



Michael M. Gale

March 22, 1946 - February 25, 2014

Michael Melbourne Gale, 67, of LaFayette, New York, passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at Francis House after a courageous battle with cancer. He was employed as a truck driver for Onondaga County Dept. Of Transportation in Marcellus, New York and was previously employed by Allied Chemical, W.F. Saunders and Saulsbury Fire Equipment. Mike was a member of CSEA and an avid motorcycle enthusiast. He is survived by his wife, the former Charlene \"Char\" Kiehl; daughters, Dawn Gale of Auburn, New York and Diane (Tim) Wood of Charlotte, North Carolina; sons, Michael Gale Jr. of Fairmount, New York, David Gale of Fairmount, New York, Robert (Melanie) Willis of Cicero, New York and Scott (Tina) Willis of Concord, North Carolina; sister, Anne (Michael) Dennis of LaFayette, New York; brother, Kevin (Cheryl) Gale of LaFayette, New York; 15 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and two aunts in Salisbury, England. He was predeceased by his mother and father, Pearl and Vic Gale. Calling hours will be held Sunday, March 2, 2014, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York with a funeral service to immediately follow at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cardiff Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908, Hospice Of Central New York, 990 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, NY 13088 or Francis House, 108 Michaels Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13208.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael M. Gale*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart was so saddened upon learning not only of Mike's death, but also of his cancer. I had no idea. All of my family feels the loss, even though we lost touch with Mike over the years. he was a very best friend to Jerry, and never deserted him, even when Jerry wouldn't respond to Mike's efforts to stay a friend. Mike was part of my growing up--he and his girlfriends (and sometimes mine) would go on double dates with Jerry and me. he always told me he loved me when he saw me--as I'm sure he told many women who were special to his heart--and the last time I saw him, three or more years ago--he once again gave me a hug and a kiss. He is a presence I will sorely miss because he always made me feel so special when we met. I am so very sorry I missed visiting him at the end and even missed his funeral. I am ashamed. My kids remember Mike, too, and what a constant friend he was to their dad and grandparents.*

April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Char, and Kev, and Ann and your families, We are so very sad that our friend Mike is gone. He was one of a kind, and kind he was. He never forgot David--he often just swung in on his way by--to talk cycles with David & Rog, proudly beaming on his newest ride. He always gave us, (& importantly, David) something to smile about--the thrill of the smells & sounds of their mutual passion. Nearly every day, we didn't need to see him...but we heard his hello as we raised our arms to wave anyway \"Hi Mike !\" We hope he knew that we loved him, and we were always happy to see him. We will never forget him, and will miss his humor, his smile & exuberance for life and his loves. So ride on, Mike-to your hearts content, and to you we return your signature hello: \" beebie bee beebie, beep beep!\" With loving thoughts of you all, Rog, Sharon, David, Dan, & Sarah McElhannon

March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Anne and family - Danny told us about Michael. We are all so sorry for your loss and have you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Katie and Alice Stowell

March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mike was a character and will always remember our class reunion with him taking Mrs. DalPan for a ride on his bike. May he rest in peace.

March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Char and Gale Family, Mike was truly a special person in the life of K & H. A long time customer, friend and K & H family, We miss him already but believe true happiness is in the arms of the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are being sent to you to comfort your loss. God Bless you, Mike, Joan and Jeff Niswender K & H Employees

February 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



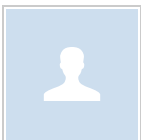
“ Charlene, Anne, Kevin and the entire family-we are so sorry for your loss. Take comfort each day, as we are doing after our loss, in the knowledge that Mike is pain free now. Love Marty and Rhonda

February 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Gale family.... We send our deepest condolences and prayers on your loss of Mike. We know he endured so much over the last few months, but now he will not have to suffer any longer. He is truly in a better place. Always hold those special memories in your heart as a comfort to you..... All our prayers to you, Carol & Stan Loson

February 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Char, Anne, Kevin and families, My deepest sympathy for your loss of Mike. He was always so enthusiastic about our class reunions and always willing to do something to help and contribute. Mike had a great memory and he created a lot of great memories. Greg Scammell

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mike\'s passing. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



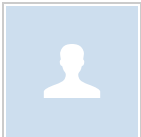
“ Charlene, Bob and Family I am so sorry for your loss, our prayers will be with you and your family.

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



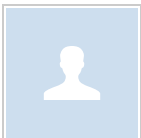
“ To the Gale family, I worked with Mike at the Marcellus shop, he was a great man always making you laugh. He will surely be missed. My prayers go out to your family.

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Charlene, I was saddened to read of Mike\'s passing. Please know I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Anne, Kevin, Char and family, we were so saddened to hear of Mike\'s passing after all he has had to endure these last many months. Praying it is a comfort to you all to know that he is no longer in pain and suffering tho\'...his journey to God is complete. I will always remember Mike for his sense of humor and loving to tease me! May your memories shared be a source of comfort to you all. Sandy and Bill

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family. I didn't know him personally but he sounded like a very good Father and Man.

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Anne, I was surprised and sorry to hear of Michael's death. I didn't know Mike as well as you but whenever I saw him in Green Hills he would always make a point of saying hello and chatting for a bit. Truly sorry to hear of his death. Sincerely, Eric

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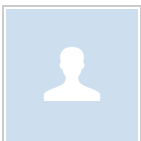
“ To the gale family. Our condolences and prayers for your loss of Mike. Mike is not suffering any more. Mike is in God's hands now and will be looking down on your family and friends

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Anne, So sorry to hear of Mikel's passing. He was a good lifelong friend and will truly be missed.

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Charlene, so very sorry to read of Mike's passing. I didn't realize that he had been ill. Thinking of you and your family. Judy

February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“Mike, Dave and Dawn... your dad was a good man and will be missed.. Know he is no longer suffering and is where god needs him... My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and the rest of family... much love to you all...

February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM