and Layla, Lillian and Livia Buckner; all of Frankfort; three nephews, Kyle, Reid and Cooper Lushell of Carmel; and numerous friends, aunts, uncles and cousins. In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Mike's life at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at Moster Mortuary, Rushville, with Rev. Jan Dimick officiating. Visitation will be at Moster's from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist or the Rushville Public Library.

Tribute Wall



“ Mike "Rueben" Lushell

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



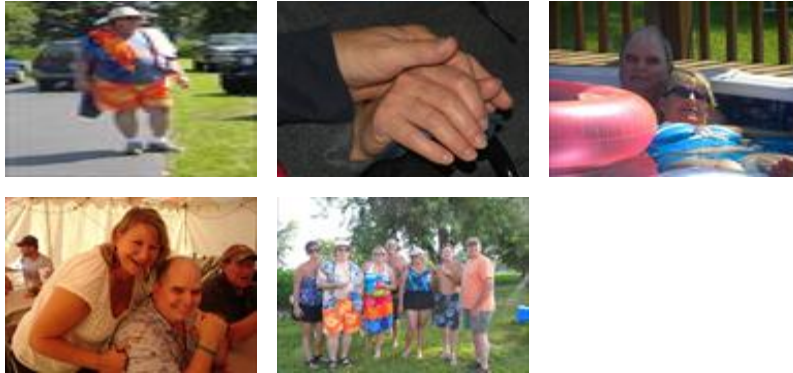
“ Dearest Chris, Debi, Mark, and Carol and families, it is with great sadness that Michael and I are unable to be home with you all! It is at times like these that 1200 miles seems like a trip around the world for us. We would be there if we could, but we want you to know that we loved Mike and have very fond memories of him and all of your family and ours! We know without a doubt that we, the Sherwoods, have the absolute best family in the world. Our parents and grandparents knew what they were doing!! My heart is heavy for you and so wish I could show you in my hugs, that I love you and am thinking of you. We have been lifting Mike up in pray for a long time. Even though we aren't there in person, please know we are there in spirit! I know Mike is laughing and dancing and acting silly and celebrating his reunion with Uncle Bud, Aunt Keener, Aunt Sandy, Uncle Bill, Uncle Chauncy, Grandma, and Grandpa and Grandma Great and Mother! So until we see you all in person soon, know we are praying for your peace as you mourn your loss, knowing it will not be easy! But joy comes in the morning!! Love to you all! Michael and Teresa Bonne



Teresa Bonne - June 12, 2013 at 06:11 PM

KT

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Kylie Meckes Turner - June 12, 2013 at 10:45 AM

MH

“ *To Debi, Mark and your entire family, you are in our deepest thoughts and prayers for the loss of your precious brother, Mike. We love you and walk with you in these days of grieving. We rejoice in the love you carry as a family, and know that God has welcomed Mike with open arms. Bless all of you in the coming days, and know that we are holding you in our hearts.*

Monica, Michael and Wills

Monica Holloway - June 12, 2013 at 01:33 AM

DB

“ *To Carol and your entire family, you are in our hearts and our prayers for the loss of your brother, Mike. I was very shocked to read this. My hope for you is that your sorrow will eventually become only good memories. This happens with time but I am sure you have already experienced this transformation.*

Prayerfully,

Donna J. Becraft

Donna J. Becraft - June 11, 2013 at 11:41 AM

CS

Thank you Donna. I find peace knowing that Mike is in a better place.

carol lushell swaffar - June 11, 2013 at 06:15 PM

RE

“ Growing up in the same neighborhood, I always remember him as such a handsome guy. Later in life I got to know him and he he was as handsome as he was kind. Deepest sympathy to his family. Regina Thomas Sharp



Regina - June 11, 2013 at 11:33 AM

RF

“ Robin DeTrude & Elaine's Family purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Mike "Rueben" Lushell.



Robin DeTrude & Elaine's Family - June 11, 2013 at 11:17 AM

SM

“ So many good times shared with Rueben...he will be missed by so many. Sending heartfelt sympathy to Chris, Debi, Carol, Mark & the rest of the family. Rest in peace Rueben...

Susie McClure - June 11, 2013 at 08:56 AM

MW

“ I am saddened by the news of Mike's passing. Mike was an inspiration to many. He will be missed.
Sending sincere condolences to all the Lushell family. My heart goes out to you!
Michelle Lower White



Michelle Lower White - June 11, 2013 at 06:47 AM

TJ

“ To Chris and the family, I'm saddened to hear the loss of "Rueben". This earth has lost a good one, and heaven gains a good one.



Terry Jenkins - June 11, 2013 at 04:15 AM

Bob Walker

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. So many memories growing up, from when he ran the Star paper office in the alley next to the Presbyterian Church, to the Boys Club. The world has lost a good man, but heaven has gained one. Bob Walker

Bob Walker - June 11, 2013 at 12:03 AM

KB

“ Kris Houston Buslach lit a candle in memory of Mike "Rueben" Lushell



Kris Houston Buslach - June 10, 2013 at 09:58 PM

KG

“ Bill and I remember all of you Lushell "kids" as part of the East Tenth Street gang. We are thinking about you. I know Joe is suffering at the loss of such a good friend.

Karmen and Bill Gulde - June 10, 2013 at 08:45 PM

JD

“ Jane Holder Davis lit a candle in memory of Mike "Rueben" Lushell



Jane Holder Davis - June 10, 2013 at 07:48 PM

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Debi Lushell Ware - June 10, 2013 at 07:48 PM

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Ah, nice britches Debi!

Greg Raika - June 11, 2013 at 07:47 AM

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DL

“ *Reuben , aka. Mike was a good and loyal friend for many years and I always would visit him when I returned to the old homestead. We had many fun times together and he was always on top of the "news " and best stories and tales in Rushville. We always had an entertaining discussion on a myriad of topics; there will be an opinion drawn and possibly quartered , if you know what i mean. I respected his optimistic attitude concerning his disease and alternative medicine approach which extended his life five years. When in his company one always felt you were with among close trusted friends. There will be many in town who will miss him but his core group shall feel a much greater loss as I do. Best Wishes to all , Doug Lower*

doug lower - June 10, 2013 at 04:09 PM

DW

Doug, the past few weeks I've said many times that Mike was always a loyal friend to many. He cherished his friendships with the guys he grew up with in Rushville. The world lost a very good person today.

Debi Lushell Ware - June 10, 2013 at 07:36 PM

CM

“ *Carol Meckes lit a candle in memory of Mike "Rueben" Lushell*



Carol Meckes - June 10, 2013 at 02:32 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Senior Year Photo*



Greg Raika - June 10, 2013 at 02:32 PM



So sorry to hear about Mike's passing. So many memories of him & his sister's & brother growing up and years later working with him on the Rushville Parks & Recreation Board. My deepest condolences to Chris & his entire family.

Greg Raika - June 10, 2013 at 02:34 PM

DW

Thank you for your kind thoughts, Greg.

Debi Lushell Ware - June 10, 2013 at 07:34 PM

CA

Thanks Greg for the senior pic of Mike. To me he was the "big man on campus" at Rushville High School. He was the nicest senior I knew when I was a no nothing freshman! And how about that red convertible! Thoughts and prayers to all of the Lushell family. Carla Heck Kennedy

Carla - June 12, 2013 at 10:45 PM