



## Michael Laskey

August 2, 1967 - October 5, 2023

Michael Xavier Laskey, 56, of Maumee, Ohio passed away October 5th, 2023 due to a car accident. He was born August 2nd, 1967 in Toledo, Ohio to his parents John and Rallene Laskey. Mike was number six of eight children, a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend. Mike was a proud graduate of St. John's Jesuit High School, embodying the motto "A man for others" throughout his life. He attended Ohio State University 1985-1988, and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He transferred to Bowling Green State University and graduated with a BA in Communication and Marketing, where he used his degree and skills in every aspect of his life. Woven into Mike's DNA was an unconditional service to others and dedication to helping them achieve their goals. He was an avid reader, always growing and improving himself. He loved to exercise, bike, ski, roller blade and travel, making new lifelong friends everywhere he went.

For Mike, family and friends were the greatest joys in life. He cherished his bonds with his parents, siblings, and the extended Laskey family, and he had a remarkable ability to be genuine and make everyone feel valued and loved, filling every gathering with infectious laughter. He believed in meaningful relationships, always interested in "who" people were. All of his efforts had the same common goal . . .to bring people together.

Mike was quite the jokester, he was a clown without the makeup. Donning costumes to raise money for various charities, ill friends and even to help someone propose marriage, anything for a laugh. He was definitely

comfortable in his own skin.

He had an unwavering entrepreneurial spirit and had more ideas than Thomas Edison, brimming with new ideas daily. He owned Toledo T's a screen printing company from 1993-2003 and then owned and managed The Business Advantage newspaper from 2003-2007. He used his love for words to not only inform the Toledo community but also unite people-a common thread in all his endeavors. Most recently he became a driver for Amazon, a job that brought him so much joy, through his "crew" members and the customers he got to interact with. He loved "delivering happiness."

From 2000 to 2023, philanthropy and volunteer work played a significant role in Mike's life. He mentored with Big Brothers & Big Sisters and served as a spiritual guide to Toledo's disadvantaged youth. He gave his time to many, many other organizations, he volunteered everywhere he went, never needing to be asked.

Mike leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and service. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew him, but his spirit will continue to inspire us to be better friends, better family members, and better human beings. He will be remembered not only for his humor and wit but for his dedication to bringing people together and his tireless commitment to making the world a better place.

Mike is preceded in death by his mother Rallene Laskey, brothers Greg and Bill Laskey and nephew Jon Foster. He is survived by his father John Laskey, step mother Gretta Laskey; sisters Chris Foster, Laurie Laskey, Gaylene Klotz, Kelly (Matt) Mangas and Kori Clausen; brothers Steve (Jeanette) Laskey, Brett Laskey, and Jason Keefer; his "Little Brother" Shon'Dell Gibson, who brought him so much joy; as well as 17 nieces, nephews, and several cousins that he was very close to.

A visitation Celebration of Life will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, Ohio 43614 on Sunday October 22nd from 12-4 p.m. followed by a gathering at The Pinnacle. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to <<https://gofund.me/e3dda6cd>> in Michael's

memory, continuing his legacy of service to others. Please view Mike's video tribute, leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

Rest in peace, dear Mike. You will be deeply missed, but your legacy, smile and warmth will live on in the countless lives you touched. Gone but never forgotten.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Celebration of Life

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM.

The Pinnacle

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ Mike and I became friends and family sometime back. He was cool, smart, intelligent, funny and very in your face at times as well. I will truly miss this wonderful human being. R.I.P my brother. You will truly be missed. My condolences to the entire Laskey family.

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**Tyrone Glover** - November 29, 2024 at 01:08 PM

TM

“ All of us who crossed paths with Mike through the years will have a smile on our face when we think of him. I knew him as the good and kind man he was from the day I met him as a freshman at St. John's to the last time I saw him in Toledo a few years ago. He touched so many lives with his love for life and sincere interest in being a true "man for others." Mike, the world is a lesser place without you.

*Best always,  
Tim Matheney*

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**Tim Matheney** - October 24, 2023 at 03:47 PM

CL

“ Chad L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Laskey.

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**Chad L.** - October 22, 2023 at 11:28 PM

GF

“ So saddened to learn of Mike’s tragic accident. Mike was by my side when I started Ontrac Systems in the early 90’s. Mike was full of energy and never short of creative marketing ideas as we built a successful company. Smiling, happy, caring and compassionate describe Mike. The world needs more Mike’s. He is with the his Lord now and i will always have fond memories of my times with him. I feel bad that I cannot be present at his memorial but he is already present in my prayers. Godspeed Mike.  
Cousin Gregg.

Gregg Fleck - October 21, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Laskey.

October 21, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Laskey.



October 20, 2023 at 05:45 PM

MC

“ Gretta and Laurie, you are in my heart and prayers. So very sorry for your loss.

Mary Curnutte - October 20, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Laskey.



October 19, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Laskey.

October 19, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - October 19, 2023 at 10:08 AM



*The many faces of Mike - our beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend. May you rest in the loving arms of those gone before you. You were so loved . . . this is the most wonderful, loving tribute your family could give you. Love you forever Mike, Gretta*

**Gretta Laskey** - October 19, 2023 at 03:54 PM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - October 18, 2023 at 01:49 PM

NW

*Mike was by far the most genuine person I have met in my life, he had a real gift of making the people around him feel accepted and seen. I will miss you beyond belief, I love you bud. God speed on your new journey*

NathanSaVon R. Williams - October 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM

MS

“ *Godspeed, mi Amigo, Michael. Oraciones a su familia y amigos. Recuerdos siempre.*

Magdalena Skiles - October 17, 2023 at 01:19 PM

TH

“ *So sad to learn of Mike's passing. I'm so glad I was able to get together with Mike for dinner a few months ago, we enjoyed many laughs as we reminisced about old memories. Mike was a great friend, and will be missed by all. RIP, SJJ 1985! Todd Haynes*

Todd Haynes - October 15, 2023 at 08:12 PM

KF

“ *I second Jude's comments which were insightful - I attended SJ with Mike and have many great memories - RIP*

Kevin Ford - October 15, 2023 at 02:12 PM

MD

“ Michael was a kind and genuine soul, which is rare in this world today. He was truly something special and I am blessed to of have known him for the short time that we worked together. His presence will be missed by all who knew him. Rest In Peace Mike.

Michael Dotson - October 13, 2023 at 09:17 PM

WL

“ Wallick Construction, LLC purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Michael Laskey.



Wallick Construction, LLC - October 13, 2023 at 11:15 AM

WL

“ Wallick Construction, LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Laskey.

Wallick Construction, LLC - October 13, 2023 at 11:15 AM

SM

“ As a colleague of Michael's at Amazon, I really enjoyed our conversations. When the news about his passing was shared with us, I immediately teared up. I already miss his presence at work, as well as the jars of "Sea Moss" he gave me, always refusing my willingness to pay him for his time, the ingredients, jars/lids, etc.

What a great soul he was, truly rare in this day in age. I'm 53 years young and Michael and I would share stories to the past, especially the 80s!!!

May Michael rest in peace in God's Kingdom...

Scott Miller - October 12, 2023 at 09:42 PM

JF

“ I’m sure gonna miss seeing Michael’s smiling face at work, he was a truly pure soul.



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**Jeremia frederick** - October 12, 2023 at 09:21 PM

MK

“ I knew Mike through so many different stages of our lives. Grade school, high school, college. He was so supportive when my mother was taken early, and there again when my father passed not so long ago. A great sense of humor and infectious laugh. And an underlying kindness. Rest in peace old friend.

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**Michael Knorek** - October 12, 2023 at 03:16 PM

JM

“ Mike was one of my first friends, starting in the first grade at OLPH, through St. Johns, Ohio State and into our adult lives. We grew up less than a half mile apart, too many memories to share growing up with Mike, the Laskey family & messing around the neighborhood. Always a joker and always vulnerable, his way of getting his friends to talk about real issues. I loved that about him. I will miss you, Mike. Rest in Peace.

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**Jude Mariea** - October 12, 2023 at 03:04 PM

JK

“ He was my brother, my best friend, and my mentor...And a total goofball! I love you buddy, J

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**Jason Keefer** - October 12, 2023 at 02:28 PM

JA

“ *Such a nice guy from a wonderful family...fly high Michael.*

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**Jeff Arman** - October 12, 2023 at 01:35 PM