



## Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer

April 10, 1968 - September 1, 2017

Michael “Mike” Vaughn Rekemeyer, age 49, of Albia, passed away on Friday, September 1, 2017 after many years of pain and suffering.

Mike was born on April 10, 1968, to Ross and Phyllis (Smith) Rekemeyer at Story City, Iowa, where he grew up and attended school, staying active in Wrestling, 4-H, and mischief. He moved with his family to Albia and finished high school, enjoying Pops Choir and the Art program. Summers were spent with Richard Burkman painting and pranking each other.

Mike studied architecture and graphic design at Iowa State University and later returned to Albia and worked for many years at Falvey Lumber, where he became known as “Dr. Paint.” Any project Mike took on was finished to his high standard of perfection! Unfortunately, chronic pain and a failing body continually isolated his talents and skills.

Mike is survived by his son, Jordan Rekemeyer; step-son, Michael Billings; his wife, Jackie Auxter and her children, Rhys (Galadriel) and Tarryn McCollum; parents, Dr. Ross and Phyllis Rekemeyer; a brother, Daniel (Natalie) Rekemeyer and their children, RaeAnna and William; and a sister, DeAnn (Shawn) McAninch and their children, Connor and Erin.

His grandparents, Joseph Ray and Marie Smith, Melvin Rekemeyer, and

Victor and Adeline Rekemeyer Makoben; his cousin, Thad Moller; and uncles, Darrel Moller and Louis Hillmann will welcome him to heaven.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 4, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Mike's family present from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

An open memorial has been established in Mike's name to be determined at a later date by the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Memorial Service

SEP 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Auxter's family. Clinton and Ursula Bingham Chariton.*

**Ursula Bingham** - September 14, 2017 at 08:07 PM



“ *De - big hugs to you! We are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Larry and Karen King*

**Larry and Karen King** - September 05, 2017 at 10:14 AM



“ *DeAnn - I cannot imagine how difficult it is to lose a sibling sudden and unexpectedly. After reading your brothers obituary, it sounds like you have a lot of fun memories to always help you keep him alive in your heart. My sincere sympathy for your entire family.  
~Wanda Sizemore*

**Wanda Sizemore** - September 05, 2017 at 10:05 AM

JH

“ *To Ross and Phyllis, I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's death - sending wishes of peace and comfort to you. Judy McDaniel Hagen*

**Judy Hagen** - September 04, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer.*



September 04, 2017 at 05:04 PM

GQ

“ *Kay and I are out of the country but we still wanted to let Mike's family know how saddened we were to learn of Michael's dying. Not right for our children to get away ahead of the parents. Rekemeyer was always a source of joy for those who knew him. Always happy and always with that grin and that twinkle in his eye that challenged you to figure out what he was up to. I always thought he was the very expression of happiness. Mike will delight those on the other side with his dancing and singing. I am sorry that Rek no longer walks among us and I'm sorry too for them that loved him who are left behind. But they need to celebrate the life of Michael Rekemeyer and remember the joy he so easily shared.*

**Graham F. Quinn** - September 04, 2017 at 04:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer.*



September 04, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ *Heidi Sailor Peterson lit a candle in memory of Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer*



**Heidi Sailor Peterson** - September 04, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ *Patti Lutjen lit a candle in memory of Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer*



**Patti Lutjen** - September 04, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer.*



September 04, 2017 at 11:12 AM

CS

“ *My condolences to Mike's family. I remember that big smile.*

Chris Scala - September 04, 2017 at 10:14 AM

CB

“ *Mike Rekemeyer family please except our sympathies for the loss of Mike. Chuck @ Linda Borchers  
Toronto Iowa*

Chuck Borchers - September 04, 2017 at 10:11 AM

DL

“ *Don Lindly lit a candle in memory of Michael  
Vaughn Rekemeyer*



Don Lindly - September 03, 2017 at 08:23 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer.*



September 03, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ *Jeff Grim lit a candle in memory of Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer*



Jeff Grim - September 03, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mikes passing. So many great memories with him and his family when we were children. May he rest in peace.*



Sheri Flickinger-Patterson - September 03, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer.*



September 03, 2017 at 09:20 AM



“ *I will always remember his big, beautiful smile.*

Mary Ann Freshwater - September 03, 2017 at 09:04 AM

RB

“ Mike was one of the only one of my classmates that made me feel like I was something and that I did have self worth at a very fragile time in my life! When he saw me struggling he was always able to make me laugh and feel like there would be better times ahead. I have never forgotten him!! My heart is broken to hear this news!! So sorry for his family!!! I wish I could have told him that he was a hero to me!!!! God bless you my friend!!!!

Rob Boylan - September 03, 2017 at 06:13 AM



“ Deep sympathy to the family.

Elizabeth Garrett - September 03, 2017 at 12:03 AM



Amanda Findley

“ Mike was such a great person. I'm not sure he knew a stranger. He will be missed greatly. My deepest sympathies to all his family.



Amanda Findley - September 02, 2017 at 11:01 PM

SV

“ Prayers for Mike's family. May God help you find peace.

Sherry VerPloeg - September 02, 2017 at 10:51 PM

NL

“ *Sending prayers for the family.*



**Nancy Stocker Langstraat** - September 02, 2017 at 09:43 PM

MC

“ *Michelle Chambers lit a candle in memory of Michael Vaughn Rekemeyer*



**Michelle Chambers** - September 02, 2017 at 09:21 PM

HK

“ *Jackie sorry for your loss he will greatly missed always had a smile when we met on the road you and your family is in our thoughts. Helen and Gene Kline*

**Helen Kline** - September 02, 2017 at 06:44 PM

MP

“ *Jackie & family: I am so sorry, only met Mike once when Jackie & Mike stopped by. Nicest guy ever:) My thoughts are with you all.*

**Mary P.** - September 02, 2017 at 06:10 PM

DD

*Jackie we are so sorry 😞 We knew him from when he helped with our log home. Nice and funny man. We love you 💕*

**Debbie Davidson** - September 02, 2017 at 06:35 PM



*jackie, I'm so sorry for your loss!!! I didn't know Mike, but I know what it's like to lose a loved one!!!!!!!( Please know my Thoughts & Prayers are with you!!!!!!:)*

**Gene Clark** - September 02, 2017 at 07:54 PM

KB

*Mike was always so friendly and always had a special smile! I always enjoyed a visit with him whenever I saw him! My thoughts and prayers are sent to Jackie, his children, Ross and Phyllis and all his family! He will certainly be missed by all who knew him!*

**Kate Brock** - September 03, 2017 at 01:09 AM

PP

*Wow! Such a shock! Mike was a great entertainer at Albia high school in the Pops Choir! Many of us will never forget when he popped out on the stage in " an Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yelliw Polka-dot Bikini" complete with blonde wig!! He loved to make people smile! My thoughts and prayers to his family*

**Paul Peterson** - September 03, 2017 at 11:56 PM



*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. He always had that smile. My prayers go out to you all at this time. Tess Sebben*

**Tess Sebben** - September 06, 2017 at 05:02 PM