



Michael Vincent Rosa

February 25, 1967 - January 24, 2015

Obituary of Michael Rosa

Michael Vincent Rosa, 47, of Bushnell, Florida, died Saturday, January 24, 2015. He was born February 25, 1967 in New Haven, Connecticut. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He was the founder and former president of the South Sumter Wolfpack Football League. He was so passionate about the program that he built the announcer's booth at the sports complex to ensure the future of the program. He was also a baseball coach for the Bushnell Dixie Youth League from T-ball to majors. He enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing. He was an avid builder and could make anything out of a 2x4. He loved football, especially the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He loved his '66 Ford truck. He was a loving Father, husband and friend. He was loved by so many and touched the lives of everyone he met. Mike was a man of God, a man of honor and integrity. His word was gold. He was incredibly generous, creative and intelligent. Mike cared about people, his family, and above all, Christ. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Rosa of Bushnell, FL; sons: Wesley, Tanner and Tucker of Bushnell, FL; father, Richard Rosa, of New Haven, CT; mother, Delores Iannotti of Hamden, CT; step-father, Frank Iannotti, Ocala, FL; sister, Michele (Wayne) Bailey of North Haven, CT; brothers: Richard (Holly) Rosa, II of Hamden, CT, Christopher Rosa of Hamden, CT, Matthew Rosa of New Haven, CT, Stephen (Suzy) Iannotti of Ocala, FL; 2 granddaughters: Emaleigh and Caleigh; mother-in-law,

Peggy (Merrill) Weese of Fruitland Park, FL; sister-in-law, Sandy Burgess of Leesburg, FL , and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation

Visitation will be Wednesday, 1/28/15 from 5:00 to 7:00 at Purcell Chapel.

Mass of Christian Burial

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, 1/29/15 at 12:00 pm at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Bushnell, Florida with Father Waldemar Maicag officiating.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rosa family during this most difficult time, may Jesus walk beside you and help you carry this burden today and in the days to come. Let his light shine upon Tanner and Tucker so that they have guidance as they grow into young men, and carry the remembrance of their father, his love for them, his passion for sports, and his love for God. With heavy hearts, The Cook family, Jerry, Sherry, Jessica and Daniel

Sherry and Jerry Cook - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My most precious condolences to you Ms. Rhonda and your sons. It would warm my heart... when Mike and his sons come in to eat... they would take such good care of thier dad. They were just in last Friday. Please know that my prayers are with you and your boys.

Annie Berkey - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ So sad to here this news. Mike was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family!

Cricket Payne - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Rhonda, We liked you and Michael the first time we met at chemo. Have been asking the staff about him as he has been missed. Such a cheerful and positive person! We are both widowed and remarried. Sending a poem which was given to me when my first husband died at the age of forty. Hoping that it brings you a bit of comfort. This is something one never gets over but must go through. Everything for a reason and time does help to heal the wounds. Peace.

Carl and Elizabeth Demo - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Safely I am in heaven, dear ones: Oh so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last. Did you wonder why so calmly trod the valley of the shade? Oh! but Jesus' love illumined every dark and fearful glade. And He Himself to meet me in that way so hard to tread: And with Jesus' arm to lean on, could I have one doubt or dread? Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still: Try to look beyond earth's shadows, pray to trust the Father's will. There is still work waiting for you, so you must not idly stand; Do it now while life remaineth - You shall rest in Jesus' land. When that work is all completed, He will gently call you home; Oh the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!

Carl and Elizabeth Demo - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in our thoughts, prayers and hearts. For believers in Christ we live with the hope that death is not the end. There is eternal paradise waiting for us in a mansion that Jesus has prepared for us. We shall see him again in glory. With sincere sympathy.

Leonard & Lori - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Mike was a wonderful person, he always had a smile on his face. He loved his family and friends and he will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Rosa family during this difficult time.

Kristie ,Henry, Mike and Matt Todd - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10 Every time we saw Mike we were greeted with a big smile and happy hello. Please know that we are praying for your family to get through this difficult time. We know that he touched many lives and will be greatly missed. Kevin and Judy Scott

Kevin and Judy Scott - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Our hearts go out to the Rosa family, sending prayers and love!

Sean's - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I cannot imagine your sadness at this time. I am praying for your entire family for peace. God will see you through this tragedy. Love and prayers from my family to yours.

Claudia Covil Morris - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ wishing you the best at this very difficult time... God bless you

Dwayne Cornelius - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ So very sorry for your loss.

David & Sandra Collins and Jacob - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Very sorry for your loss.

Bryan & Missy Lancaster - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss, he was a good man.

The Ellis Family of Webster FI - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Prayers and condolences for your family.

Kimberly Moffitt - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ R.I.P mike you will be missed by so many people. Prayers and Comfort to your wife and children and the rest of the family.

amanda/duke powell - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Michael Vincent Rosa

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AB

“ Rhonda, Wesley, Tanner, Tucker and family, I knew Mike and eventually all of you from church. My heart breaks for you and there are no words to express the depth of my sorrow. I have cried many times for you, as I've been in this same position, and know the hurt all too well. Mike was a great person and reading all the condolences here and on Facebook give proof to that statement. In your thoughts, in your memories, in your heart, Mike will always be with you! I pray God wrap his loving arms around you, giving you comfort at this difficult time and in all the days ahead. The battle is over, victory won, Mikes soul now at peace, God called him home! Love and Prayers, Annie

ANNIE MARTIN BROWN BONNETT - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ On behalf of SSHS Class of 1986, I wish to offer condolences to the Rosa Family. Mike was a great classmate. He brought so many smiles to our faces with his sense of humor & kindness! He will be missed. God bless.

Melinda Newman-Anello - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Our prayers are with your family through these tough times. You will be missed so much in the community and we are honored to call you a friend. Thank you for being the kind man you are. God Bless see you on the other side.

Jack & Debbie Guth and grandson Christian Pusateri - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My sympathy and prayers to the family.

Roberta Shoaf - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ There is no pain, no sorrow, no fear in Heaven. Please accept my deepest sympathy. My prayers are with you and your family.

Laura (Bingham) Briggs - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We love you, Rhonda, Wes, Tanner & Tucker...RIP "Big Mike" there will forever be a void in our lives and hearts.

Chris, Stefanie & boy's - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Delores, Michele, Ricky and Steven. I have so many memories of the "hunting" weekends you guys stayed at my house. The boys making a fort in the woods. spaghetti and lobster. The kids had so much fun and all those boys together were so devilish, including my Michael. You have my heartfelt sympathy and prayers. God rest his soul. Love Peggy

Peggy DeCusati - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Mike was a great guy, I enjoyed always talking baseball with him and he was all about his boys. He will be deeply missed in the community, I sure wish we had more people like him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

Larry Dasher - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ It is with a heavy heart that I send our deepest condolences and prayers to your family. Mike will be missed by our small community.

Terrie and Steve Rogers - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Much Love and Prayers for you Rhonda and your family. May God hold you all so near to Him as He protects and comforts you all. Mike was a great Man and will be greatly missed. Keep your eyes and heart on Him. <3*

Tami and Ron Roosa - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Praying that God will wrap His loving arms around Rhonda, Wesley, Tanner, Tucker and the family and may God give you peace, comfort and strength today and the days to come! Blessings to you all!*

Phil and Melinda Purlee - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *RIP Mike. We know you are looking down watching over all of us. Its an honor to call you family. We miss you. God Bless you.*

The Dennis Family - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

A1

“ *Chris and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love, Amy*

Amy Derbacher, EHFD Vol Co 1 - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Please know how sorry I am and am praying for your family ! RIP Mike*

Doelene Brown - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ So sorry for your lost. Still remembering our times at DCF. Take care and God bless.

Tammie Dillion - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

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Tommie Dillion - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Our prayers are with the family. We are so sorry for your loss.

Michelle Daughtry - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Our hearts are broken,our Mikie is gone.God answered my prayers for Mike to not suffer.He was not only our son-in -law but a friend.Mike had so many good qualities and was the best at anything he did.He left behind a great family and so many wonderful friends.He will forever be in our hearts.Gods speed Mike.

Merrill and Peggy Weese - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our deepest condolences to your family. May God be with you and your family during this difficult time.

Amendola Family - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike will be missed by so many lives that he has touched.

Gina Owens - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael Vincent Rosa*

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“ *I met Mike when he came to work for me framing houses at the Villages and building homes in Cetral Florida. He gained friendship and respect from me immediately because of his honesty and integrity! Mike Rosa was as real of a man as they come! My condolences and prayers to the family as they grieve this heartfelt loss! RIP Mike Rosa*

Gary Freitag - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Michelle Wilkinson - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rhonda, so sorry to hear the news about the passing of your husband. Even though I did not know him, he sounded like a very good Christian, husband, father and friend. I pray for you and your boys through this difficult time*

Beverly Ragland - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike was a wonderful, caring man who will be greatly missed. He touched the lives of many. He will never be forgotten.*

Myra Hoffman - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ God has received a special angel in heaven!!! It is with a heavy heart that I learned of Mike's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Tasha Quilling-Hofer - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ May God welcome his soul home

chance white - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ Praying for peace within your family!

Tamara Quilling - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ Love you mike! I'll always remember the times I'd walk up to you at the track and you'd scream "RAYDOG!!". Can't wait to see you again.

Canyon Vancil - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ The Connell family wishes to extend our heartfelt condolences on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

marilyn connell - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I grew up with Mike, Rhonda and Wesley. They lived literally a block away. Mike was one of my parents best friends. In all reality the Rosa's were family. We didn't go two days without seeing one of them. Any time I wanted an extra opinion not that my parents weren't giving me great advice, I would ask him. He actually encouraged me to join the military. I joined the Marine Corps and it's been 13 years, every time I came home he always stopped by my parents house Eddie and Beth Kenny and would tell me he was proud of me and always gave great hugs. My heart goes out to Rhonda and Wesley. I know that in my heart they will be okay because Rhonda is a very strong woman and I'm sorry for the lost of your husband, Wesley's dad, a an amazing friend to my family. I love you both very much and you all are in my prayers.

Kristin Rios - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. God Bless you all. Bill and Dawn Cary Great Lakes Carpet

Dawn Cary - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ To loose a friend as dear as Mike, is more then words can express. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rhonda, Wes, Tanner & Tucker. Eddie and Beth

Eddie & Beth Kenny - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Rhonda and boys. Our hearts break for you over the loss of Mike. He was a wonderful person. He always was smiling and was such a kind person. We enjoyed the years we spent as your neighbors. Always will remember Mike working on his truck. He was so good to Ryne taking him to the races and ballgames. We are praying for your comfort and peace. May God wrap his arms around your family and feel his peace. The Crafts. Doug Kelli and Ryne Rogersville TN

Doug and Kelli Craft - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ prayers and condolences for the family - Mike was a cool high school classmate. I know he is loved by this community and has a reputation of being a great daddy and mentor. Let precious memories always make you smile and remember him in love. Big hugs to his beautiful wife and awesome kids; I'm sad in my heart for your loss. ~Jackie Carson

Jackie Carson - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. I knew Mike many years ago in high school when my family and I were members of St Lawrence. Mike was always a kind and gentle young man. I am so sorry for your loss.

Brenda Bradley - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Judy Lipps - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM