



Michael A. Arch

April 19, 1951 - April 6, 2010

Mike Arch suddenly passed into the next life on April 6, 2010. He leaves his much loved wife, Lori; and children, Heather, her husband, Shane Flatness, their son, Colt; and Hannah Arch, Matthew Arch and Morgan Arch. He also leaves his sisters, Trudy Prescott, Sherryl Parks and Pam Crouch; and brother, Brad Arch. Mike was born in Wenatchee on April 19, 1951, and began his education in the Wenatchee School District. When he was 12, he moved to Magnolia and graduated from Queen Anne High School in 1969. There, he excelled in sports and was a memorable catcher on a championship Grizzly baseball team. Mike was always a team player and had hundreds of friends. Mike graduated from the University of Washington in 1973, and then attended law school at Gonzaga, graduating in 1976. He was admitted to practice law and maintained a practice in Wenatchee for over 30 years. During that time, he represented many hundreds of clients and was known as a strong and aggressive advocate. He was a great lawyer. What not all people knew, was that Mike was a big teddy bear. Everyone who knew him, loved him, for being so kind and sensitive. He was always able to laugh, even when the situation was dire. He could walk into a room and, with his booming voice, make everyone smile. Many a day, he would walk in the door and shout, "Get to work!" and all the staff and attorneys would laugh. He was tough and sweet, all at the same time. He really loved his wife and children and he let everyone know it. In fact, it was sort of a joke, that Mike was the kind of man who scared all his opponents to death, but loved his friends and

family with the same ferocity. Mike was a proud "Poppee" to his grandson, Colt, and attended his swim lessons every Monday. There are no words to measure his loss. His family, his friends, his clients and even his opponents, have lost a great man. We loved him. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 10, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church in Wenatchee. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are assisted by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

Previous Events

Service

APR 10. 2:00 PM (PT)

Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church
1400 S Miller
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall



“ lori, heather, and hannah, we are so sorry for your loss, and are at a loss for words.... we have grown to know all of you the last 12 years, and have had so much fun with you guys, and of course with mike. even tho we live 3000 miles away, we felt that if we really needed mike for anything, he'd fly across the country to help us. he was very special and loved all of you.. he actually bragged to us alot about his family, and would do anything for you.....mike was fun, period..... all our vacations to hawaii, and vegas were so enjoyable, and mike/lori were a huge part of that...if ever you guys need anything, or just someone to speak to, please dont hesitate to ever call us...in the meantime, as soon as your able, celebrate mike's life the way he would want you all to..... be nice, have fun, and do the right thing, thats mike's way...
love, rick and jodi mehring

Rick&Jodi Mehring - April 12, 2010 at 03:30 PM

DD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Kyle Peer, Bob Harris, Phil Long, Diane DiPrete
Isenhart Irrigation District*

Diane DiPrete - April 12, 2010 at 12:22 PM

PH

“ Dearest Lori, Hannah, Heather, Shane, and Colt - Hey, sweetie, it's me, Harris. (Your old buddy from school days.) I am so sorry to hear about Mike. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Unbelievable. He was an amazing man and I feel blessed to have met him. Please take care and get in touch when you can. (MarkPacky@aol.com)
Hugs to all of you,
Harris

Packy Hester - April 10, 2010 at 01:35 PM



“ Donations to the Mike Arch Memorial fund benefiting the WHS Panther Booster Club can be sent payable to:
Panther Booster Club
Attn:Mike Arch Memorial
PO Box 2404 Wenatchee, WA 98807

Hannah Arch - April 10, 2010 at 10:57 AM



“ Lori & Family I Just Saw Mike At The Wild Game Friday, It Was Very Hard To Say goodbye, He Was The Best Man You Could Ever Asked For ,He Help The East wenatchee Water District Thur Some Very Hard Times In The Last 5 Mos, We Will Miss Him, He Did Have A Good Soul And heart For salvation Army. Mike McCourt

Mike McCourt - April 10, 2010 at 10:51 AM



“ I went to High School with Mike. He was larger than life on our campus. Confident, affable, fearless, smart. He drew people to him without being self promoting. Recently, It was my great pleasure to be reacquainted through our mutual HS friends this past year. Mike invited me to come over to Wenatchee for some golf this spring. I am sorry I will not see him again in this life. I have no doubt that he lives on in the spirit world, free from the vissicitudes of this life but regrettably parted from his dear loved ones.



David Hillestad - April 10, 2010 at 10:47 AM

SE

“ Dearest Lori, you don't know me but I am good friends with Brad and Joy. I only met Mike a few times at Applesox games but man... that guy CRACKED UP ME UP! When I saw him with Brad at a game last summer, I was laughing so much that I missed half the game! The people in my life who have been the dearest are the ones that make me laugh and he did a fine job and I'll always remember that day. I know Mike is in heaven doing stand-up because all of our greatest giving gifts go with us, and his gift of humor was priceless!

It's so hard to know what to say at times like this. Everything sounds canned and rehearsed. So I'll just say I love you and I'm praying for you and your family.

Love,
Shelley English

Shelley English - April 10, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ *Candle lit by*



Rick&Jodi Mehring - April 10, 2010 at 07:11 AM

JR

“ *Lori -- my mother called me tonight from Wenatchee to let me know of Mike's passing. You will have never heard of me but Mike was my catcher when we played Babe Ruth baseball together in Wenatchee a long time ago. Reading how people have described him, I can tell you that he had not changed at all from the Mike Arch that I knew as a young teenager. No surprise that he turned out to be a great lawyer, husband and father. Very sorry to hear that he is gone.*
John Rosendahl
Gig Harbor, WA

John Rosendahl - April 09, 2010 at 11:24 PM

BM

“ *Lori & family I worked for Mike at Jardine & Foreman (many moons ago). His bark was always much worse than his bite. He taught me alot and I repected him. I worked for Mike when he and Lori were married. He was truly smitten with you Lori. I have since moved to Illinois but will never forget Mike and how he lived and loved life. He will truly be missed. Take care Lori and remember the strong, funny, confident teddy bear that Mike was.*
Becky (Latimer) Metcalf

Becky Metcalf - April 09, 2010 at 09:55 PM

JH

“ *Lori & family- Leah and I are so so sorry to hear about your loss. We met Mike thru Shane and Heather and instantly formed a great friendship with him. Whether we were golfing, watching the M's at Safeco, hanging at Lake Chelan or most recently enjoying UW's run into the sweet 16, we always had a blast! Mike was a great guy and a true friend. We had some great times together over the years and he was a huge part of that! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Mike's family during this very difficult time. Leah and Jamie UP, WA.*

Jamie Hartley - April 09, 2010 at 04:24 PM

RE

“ We met Mike and Lori at Spencer's in the Seattle Airport Hilton three years ago. They were sitting behind us in the bar and heard we were heading for Hawaii the next morning. They were too!! To the same island. We spent most of the evening with them and had an absolute ball. They gave us their numbers to contact them when we got to Hawaii so we could do dinner to drinks. We lost their numbers and spent a long time trying to remember their last name so we could look them up in town. Then we thought, maybe we'll run into them somewhere and reconnect. Then last July, my husband and I had to retain an attorney to help us with dissolving our business partnership with a shareholder. Our corporate attorney sent us to Mike. When my husband walked into his office, they both looked at each other and said oh my gosh, where have you been!!! We were so excited that we found him. We talked about getting together for dinner and renewing our short friendship but business first. Lori, Mike helped us through a most difficult transition with kindness, friendship, humor, and always with a smile. He assured us that everything would work out and be ok. And it was. We saw him last week to finalize all the papers and he and my husband were talking about golfing when the weather got better. We are so shocked and saddened by this loss. Words can't express our deepest sympathies for you and your family. I hope in time we can reconnect for that dinner or drink and toast a wonderful, caring man who impacted our lives for the better in just the short time we spent with him.

Dan & Renee Eaton

Renee Eaton - April 09, 2010 at 03:40 PM

CH

“ Lori & Family - I cannot imagine the shock you must be in as Andy and I still cannot believe this sudden news. Andy just saw him at a hockey game and typical Mike he punched him in the shoulder and gave him a bad time. I missed him that night and I am so sorry now I didn't get to say hey one last time! Teddy bear is so right. I remember him terrifying me when I went to work for those guys 25 years ago! Then I ended up being the one to work for him because I learned there was nothing to be scared of cause he was all bark and no bite! So many memories. I still remember when he was getting ready to propose. He was so excited. Lori, you and the kids were his world! There is a big hole in the valley with him gone. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys right now. Take care!
Carolyn Hannas

Carolyn Hannas - April 09, 2010 at 03:33 PM

CH

“ My favorite memory of Mike is when I was pregnant with Kylie and my blood pressure was getting high. The doc said you have to avoid all stress or we are going to put you on bed rest. I went back to work and told Mike, "Listen you are going to need to not be yelling at me to come in your office all the time or I am going to have to go on bed rest." He was like no problem I can do that. Whatever it takes. The next day I had to go on bed rest cause there was no way he could deal with not yelling for me to run into his office for this or that. Still cracks me up cause he tried but it just was not in his nature. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this loss. I loved that guy and am going to miss seeing him at the Wild games.

Carolyn Hannas - April 09, 2010 at 02:57 PM

CH

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Carolyn Hannas - April 09, 2010 at 02:54 PM

TW

“ *Lori and family, I just wanted you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. This is such a shock to us all. We all loved Mike. I used to work for Mike way back when the firm was Jardine & Foreman. It was a pleasure working for him and will always remember his great stories and wonderful sense of humor. Tina Whitley*

Tina Whitley - April 09, 2010 at 02:44 PM