



# Michael Joseph Toohey

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**F**LORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 12:00 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, funeral services will be private. All are invited to participate via live-stream Friday August 28th at 2:00PM. View the live-stream of Michael's services by clicking the following link: <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1086156>

Michael Joseph Toohey, 51, of Lewes, Delaware passed away suddenly on August 21, 2020 and the world will never be as bright. He was born on April 17, 1969 in Wilmington, Delaware, son of the late Arthur and Alice Buchholz.

Michael was best known for his boisterous laugh and his fierce love and loyalty to his family and friends. He was an amazing cook, and he had an incredible voice which he did not share with us often enough. Michael had an unrivaled work ethic, employed as a manager at Christiana Care VNA for 20 years, Lloyds Market for 36 years, and Lazy Susan's Restaurant for 10 years, sometimes simultaneously. Of the many places he traveled, nothing compared to the Redwoods. He could be found most summer weekends in his duct taped 1998 Dodge truck at the drive on beach at Cape Henlopen, or at one of his favorite hangouts with strangers who became friends and friends who became family. Michael was generous with his time and talent. He could speak passionately (and loudly) about any topic, be it books, movies, music, food, his favorite Dog Fish Head beer, or the Raiders. He had the gift of gab and was larger than life. Above all, Michael treasured time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted partner, brother, uncle, and true friend who will be deeply and genuinely missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his brother, John Toohey; and his brother-in-law, John Homan. He is survived by his partner of 28 years, Georgia Truitt; his



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brother, Kevin Toohey (Donna Winegar); his sisters: Victoria DaPonte (Michael), Susan Monroe (Clay), Mary Alice Zeh (David), and Alicia Myers (Paul); as well as his nieces and nephews, whom he adored as much as they adored him; and of course, his faithful pups: Otis and Frankie and his beloved cat, Art.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM and Friday August 28, 2020 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, funeral services will be private. All are invited to participate via live-stream Friday August 28th at 2:00PM. View the live-stream of Michael's services by clicking the following link:

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In keeping with preventative protocols, masks will be mandatory for everyone attending or participating in any aspect of services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Michael's memory may be made to the Cape Henlopen Food Basket, 3751 Oyster House Rd, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, or Grass Roots Rescue, PO Box 422, Milton, DE 19968.



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## Visitation

 **Thursday**, August 27, 2020

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



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KB

**Kelly A Boyer** lit a candle in honor of Michael.



September 1 at 8:41 AM

EM

**Eric Masten** posted:

I am so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I have so many fond memories of him. He was a great guy who'll be sorely missed. He was my karaoke buddy back in the day and was with me when I launched Starry Nite Productions. I will think of him whenever I hear Garth Brooks' "The Dance". Rest In Peace, Mike.Georgia, may God bless and comfort you and the entire Toohey Family. I lift you all in prayer.

August 28 at 9:59 AM

AW

**Andrew Weismer** posted:

Only knowing mike for a few years and I know that he left us too soon! Always there with a smile or laugh and finding/seeing the best in situations and people. I enjoyed time with him immensely whether it was watching him fall off his chair while in a meeting, talking football, learning about his animal loving nature, family, BBQ or smoking meats, microbrew beer, working in a restaurant for fun, or countless other things that we spoke of in the little time I had with him.Living in NJ did not make getting together easy outside or work nor did the fact that he worked out of an office an hour away from mine and I wasn't even an office person. It didn't matter. We always found plenty to talk about and just enjoy life despite the challenges we faced on our shared project.I can't believe he's gone! I feel like I just lost a longtime childhood friend and if he had that effect on me in such a short time then I'm sure that others know the feeling. He brought people together whether they had disagreements or different perspectives, mike had a way of speaking that was non threatening and understanding. That's a skill in today's world for sure. He would also have terrific insight into process and how things worked. You just had to be patient allowing him to describe how it worked to you 😊.I miss you already my friend so the shared BBQ and microbrews will have to wait until I join you someday. Heaven just got a little bit brighter and I will do my best to keep what you taught me close to my heart making the world a better place. Rest In Peace. AndrewA donation was made in Michael's name to Grass Roots Rescue for the animal lover in him.

August 27 at 7:08 PM



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**Jackie Quigley** posted:

Sending our deepest condolences to the family - our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike was a great guy and will be missed by all. Godspeed - Steve and Jackie Quigley

August 27 at 10:15 AM



**Terry Collins** posted:

Georgia, My thoughts and prayers to you and family, mike is so missed at Christiana care . His laughter and smile even in the bad times made my day, he sure loved you and the animals. A lot of stories were told of his beaching days, and cookouts . He will always be remembered at ccvna. Hugs to you , god bless Terry Collins

August 27 at 8:22 AM



**Susie Simpson & The Old Camden Rehab Tea** posted:

Friendship is a fragile thing: a gossamer web, a fairy wing. Yet none of the bonds contrived by man will ever bind as friendship can. Mike, you will surely be missed by all your friends at VNA.

August 27 at 7:45 AM



**Theresa Hall, Tatiana Murray And Kareema Jordan** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Toohey family.



August 27 at 5:04 AM



**Marlene And Tom Morris** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Thoughts and prayers 🙏 God bless from Marlene and Tom Morris

August 26 at 6:22 PM



**Janet Ziegler** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

August 26 at 2:58 PM





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BC

**Beverly Smith Craig** posted:

I offer my deepest condolences to Mike's family. Mike was such a vibrant individual - I remember many meetings in which he was a participant; he always brought great insights to the discussion at hand and livened up the atmosphere! I enjoyed learning from Mike and will miss him greatly. With sympathy and fond remembrance, Beverly A. Smith Craig Chester County, Pennsylvania

August 26 at 4:59 AM

PM

**Paul & Evelyn Myers** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Toohey family.



August 25 at 1:19 PM

JR

**Jeannie Rickards** posted:

My sincerest, heartfelt, condolences to Georgia and all of Mike's family. He was the best. Always had a huge bear hug, if you needed it, and always, always had my back. The world will not be the same without him.

August 25 at 11:47 AM

JF

**Jody Fennell** posted:

We have all been blessed with knowing Mike and he has left an indelible mark in our hearts. His love of good food (cooking and eating) and his many jokes and laughter have surely brightened our lives. He was a great guy even when he was having a bad day... he would still offer to help someone in need. To Georgia and her family and all of Mike's family, I am saddened by your loss but happy that you were all so close and were able to enjoy so many great times together. He was so excited about his time off and getting together with family and friends. To Mike - I am thankful to have known you and I hope you know how much you are missed.... and by so many!

August 25 at 11:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Toohey family.



August 25 at 11:12 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Toohey family.



August 25 at 10:22 AM



**Sharon Charles** posted:

We use to joke that Mike was the brother I never had. He and I shared many a talk but more importantly many a laugh. His laughter was infectious. Georgia my heart goes out to you and the family. But I am sure Mike is having a booming conversation and laughing hard already with the angels. He was one of the good guys.. and he will long be remembered.

August 25 at 9:12 AM



**Faye Collins** August 25 at 2:21 PM

Georgia/family. Mike was such a large personality at work. We called upon him often to rescue us ( change a tire, Juno start a car) and he always responded with a smile. I will miss his laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with you all



**Nadine Wick** posted:

I only met Michael a few times but immediately took a liking to him. I recall one happy hour afternoon he and I must have spent a good half hour talking about cuts of meat. His laughter and smiles will be missed. Nadine Wick

August 25 at 7:38 AM



**Gladys T Larsen** posted:

Georgia, I am so truly sorry for your loss. We are definitely feeling it in our office! Even though we might have had our differences of opinion, i truly found a "SINCERE COMPASSION" that Mike had. Will especially will miss his recipes. He loved food and we always told him he shouldn't bring in any left overs unless he had enough for all of us -- and he would just laugh or give a side glance -- I pray for you and your family to have peace through these days. Always know we are here for you whenever needed. Love Ya! Gladys

August 25 at 7:00 AM



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**Wayne Von Stetten II** posted:

I knew Mike when he was just knee high to a grasshopper....I was the summer playground leader at the Edgemoor School in Wilmington in 1972 and Vicky and Kevin came religiously everyday. They were champion kickball players and Mrs Toohey would bring little Mikey up to watch. He was just aching to get into the game and Kevin and Vicky would have to take turns holding him back. I seem to remember once or twice we let him take a swipe and he just laughed with excitement! Those were truly the Good Old Days when families stuck together and kids played all day until their playground leader was out of gas! I will always remember and love the Toohey Family.....Rest in Peace Mike.....Wayne von Stetten II (aka Mr "V".....none of the kids could remember von Stetten)

August 25 at 5:57 AM



**Ted Robertson** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

So sorry for your loss!! Mike was such a great guy to be around. Always remember his smile and laughs. It was a pleasure to have known Mike and family!! Thoughts and prayers are with you all!! Ted Robertson and Family



August 25 at 5:40 AM



**Loretta Thomas** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

To Georgia and Mikes family, Mike was my first supervisor here at Christiana Care. He taught me everything I know and got me to where I am right now. He will be missed so much. The quietness in the office with out his outburst and crazy jokes and goofy comments and that LAUGH we will all miss his laugh. I sat here the other day after most of the office had gone and I just listened wishing he was sitting on the other side of the wall so i could tell him how he was just soo dumb, in a good way. Prayers and hugs to all. We miss you Mike..... love to you Georgia and Mikes familyLoretta Thomas



August 25 at 5:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Toohey family.



August 25 at 5:22 AM



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**Shelly Lawrence** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

My heartfelt condolences to the family, the friends and co-workers that Mike left behind. I knew Mike through my mom at the IGA. He always had a smile on his face, had a great laugh and seemed to be in a great mood. I know that his presence will be missed. RIP Mike.

August 25 at 5:11 AM



**Alice Brummell** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

TO GEORGIA AND MIKE'S FAMILY,I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MIKE WAS ONE OF KIND. WE HAVE LOST A DEAR FRIEND THAT CAN NOT BE REPLACED AT CHRISTIANA CARE HOME HEALTH. I'M GOING TO MISS ALL THE JOKING AROUND YOU DID WITH ALL OF US AND THE LOUDNESS OF YOUR VOICE WHEN KNEW IT WAS YOU BEFORE WE SEEN YOU COMING BUT'S THAT'S OK BECAUSE NOW WE WISH WE COULD HEAR YOUR VOICE AGAIN. LIFE IS SOMETHING YOU JUST NEVER KNOW WHAT GOD HAVE IN STORE FOR US. I'M DEALING WITH THIS HARD MIKE BUT I KNOW YOU WOULD ALICE I'M OK IT'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT. PRAYERS AND HUGS TO ALL, YOU WILL BE MISSED!!!! LOVE YOU MIKE !!! ALICE BRUMMELL

August 25 at 5:04 AM



**Kim Corley** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Alicia and family, I am so sorry for you loss. Please find peace and comfort in the lifetime of memories you have and hold dear. Kim Corley

August 25 at 3:35 AM



**Suzanne Croall** posted:

Georgia and family,I am so sorry for your loss. He always had a smile on his face and could laugh about anything. VNA will not be the same without his boisterous laugh and ability to make the best of any situation. Prayers and hugs to all of you, he will be missed!

August 25 at 2:54 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Toohey family.

August 24 at 4:59 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Toohey family.



August 24 at 4:17 PM



**Maureen Maxson** posted:

MIKE YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO HAD THE WONDERFUL PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING YOU. YOU WERE NOT ONLY FUNNY AS ANY ONE EVER COULD BE, YOU WERE ALSO BRILLIANT ESPECIALLY WITH THE COMPUTER SYSTEM. YOU WERE ALWAYS PATIENT WITH ME WHEN I COULD NOT FIGURE OUT HOW TO WORK ON SOME OF THE COMPUTER ISSUES AT CCVNA. MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND FOREVER. GOD BLESS YOU , REST IN PEACE

August 24 at 4:14 PM



**Keith Koziol** posted:

Sorry For Your Loss ... Rest In Peace Old Friend ...

August 24 at 4:05 PM



**Connie Edwards** posted:

So sorry for your loss Susan. My prayers and thoughts for you and all of his family. May he rest in peace. Connie Reed Edwards

August 24 at 2:59 PM



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**Susan Fisher** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Georgia, Vicki, Kevin, Susan, Mary, Alicia:I'm so sorry for your loss of Mike. I've known Mike since he started working at Lloyd's when he was in high school. I always told him we could lose him in New York and all he had to do was laugh and we could find him. We will certainly miss him daily.If we can do anything for any of you don't hesitate to ask.Sending thoughts and prayers and love.Susan Fisher



August 24 at 2:44 PM



**Doris Davis** August 24 at 5:49 PM

I had the privilege of working with Mike at Christiana Care visiting nurses for the past 20 years. He was a wonderful boss and a truly caring compassionate human being. He was my best buddy and we worked so well together. I will miss him every day and we'll never forget his sense of humor and compassion. Mike and Georgia we're a very loving couple and my heart goes out to her



**Jim, Nancy And Family** sent a Rainbow Reflections Basket to the Toohey family.



August 24 at 1:40 PM



**June, Greg, Joshua, Ashley, Jerry** sent a The Endless Sky Spray to the Toohey family.



August 24 at 12:51 PM



**Michael Miller** posted:

mike was a good friend full of happiness and kindness and willing to help you. we will miss him a lot and be in our heart alwaysLINDA AND MIKE MILLER

August 24 at 12:41 PM



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KG

**Karen Godfrey** posted:

I always heard Mike coming before I saw him. He had a laugh I will never forget. He was always willing to do anything any of us needed and usually did it with a smile and a sarcastic remark. Mike was certainly one of a kind and there will be a whole in our VNA family that will never be filled. Georgia and family our prayers are with you and know that your memories of Mike will fill your hearts forever.

August 24 at 12:15 PM

TB

**Terri Burgess** posted:

I had a lot to learn when I came to this homecare agency and I quickly identified Mike as a man "in the know". He was generous with his time, and always kind and patient with my many questions and requests. I am so sorry to all his friends and family for your great loss. Heaven will shine even brighter with him there.

August 24 at 12:08 PM

FC

**Faye Collins** posted:

My most vivid memory of Mike is one of "field savior". For those that he worked with, Mike was known to save us when we needed help while out making field visits. He personally came to my rescue several times, to change a tire, to jump start my battery, and any other time I called. I will miss Mike and his awesome laugh. To Georgia, My love and prayers are with you at this time. Mike loved you to the moon and back and I know you did him. Love Faye Collins

August 24 at 12:03 PM

LF

**Love, Melinda, Glenn And Family** sent a Sentimental Dreams to the Toohey family.



August 24 at 11:09 AM



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**Sandra Hodges** posted:

To Georgia and Mike's Family: I work in the New Castle Office and I am so so sorry to hear about the passing of Mike he was my buddy. It will be so strange not seeing him coming in to the New Castle Office laughing and joking around you could never really tell when he was having a bad day maybe a serious day but not a bad one. Mike you leave so many members that you and I shared down through the years. You may have left me to be with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ but you will never be forgotten. RIP Mike Laugh on Laugh on!!!!!!Sandy HodgesBilling /Collection SpecialistNew Castle

August 24 at 11:09 AM



**Theresa** posted:

Words cannot express my feelings in hearing of your passing. I will always remember your smiling face and your loud laughter. I remember 2 years ago I interviewed for a temporary scheduler position in your department. It was one of the easiest interviews I've ever encountered by your ability to make a person feel relaxed and comfortable. Thank you for believing in me and you will be greatly missed. RIP Mike!!

August 24 at 11:08 AM



**Ollie Collins** lit a candle in honor of Michael.



August 24 at 11:01 AM



**Ollie Collins** August 24 at 11:03 AM

I MISS YOU SOOO MUCH MIKE TOOHEY.. RIP MY FRIEND....LOVE YOU!!



**Kim B** posted:

Michael, you may be gone from sight but you are never gone from my heart. It's going to be difficult without you. Thank you for all the great memories and all the LOVE you gave each and everyone of us. We were all very blessed to have known you. Georgia & Kevin and the many other family and friends; my heartaches with you. Much LoveKim B

August 24 at 10:42 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Rose Romanesque Bouquet to the Toohey family.



August 24 at 10:31 AM



**Debi Dow Ramsey** posted:

I am so sorry to hear this news. Michael always had a lovely word to say and an infectious laugh to share. He was a wonderful man and will be missed. Debi Dow

August 24 at 9:17 AM



**Russell S** posted:

Oh Michael, i will miss your incredibly loud laugh, your passion for life, and your strange draft picks on Thursday nights!. You were generous and kind and a good listener. Georgia, Kevin and the rest of the family, we share your heartache.Farewell my friend

August 24 at 8:08 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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