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Michael Bird Obituary

Michael L. Bird, 47, of Avon, passed away peacefully at home to be with the Lord on July 17, 2020 after a 3 year battle with cancer. He was born November 1, 1972 in Oberlin, and was a 1991 graduate of Elyria High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society. While at EHS, Mike earned 3 letters in baseball and 2 in football. During his senior season he set 2 passing records as the Pioneers' quarterback and was named to the All-County and All-Conference teams. In baseball, he earned All-County, All-Conference and All-District honors. During the summers, he enjoyed playing American Legion baseball for 3 years, and once pitched a no-hitter for his Elyria team. He went on to attend Ashland University on a partial baseball scholarship and later transferred to Ohio Wesleyan University where he continued his baseball career. As a senior, he was named to the All-Conference team for the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC). He also established the record for the lowest career ERA in the NCAC, a record which still stands today. Academically, he graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1996 with a Bachelor's degree in Economics Management. Mike has been employed as a sales manager, most recently at the Brunswick office of Electric Power Systems. Mike was devoted to his family. He dedicated many hours to coaching his sons' baseball, basketball and football teams. He was a lifelong fan of all Cleveland sports teams, the Ohio State Buckeyes and more recently, the Avon Eagles. Mike enjoyed traveling with his family, particularly to the ocean shore. He also relished many hours at his family's Lake Erie cottage. With his many friends, he enjoyed playing golf, attending various sporting events, and participating in fantasy football. Mike was a member of the former Saint Paul United Church of Christ, where he served on Church Council, and the Lorain County Historical Society, where he volunteered at various fundraising events. Mike is survived by his wife of 14 years, Nicole (nee Hepburn); sons, Branson and Colton;



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parents, William and Janet Bird of Elyria; a brother, Bryan Bird of Strongsville; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and his beloved rescue dog Lucky. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Evalyn Bird and Wayne and Edith Palmer. Private services for the family will be at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Ave., Elyria with Reverend Kathryn Ketchum officiating. Burial will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery. A celebration of life for family and friends is planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to ZERO-The End of Prostate Cancer, 515 King Street, Suite 420, Alexandria, VA 22314

<https://support.zerocancer.org> OR The Lorain County Dog Kennel, 301 Hadaway Street, Elyria, Ohio 44035 <http://www.loraincounty.us/commissioners-departments/dog-kennel/make-a-donation> OR The Gathering Place, 23300 Commerce Park, Beachwood, Ohio 44122 <https://www.classy.org/give/156105>

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JB

Jenny Bliss posted:

I did not know your Michael, but I know the rest of the family thru church. I am sorry for your loss and offer prayers for healing and comfort.

August 11 at 8:00 PM

MQ

Michelle (Frazier) Qualls posted:

Dear Bird Family, Our entire family was heartbroken to hear of your great loss. We pray the Lord gives you strength & comfort during this time. We have many wonderful memories growing up & playing ball on Eastern Heights with Mike. Along with my brother, parents, cousins & the entire Frazier family, our hearts are with you ALL. May God Bless You.

July 28 at 8:00 PM

ND

Nance Donnelly posted:

I had Mike in my class and knew his family from my time teaching at Elyria High. Mike was the epitome of the All-American Boy: just an all-around nice guy, so friendly to everyone and hardworking at whatever he did. This is an immeasurable loss for his loved ones, I know. I am so very sorry.

July 25 at 8:00 PM

DB

Dawn Brandenburg posted:

Dear Bill, We grieve for all of you. To lose a child, is the most dreaded of all experiences. I pray that you will somehow find peace and strength to continue on, as I am sure Mike would have wanted you to. I pray for your family in this tremendously difficult time. Mike was quite an athlete, and surely an good good man. Chris survived prostate cancer, unlike his father. We will be contributing to the the Zero Society in Micheal"s name. Sincerely, Dawn and Christopher Brandenburg

July 23 at 8:00 PM

JS

Jack Strauss posted:

Bill and Family: Deepest Sympathy, so sorry for your loss. Jack Strauss

July 23 at 8:00 PM



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JC

Joan Nielsen Crow posted:

Bill and Janet, I am so sorry for your loss. I am sure many of your old classmates from McKinley to EHS, also send their condolences. In our prayers.

July 22 at 8:00 PM

SS

Sandra Sorg posted:

Bill & Janet, I remember Michaels first day coming to church holding your hands as you walked to his Sunday school classroom, and his singing in our childrens choir. A special memory for me was Michael, George King and my Kevin as they sang a song in the Vinegar Boy program. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Sandy Sorg

July 21 at 8:00 PM

KO

Kaye Oswald posted:

Dear Nikki, Janet, Bill, Bryan and family, My heart breaks for all of you. Mikes beautiful light was taken way too soon. Im so sorry. May God hold you close in the days ahead. Hugs and love. Kaye Oswald

July 21 at 8:00 PM

JM

Jeff, Lisa & Max Mcveigh posted:

Nikki, Branson & Cole, We are so, so sorry about the loss of Mike. He was an awesome person, father and great neighbor. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. -The McVeigh family

July 21 at 8:00 PM

RI

Roger And Jo Ingles posted:

We are so sorry for the Bird family. Mike was such a special young man. I feel so fortunate to have shared a part of his life. Praying for the family and friends. We will miss you Mike.

July 21 at 8:00 PM

GH

Gerald Henson posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless.

July 20 at 8:00 PM



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