

Michael Sean Lancaster

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To the Lancaster family. Been many years since we have seen any of you. We are sorry for your loss of such a great kid.

- Doug and Kathy Johnson

Mike was a very special guy and i will miss him deeply.I met him through the pipe community back in 2010ish (can't remember exactly). We quickly became close buds and eventually business partners in Tobacco Pipe Collectors. He even stayed at my house for a few weeks while on his great California adventure and then again on an other trip out here years after. He was and still is the easiest house guest I've ever had. While on his last visit, he eyed a pipe i had made, "The Shmoo" from the old Lil Abner comics in the 40s. He fell in love with it. It was a silly pipe but he looked at it almost like a pet, so i lent it to him indefinitely :) Mike always found joy in ridiculous and childish things and especially in simple moments. This is where we found kinship i suppose. I remember we filmed a funny "ice bucket challenge" YouTube video while he was here as well. I still watch it today for laughs. Over the past few years we had fewer and fewer conversations as Mike stepped away from social media to spend more time with Sophia and Chase. I always admired him for his dedication to family. I always thought we would get a second crack at TPC and we spoke at great length about it in recent years. I send notice to the pipe community of his passing after I found out a few days ago and was stunned at how many of our old buddies came out the woodwork. Hundreds of well wishes, toasts, dedications , stories, and condolences to the family were posted. All of us were very shocked. He was a tough cookie and I know he didn't want anyone to worry about him (easiest house guest syndrome :) . I always thought I'd get a chance to link up again and I suppose that's what most of us left behind always say. I'm just happy he was surrounded by family during this tough time and I know he loved you all very much. He influenced a generation of pipe smokers and will be forever integral to the history of our hobby. If the family every needs anything, feel free to reach out. Our community is here to help in any way we can. The service was beautiful and I think Mike would be pleased. May your grief pass quickly and Mikes memory last forever.❤■

- Chris Morgan

We hung out in high school alot and he was a great guy my sincerest condolences

- Sterling Johnson

Hope and Q. I am so sorry! Wish I was there to give you both big hugs!! Love you!

- LaMont & Kathie Carpenter

Oh I am lost for words, Hope I am so sorry for your loss. You both were so happy together, made for each other, perfect fit! WTF!!! CANCER SUCKS!!!! Love always.

- Kevin & Marsha Legg

Mike had a huge heart and loved animals in need. Frankie sends his love Mike. We all send our love to you and to Hope.

- Jode

An admirable man I communicated with over the pond, and one who'll remain on my thoughts, I still have the gifts Mike sent me years ago, may you rest peacefully man, much love to the family and friends, my recall of him will be forever with affection and respect. AD

- ADz Pipes

I offer my deepest condolences to Michael's family; I am so sorry for your loss.

- Lou Carbone, NY Pipe Club

I only had the pleasure of meeting Mike in person once. But he made a big impression on everyone he met. I knew him mainly through online communities, and his impact is felt worldwide by the many who knew him.

- JW

We met, like so many pipers, via YouTube and became fast friends. I’m glad I was able to hang at several pipe shows with you (Vegas and Chicago). Damn, we had fun! I still have my TPC Lifelong Member card and have no plans on getting rid of it. So many of us will remember you fondly as we pack and light our pipes. I’m going to miss your video sign-off, and I’ll say it to you as I end here… “Sweet Smokes” -Leejen

- pipingainteasy

I didn't know Mike personally, but wanted everyone to know that this generous man sent me a pipe when I was deployed to Iraq out of the goodness of his heart. This man really cared about people and loved his family. I always enjoyed his humor and appreciation of avant garde pipes. My condolences to his friends and family, he was a tremendous person and will be missed dearly by all. See you on the flip side Mike, Sweet Smokes.

- Matthew Hodges

Anyone who knew Mike was lucky. He was such a sweet soul. He made my friend so happy and when Mike was around we all had fun for sure!!! .My deepest condolences to his beautiful family .. I wish we didn't have to meet under these circumstances but it was sure nice talking and getting to know you. I know Mike is taken care of up RIH

- Amy Gillett

Going to miss you Mike. I can't really think of all my years going on scout campouts with you there with your contagious laugh not busting us all up :) Haven't seen you in years and I'm sad for that, but I'm glad to know that you aren't in pain and suffering any longer. Prayers to your family that you leave behind - the wait to be reunited with your dad, husband, brother, son, etc. might be longer than any of us would like, but I promise that in that day of reuniting, all we've been through will be worth it!

- Kevan Hancock

RIP Mike.

- Rick black