



Michael K. Erving

January 24, 1950 - January 24, 2009

COLUMBIA, NH – Mr. Michael K. Erving, 59, passed away at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, NH, early on his 59th birthday, January 24, 2009, with his loving wife, Barbara, at his side.

Born in Quincy, Mass., on January 24, 1950, the eldest of three children of John Erving and Clara (Cooper) Erving.

Michael was a 1972 graduate of UMass at Amherst and the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. He spent his working years as a landscape architect and he loved all aspects of agriculture and forestry. He and his wife also were cranberry growers and had their own cranberry bog in Middleboro, Mass., for many years. But his most favorite job was as an elf and as the head gardener for the past several years at Santa's Village in Jefferson, NH.

Michael was an eccentric who cared deeply about the outdoors and environmental issues. He loved any time he was able to spend in Sebring, Fl., on his pontoon boat, and he also was an accomplished sailor.

Michael leaves behind his beloved wife, Barbara (Pires) Erving, of Columbia, NH; his mother, Clara Erving, of Plymouth, Mass.; a sister, Anita Winter, of Plymouth, Mass.; and a brother, Peter Erving, of Plimpton, Mass.; as well as many nieces and nephews and multiple brothers- and sisters-in-law.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Erving.

At the family's request, there will be no calling hours. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Brendan's Church in Colebrook, NH, on Thursday, January 29, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. with The Reverend Craig Cheney as celebrant. An additional Memorial Mass will be said at the Holy Ghost Parish in Whitman, Mass., on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., with The Reverend John Swencki as celebrant.

Expressions of sympathy in Michael's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice, or in celebration of his life, he would wish that his friends be good to each other and to smile often when remembering him.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ Mike and I met in summer school when Mike was going into the eighth grade and I was going into the seventh grade. With both of us growing up on Harvard Street, we became life-long friends. As we grew up older and many of us had families, sometimes we would distance apart. To Mike’s credit, he always kept in contact. It was not unusual to talk to Mike on the phone for over an hour. After telling me what was going on in his life, he was always genuinely interested in what was going on with my family and me. I feel very fortunate that I had one of those calls the Sunday before Mike passed away. We had Mike on speakerphone for about two and a half hours. It was like Mike was sitting at the kitchen table with us having a cup of coffee. I’m going to miss you Mike, may God bless you.

Charlie Poole##imported-begin##Charlie Poole##imported-end##

February 09, 2009 at 02:16 PM



“ We will miss the talks on the phone and all the good times we had growing up. I just wish we had come up to see you and Barbara even through the busiest of times. Your spirit is always with us as is your smile and laughter over so many things. You will be greatly missed.

Love,

Pete & Cinda##imported-begin##Peter & Cinda Bailey##imported-end##

February 06, 2009 at 08:29 AM



“ Barb, may you find comfort in all the wonderful memories. I have been thinking about you often and your strength and love will guide you forward. Love, Mia###imported-begin##Mia West###imported-end##

February 05, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. If there is anything we can do don't hesitate to call. (922-3426)

Kathy & Ronnie###imported-begin##Ron Franco & Kathy Zouras###imported-end##

February 01, 2009 at 11:06 PM



“ Barb,
My sincere sympathy in the loss of your dear husband.
Linda Poulin###imported-begin##Linda Poulin###imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 11:46 PM



“ Hi Barb: I am was so sorry to hear about your husband. I know you deal with this every day, but cannot imagine losing your husband so young. I just wanted to let you know, I am thinking of you and please take care of yourself. Sherry###imported-begin##Sherry Fish###imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 09:36 PM



“ Dear Barby,

I'm so sorry about Mike's passing. I'll miss the nice conversations that I had with Mike on the phone. I know that he is watching over all of us. Love, Tia Lilia##imported-begin##Tia Lilia##imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 07:17 PM



“ DEAR BARBY, WE are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. But it was a great pleasure to have known him even though we didn't see him often, we'll always remember the times we were all together, and the family all together. It's amazing he'll get to meet HIS maker on his birthday! You have great faith & GOD see you through these difficult times. We love you, take care.

AUNTIE JEAN & UNCLE RONNIE##imported-begin##Auntie Jean##imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 12:46 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Joe and Susan (Garcia) Holbrook##imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 07:05 AM



“ Hi Barb & Family,
I was so shocked to hear about Mikes passing. Jeanie e-mailed the info to me. You have our deepest sympathy, we pray God holds each and everyone of you in the palm of his hand through this difficult time.
In Jesus' Love, Cousin Steve, Donna, Carrie & Keith Garcia
From Virginia & Florida###imported-begin##Stephen Garcia###imported-end##

January 29, 2009 at 07:42 PM



“ Dear Barbara, I feel your loss as I have been there, but they would want us to go on with a smile. Just remember the good times and the funnier times as I have, and it helps. Love, Gloria###imported-begin##Gloria O'Keefe###imported-end##

January 29, 2009 at 04:39 PM



“ Dinga Barby, It's been a long and trying road the past year for you and Uncle Mike. As you look back on the past year, we are certain you have some of the best memories to cherish as well as some sad. Our hearts and spirits are with you and Uncle Mike. We only hope that he will continue to live in your heart and life as your own guardian angel.###imported-begin##Jess, Izzy and Ariana###imported-end##

January 29, 2009 at 09:15 AM



“ *Barby, I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike is resting peacefully now with our lord. I spoke with Joan Nesse and she asked me to give her condolences and she would be thinking of you. Take care. Love, Karen*###imported-begin###Cousin Karen###imported-end##

January 28, 2009 at 09:16 PM



“ *We were very sorry to hear of Michael's passing. Please accept our sympathies.*###imported-begin###Ron & Marie Parker###imported-end##

January 28, 2009 at 09:07 PM



“ *We really will miss Michael at Santa's Village. He was so helpful and kind to all of us. We read his obituary, and feel honored that he enJOYed working with us. We certainly appreciated his work, and his laid-back nature. He was a great man, and all who knew Michael were amazed at his knowledge and caring. We have many good memories, and lots of spots at SV that he made more beautiful. Thank you, Michael!*###imported-begin###Mike and Elaine Gainer###imported-end##

January 28, 2009 at 04:30 PM



“ Barb, you and Mike have both been so strong and brave over the last year and a half. I will always be amazed at his strength and bravery to have tried so hard and endured so much. I know Mike's with God, now out of pain and smiling down on you. Know we love you and are here for you when you need us, Tina, Mac and Tommy.##imported-begin##Mac and Tina MacFarlane##imported-end##

January 28, 2009 at 07:55 AM



“ Barb, we're sending you and Mike,all our love. you are and Mike will always be forever in our hearts. with love, Donna and Ken##imported-begin##donna and ken##imported-end##

January 27, 2009 at 07:57 PM



“ Barbara, I was deeply saddened to hear of Michael's passing. He was truly an interesting man and I enjoyed talking with him. My sincere sympathy to you and your family.
Ellen Zemeitus, Debbie Blais Real Estate##imported-begin##Ellen Zemeitus##imported-end##

January 27, 2009 at 07:27 PM



“ Dear Barby,

*All your Florida family & friends send love & prayers. You know those "Okee" folks don't use email much!
We all loved Mike and will miss him, but so glad to have known him.
Take Care of yourself now..and let others help you.
Love,
Sheila & Bob##imported-begin##Sheila & Bob Taylor##imported-end##*

January 27, 2009 at 05:07 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your family. Mike was a great guy and we enjoyed giving you a hard time when he was in the hospital. Have many laughs and cry many tears and they both make you feel better. We love you and we're here if you need us##imported-begin##Bonnie Day /Arleen Douglas##imported-end##*

January 27, 2009 at 03:49 PM



“ *Barb, Our hearts go out to you and your family. You have been the strength that Mike needed to get through his ordeal and now God has taken him under his wing. May memories be a source of comfort and time be a healer. God bless you. Bette & Ron##imported-begin##Bette and Ron Guerin##imported-end##*

January 27, 2009 at 01:29 PM



“ Mike was very fortunate to have such a loving wife and family. You are a truly amazing person who can always look on the brighter side of things, an attribute that not everyone has. I wish you peace, love and happiness. May Mike rest in peace and make the gardens in heaven more beautiful!

May the best of your past be the worst of your future! Peace and love, Stephen##imported-begin##Stephen Brooks##imported-end##

January 27, 2009 at 01:07 PM



“ We enjoyed knowing Mike, even though it was for such a short time. Rob was learning that he and Mike had very similar interests. Our thoughts are with you as they have been over this past year. May your memories of your life with Mike keep you happy and smiling as I am certain he is now happy with God and His angels...probably keeping the heavenly gardens beautiful!

We love you....Sharon and Rob##imported-begin##Sharon & Rob Baum##imported-end##

January 27, 2009 at 07:46 AM



“ Barb,
Earlier Rick left Mike a message here. I was so amazed as that is not Rick. But so touched. You are such a strong and amazing woman. We know that your heart is broken. No matter how much faith we have were never prepared for this. Know that you will be okay, remember all the good, bad and ugly. Laugh and cry out loud! This is the beginning of a new journey for you and for Mike. You were Blessed to have one another, but Barb this is not the end. We wish we were there for you. Thank you for sharing a beautiful love and friendship with us.
Love You,###imported-begin###Frederik L. & Sharron E. Semon Sr.###imported-end###

January 26, 2009 at 09:23 PM



“ Barby,
We know this past year has been a long a difficult time for you and Mike. We have been amazed at Mike's strength and determination to fight every step of the way. You are both such an Inspiration of Love and Devotion to each other. Now that his fight is over, his pain is gone, and he is at peace, I hope You can find comfort and peace in the Love of your family. We are all here for you always. Our continued thoughts "Happy ones" and prayers are with you.
Anna & Family :)###imported-begin###Anna, Artie & Family###imported-end###

January 26, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ Gloria and I are so glad we were able to visit with Mike and Barbara just last year. He was so proud to show us Santa's Village where he worked. He really took great pride in his gardening there. Mike and I would talk every weekend on the phone. I will miss our conversations greatly.##imported-begin##Dave and Gloria Crowley##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 07:26 PM



“ Mike,
Yu are forever in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Thsnk you for allowing us to be apart of you. You gave us so much laughter, and joy. We miss you so much.
So Until we meet again, safe journey and God's Blessing's.
Thanks for the Memories,
Rick and Sharron
Cherokee##imported-begin##Frederick & Sharron Semon Sr.##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 06:56 PM



“ Barbara- Michael and I are very sorry of you loss. Mike was a wonderful man and we are glad we got to know him. Love, Michael and Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa & Michael Godzyk##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 08:31 AM



“ *I know your heart is broken and in time it will lessen, just know that I love you and will keep you in my prayers. Barb, you are an amazing woman and do so much for others, take time for you.*

Love ya. LD##imported-begin##Lisa Davis##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 08:12 AM