



## Michael P Smith

January 19, 2022

Michael Paul Smith, a father, friend, and helper to all, started his journey towards the Sky World on January 19, 2022. He was a member of the Haudenosaunee Onondaga Nation, Eel Clan.

Born in Syracuse on October 3, 1963, Michael grew up in Baldwinsville where he graduated from Charles W. Baker High School in 1981. He excelled in many sports, especially football, in which he played defensive end and cornerback. He then attended Cornell University, where he continued to play football and had an interest in architecture. He was known to friends as "Mr. Smiley" due to his nature to smile on all sorts of occasions, uplifting people's spirits.

Michael was a hard worker and started to work as an apprentice electrician at age 15 before joining the IBEW Local 43 union of electricians formally in 1990. His work can be seen today at the Carousel Center (Destiny USA), Syracuse University, Griffis Air Force Base in Rome, and many more projects. He was also quite proud in working to help build the Onondaga Nation Arena, Tsha' Hon'nonyen'dakhwa'. Indeed, Michael's craftsmanship can be seen all around Central New York, establishing long-lasting friendships with his co-workers and becoming Knapp Electric's most dedicated employee.

Michael always considered himself a simple man. If he could just help others

out with fixing up their house, or spend a Sunday in front of a Minnesota Vikings game on TV, he would be on top of the world. He had a headstrong, confident attitude about himself, which made him all the more willing to help people in need no matter how big the issue. He had a colorful, charismatic personality, which had helped him amass a gigantic friend network. His friends from Baldwinsville, to Cornell, to his weekend gatherings in Alexandria Bay, his work buddies, even total strangers; the tremendous outpouring of love and support shows that he meant something dear, deep to a community of peers.

His love also extended to animals, in which his spirit animal was deemed to be that of a turtle. Michael would always help turtles cross the road if he found one struggling, even if it would make him late for work. He was also an avid lover of Labradors; dogs Hannah and Bailey can find comfort that they will be greeted by their old master very soon. Michael was an admirer of nature, so much so that the city life didn't quite suit him. Loud noises, being closed in by skyscrapers, it was not part of his ideal living. He would rather be in the woods, or close to the river, where he could take a little walk, do some boating, and look at the stars with friends.

Michael was pre-deceased by his wife, Patricia Ann Chesbro-Smith, and fiancé Elizabeth Ann Tillery. Surviving are his wife Jennifer Fenton Charron; mothers, Janet Bengar and Eloise Giordano; his father, Vincent Giordano and wife Nancy; his brother, Vincent Giordano III and sister, Cynthia DeRubertis; his three sons, Derrick with wife Amanda, Brandon with daughter Mariah Rose Smith, and Austin with wife Mengshu; and countless other family members and friends who have been impacted by Michael's kindness and generosity.

To honor Michael's wishes, no formal funeral services are to be held. A Celebration of Life gathering is being planned for the Summer.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael P Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Often you don't know when a friendship starts, but Mike was such a positive person, he made you feel like a friend right away. I'll always remember his wonderful smile. He died way too soon and way too young, but I know he's at peace now in heaven.*

**Allan Coville** - May 09, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mike, I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to reconnect with you. I remember you always smiling back in high school. I know how happy you made Jennie which is a rare gift. You're positivity and light will be sorely missed. I wish you well on your new journey, enjoy walking with your pups again. Xo*

**Cyndi Cole** - January 27, 2022 at 01:19 PM



*RIP Brother.*

**Mark R.** - February 09, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Wow. All I can say is you were larger than life and I will miss you. Blessings to you and the new journey and as always I am sure you are bringing joy and love to those around you.*

**Rebecca Hutchinson** - January 27, 2022 at 09:17 AM

Ad  
Simmons

“ Dearest Michael, it's way too soon for you to have left us. You were one of the friendliest and upbeat person I have ever meet and I will miss you. I'll see you on the other side, and save a dance for me.  
Love, Adriane, Ilana, and David

Ad Simmons - January 26, 2022 at 06:29 PM

JJ

“ High school was only a moment ago but the calendar says 40 years. We always think we have more time or we think we can say, "Good-bye". I enjoyed saying, "Hello" to you Mike. Every time the wind blows I know it is you walking with the Great Spirit.

Joe Coleman, Jr. - January 26, 2022 at 04:03 PM

KJ

“ Michael you were a wonderful person and father as well as brother-in-law. I have never met such a caring, joyful and hardworking person willing to others. I have always been proud of the respect and admiration given by your sons as you, taught .them to become the wonderful "men" they are. Your time here ended too soon and you will be dearly missed. Love you.

Kathleen Johnson - January 26, 2022 at 03:31 PM

ER

“ I don't even know you Michael but I can tell you were an amazing father. The type of love and care you showed for your son is something to be recognized 🙏 we don't have enough active and loving fathers these days ❤️ Rest In Peace good sir 🙏❤️👉👉!!

erick - January 26, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Michael P Smith.



January 26, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ I worked with Mike at Penny Electric. It was a true pleasure to work along side of a master craftsman. Mikes work can also be seen at Northwest Fire District Station 3. RIP Mike. It was an honor to have known you.

John Halleron - January 26, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ My precious cousin Michael was larger than life, in SO many ways ~ Especially his heart, and loving, caring and giving ways! He meant so much to so many people! I'm so thankful we had more connection in the past several years! This is so shocking, tragic and sad beyond words! My thoughts are with his boys, Jenn, loved ones, family and friends! RIP Big Guy! I hope you knew how much you meant to us! <3



Cathy Kelsey - January 25, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ Bless you Michael Smith for always sharing a smile, kind word and positive attitude. You'll be missed by so many. RIP

Lee Pacini - January 25, 2022 at 01:25 PM