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FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 4 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.

Michael Thomas Best, age 40, of Lewes, DE passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at his home in Lewes, DE. He was born March 23, 1977 in Milford, DE, son of Robert Floyd Best, Sr. and Doris Best Scolah-Kroeger.

Michael received his BA in Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware and was hoping to embark on a career in Law Enforcement. However, his illness quietly moved him away from that possibility, thus permitting him to work at the family business of Best Equipment for many years as a parts manager.

An outdoorsman at heart, Michael enjoyed deer and duck hunting and tending to his many canine friends over the years. In his early years he was a member of the Boy Scouts and had received his Eagle Scout Award. As his illness progressed his computer became his friend and permitted him to keep in touch with the outside world that he could not easily venture into.

In addition to his parents Michael is survived by his brother, Robert Best Jr. (Kerri) of Lewes and his two nieces Ally and Elaina; his paternal grandmother, Mary Edna Best of Lewes, DE, his step-father Richard Kroeger of Lewes, DE; his uncle Alfred Best, Jr. (Faye) and his aunt Linda Best (Bruce) both of Lewes, DE.; Aunt and Uncles, Donna and Ed Zook of Wisconsin, Gladys and Greg Sammons of Milford, DE, Robert Scolah of Ft. Myers, FL, Wayne Scolah of Millsboro, DE, Robert Scolah of Merritt Island, FL, and many cousins and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 11:00 AM at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE where friends may visit one hour prior to mass. Friends may also visit on Tuesday evening May 09, 2017 from 7 - 9 PM at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE



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Burial will follow the Mass at St. Peter's Cemetery - Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2 Mill Road, Suite 106, Wilmington, DE 19806 or to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963

Please sign the online guest book at this site.



Events

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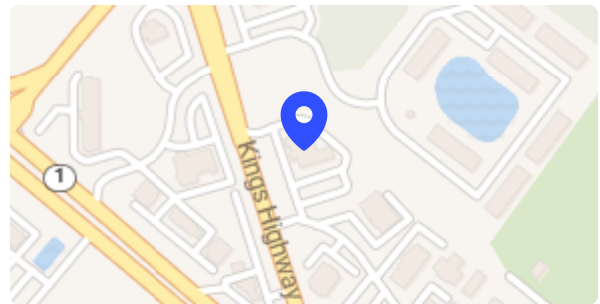
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, May 9, 2017

 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



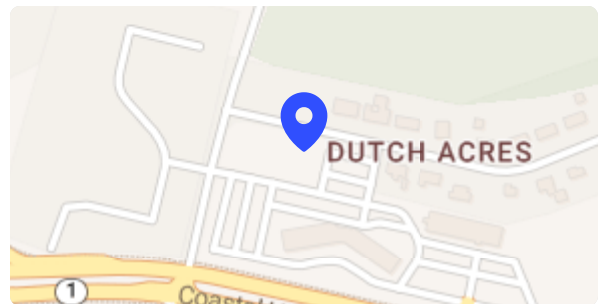
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, May 10, 2017

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**

152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE



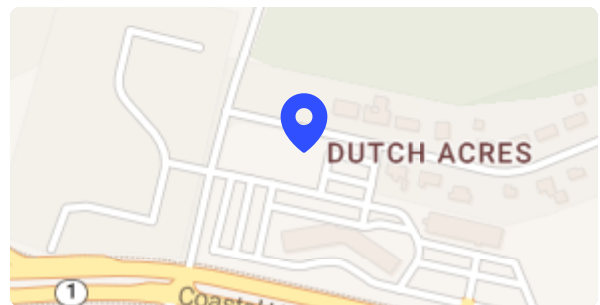
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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 10 at 10:20 AM



Joyce Landon posted:

Bobby and Doris Sorry to hear about your loss of your son. My prayers are with you at this time. I just saw this computer today when I went on line Love; Joyce Davidson Landon.

May 12 at 10:12 PM



Maria Green posted:

Dear Doris and Bob, I was so sorry to read about Michael's passing. He was indeed a very nice young man and he and I use to have some laughs when we had PT on the same day. Just know that we will keep you and your family in our hearts and prayers. Franny and Maria Green

May 10 at 5:41 PM



The Burns Family lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.



May 10 at 9:20 AM



Scott Joseph posted:

Bob , Doris and Family, So sorry to hear of Michaels passing I remember him well from our scouting days, especially the times Troop 1 along with Troops 85 and 109 did the Klondike derby at Camp Nanticoke . Having our races, cook offs , fire building skills and just plain get together for our boys and adults .Fun times! May god be with your family and keep you all safe and healthy.Michael R.I.P. Scott Joseph Past Scoutmaster Troop 85Rehoboth, BeachAsst. Scoutmaster Troop 105 Long Neck

May 10 at 2:41 AM



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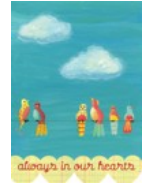
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Megan H. sent a sympathy card to the Best family.

May 9 at 6:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Best family.

May 9 at 3:50 AM



Marilyn Dutton posted:

I am so sorry to hear this news. I will always remember Mike as Parker's good friend. My prayers are with the family.

May 9 at 2:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Best family.

May 8 at 7:20 PM



Eliza Morris lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Mike and I were classmates throughout elementary and high school. He'll forever be remembered with a smile on his face and making others laugh. My oldest memory is from second grade recess. We were standing around the swing sets talking about music - specifically Michael Jackson and INXS. I was not familiar with INXS and had no idea the spelling of their band name was as simple as it was. 🧐😊 Who would have thought that conversation would become a lifelong memory? ❤️🎸 My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

May 8 at 4:04 PM





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Elyse Nehrbas lit a candle in honor of Michael.

I have such fond childhood memories of Mike. I'm so sad to hear this news. I will never forget that infectious smile. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

May 8 at 2:26 PM



Dolores O'leary lit a candle in honor of Michael.

May 8 at 12:59 PM



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Doris

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Doriixs I am so sorry for your loss 🙏



Tyheesha White posted:

My sincerest condolences to the family. Michael was once a patient in my care. He quickly became a great friend. His smile was very contagious! Always a joke to tell, and advice to give. We talked often about my two boys. I'm truly blessed to have had the wonderful opportunity to know a wonderful man! You will be greatly missed, Michael. May you rest peacefully in Paradise.

May 8 at 7:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Best family.

May 8 at 6:13 AM



Alicia Purdy lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Mike and I went to Sunday school together and we were also class mates. He was a wonderful person inside and out. He was always making us smile. My thoughts and prayers are with the family ! I'm so sorry for your loss. Alicia Purdy

May 8 at 4:19 AM





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KC

Kat Cieniewicz posted:

Mike was a beautiful soul. I so enjoyed our time together... I can't believe he is gone. I am so sorry for your loss. Saying prayers for all of you... Sincerely, Kat Cieniewicz

May 8 at 3:48 AM

BH

Barbara Hellens posted:

So sorry to hear the loss of your son Michael didn't know him personally but understand he was a great kid from his Dad. Prayers to all the family for your loss. Barbara Hellens

May 8 at 1:46 AM

SP

Sandra Phillips posted:

Doris and family, my prayers are with you. I never knew Mike, but hearing you talk about him and the friendship he had with JR, tells me what a kind, gentle person he was. May God Bless you all.

May 8 at 1:38 AM

CB

Carol Brown posted:

Our deepest sympathies in your loss. We know how much Michael was loved by you all. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family. Gerry and Carol Brown

May 7 at 5:46 PM

KP

Kelly Logullo Pettyjohn posted:

I graduated with Mike. You can never forget that huge smile, his laughter, the jokes. How he would sneak up behind you and then yell "CLEAR" and just poke you in the ribs making you scream and just laugh so hard! But Mike's kindness towards everyone he met and willingness to lend a hand without expecting anything in return is what truly made him a one of a kind genuine friend and one that will forever be in all of our hearts. Kelly Logullo Pettyjohn

May 7 at 3:56 PM



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Dee Atkins posted:

Michael is now with our gracious Father in heaven. May God bless the family with peace and strength. Claim the victory of God 's promise that whosoever believeth in Him shall have everlasting life.

May 7 at 3:12 PM



Paul And Maria Banghart sent a Vivid Recollections to the Best family.



May 7 at 1:53 PM



Terri (Dickson) Lawson posted:

Mike was a classmate of mine. I remember him always smiling & always willing to help if he could. I was very sorry to hear of his passing.. my prayers to his family. Terri (Dickson) Lawson

May 7 at 9:59 AM



Susan Fisher lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Bob, Doris and family, Sending thoughts and prayers your way in the loss of Michael at such a young age. I lost my Dad to this horrible disease. Stay strong and keep his memory alive in your heart. Susan Fisher



May 6 at 3:55 PM



Milt Chaski May 8 at 5:27 PM

So sorry to hear this sad news, you are al in my thoughts and prayers. Milt chaski



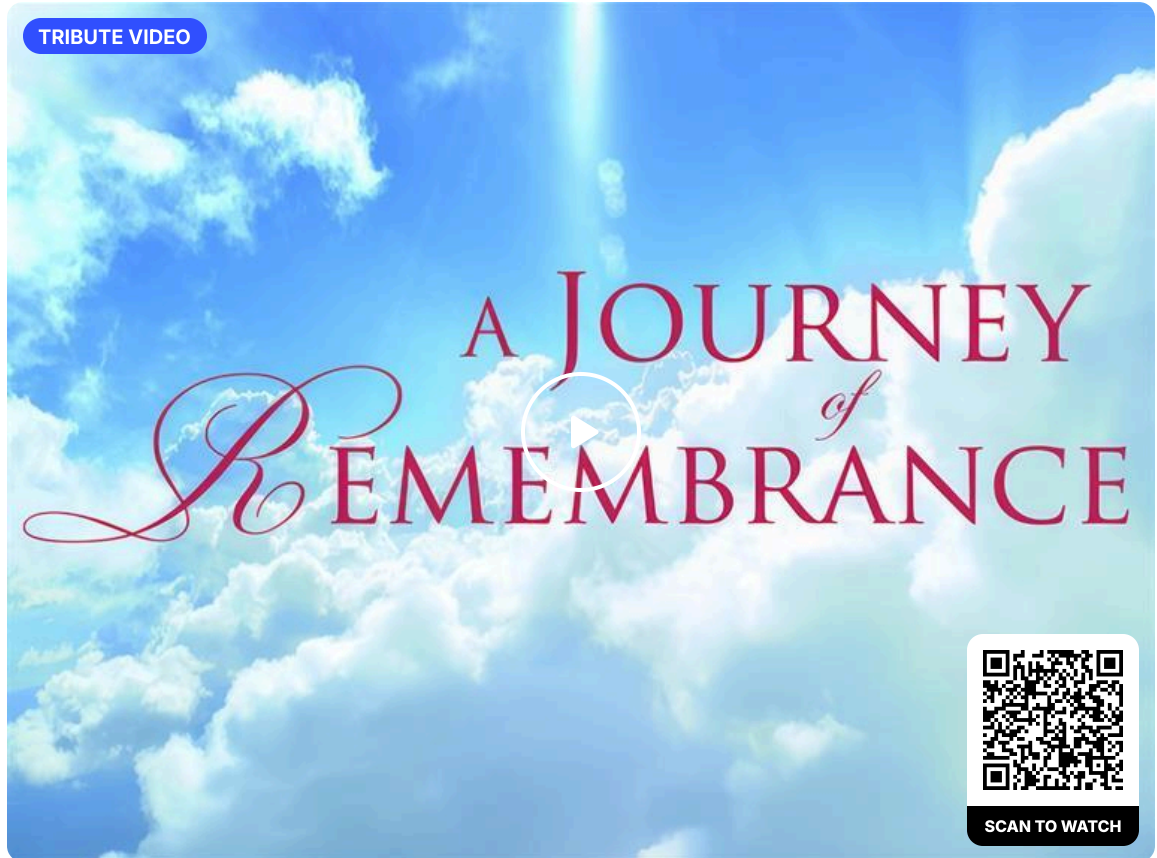
Maria Banghart May 7 at 6:30 AM

Prayers for comfort and peace , so sorry for your loss. Love to all, Paul & Maria Banghart



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May 10 at 10:20 AM



Wendy J Marsich July 5 at 4:29 AM

What a beautiful way to remember and honor Micheal. It seems not so long ago taking many of these pictures. Some very hard to see through the tears. Michael you are missed so much. You have always been a very special friend who I will carry in my heart. Sweet dreams. 🌹



Doris Best Kroeger (Michael's Mom) July 4 at 6:54 PM

What a beautiful video that you made in Michael's honor! So hard to believe it's 2 months today and how much we each miss him but know our love will always remain with him and he with us as he's now our angel from above looking down on us! Thank you for your beautiful work and all you did for us! God bless you both and your family in this business!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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