

Michael Todd Jacobsen

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My heart aches for your family as you grieve Michael. I'll remember his kindness, talent and how fun he was to be around. I am grateful to have known him for a short time and am holding you all in my thoughts.

- Leslie VandeMerwe

Cristi, I am heart broken to hear what happened to Michael. He was a wonderful, smart, and kind person. I want you to know how much we loved you and your family, and even though we live all the way in DC, please let us know what we can do to help. I know Michael is in the arms of his Savior, and I am praying that he is getting the peace that he was looking for. With Love from, Tom, Julynette, and Felix

- Tom Bowker

Jacobsen Family; My heart is with you during this time. Mike was one of my best friends growing up and although it's been a while since I've seen him I'll always cherish the memory of him and your family and the times I spent with you all. I currently live in Seattle now so I am unable to attend the funeral, but please know I am with you all in spirit and mourning. I love you all and wish you comfort, healing, and peace during this difficult time. Hunter Halverson

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My dearest condolences to the family. Michael was a great classmate and student. He was so involved in a community project in campus. He was always so eager to help and ready to collaborate when needed. A generous and kind human being. Thank you for all you did this semester Michael. We will miss you and keep you in our hearts forever.

- Daniela

I wish I had the right words. I know Michael as a kind, intelligent person. It saddened me to hear he had passed. The world needs more people like Michael. His time here was too short and the world won't be the same without him. My deepest sympathies to Michael's family and friends.

- Jordan Nigh

To Michael's family and friends, I'm so sorry for your loss. I've known Michael since elementary school, and I have so many fond memories of telling stories, talking about astronomy, and playing video games together. As a kid, I was often ostracized for being different, but Michael was consistently kind to me because I know he felt the same way. We became close friends throughout high school as a result. I heard the news that Michael had passed away from one of his astronomy professors at the University of Utah. Michael was the type of person who left a huge impact wherever he went, his passion and talent exploding out of every seam. I don't think he knew the magnitude of the positive impact he had on the Universe. By being kind and unafraid to share his passions with the world, Michael turned himself into a hurricane of positive force that inspired so many people to do the same. Be kind to others. Be passionate about your interests. Be yourself. Change the world.

- Julie Imig

My heart is broken hearing the news about Michael. He is one of the most genuine and authentic people I know; the world needs more people like him. I had the privilege of being in his honors class for a semester, and I always appreciated his passion and kindness. Whether it was in passing, or inside the classroom, he was always easy to talk to. A year later, I still remember the intricacies of the small interactions I had with him. I say this not as a formality, but as something from the bottom of my heart, Michael was a one in a million kind of person. I'm so beyond grateful to have learned from Michael, and will always remember him.

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As a fan of Michael's YouTube channel, it's an absolute shame to see his life cut off this short. He was a massive inspiration to me as a person and in my own works as well. He was very much someone dripping with creativity and intelligence, and that gave his content a style that very few YouTubers, even those in similar fields, could replicate. While I may not have been able to attend his funeral, I cherish the memory of him and his influence with me.

- Elzbeta

My heart can't even imagine how difficult to have someone you love so much suffer! Read the post about the New Year… you have a gift in articulating powerful feelings! Terribly sorry for your loss!

- Jill Manfull

Today is the anniversary of Michael's passing, and I will be visiting his final resting place this morning here in Salt Lake. I had the privilege of working with Michael as his mentor in the UofU's College of Science where he worked as a science writer intern. He was a fine writer, an empathic interviewer of his subjects and he had a strong voice as a storyteller. His stories were frequently posted and appeared in print magazines. His work at the U lives on at science.utah.edu. His final article posted the week that he died. Fittiningly, it was about the new observatory and the weekly public "star parties" that were reconvening after a lengthy pause atop the new Applied Science building on campus. I miss you, Michael. I send my condolences to his family and friends, many of whom followed his brilliant, entertaining gaming work and exceptional storytelling on YouTube. To the stars!

- David Pace