



Michael T McClenning

August 12, 1945 - April 18, 2011

Michael T. McClenning passed away suddenly on April 18, 2011, at Medcenter One Hospital. Services will be held Friday, April 22, at 11:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church in Bismarck with the Rev. Jake Kincaid officiating. Mike was born on August 12, 1945, in Clinton, Iowa. His parents were Harold and Dorothy McClenning. He grew up in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1963 and from the University of Iowa in 1968. In 1967 he married Sue DeWitt and they had two sons, Michael Jr. and Mark. The family lived in Davenport, Iowa until 1981 and then moved to Bismarck. Mike worked as the sales manager for Cole Papers of Bismarck/Mandan until his retirement in 2008. Mike enjoyed books, baseball, music and movies. He loved animals, enjoying his pet dogs and cats throughout his adult life. Mike was always on the lookout for stray animals to help. Mike is survived by his wife Sue and two sons, Michael Jr. Barb of Vermillion, South Dakota and Mark Jona of Mandan. Also surviving are three brothers, Jim, Dennis, and Chuck McClenning and a sister, Peggy Turner, of Iowa.

His parents preceded Mike in death. Memorials may be made to the Central Dakota Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Sue & children, Dennis, Jim, Chuck & Peggy My deepest condolences, thoughts & prayers go out to you. I never had the chance to meet my cousin but from all I have heard Mike was a gentle, kind man. May God hold you all in the palm of His hand now & in the future.

Betty Lou Friis-Halcomb - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Sue, I am so sorry to hear the loss of your husband. My deepest sympathies.

Elaine Kappenman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Peggy, Jim, Dennis & Chuck~ My prayers and thoughts are with you. When I baby sat the younger boys Michael was always there to help and go pick up dinner at Chuck's in Lyons. He was always so pleasant and thoughtful.

Kaywyn Friis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mike had such a contagious laugh. Growing up was an adventure, living with Mike, and he had a way of always making me laugh. I always knew when he was watching the Three Stooges. You could hear his laugh a mile away. Mike is still laughing now, with joy, at the foot of Jesus. I can hear our Lord saying "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Dennis McClenning - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I had the honor of going on a mill trip with Mike and other cole reps that's when i got to know his humor side. he was a very special person and my thoughts and prayers are with the Family. invite the lord into your hearts and let him help comfort you. Remember the good times like I have. Jeff Eisenbeisz/Cole Papers Aberdeen

JEFF EISENBEISZ - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Sue and the family. Mike was a great person and I enjoyed knowing him. I can clearly remember the day I showed him around the Fargo offices as we began the interview process. He did a great job for many yrs at Cole Papers and served his customers well.

Chuck Perkins - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I remember Mike through HS and then at Iowa, where we took an early-morning statistics class together. We both loved blues bands, and we may have hoisted a beer or two, also. A good guy in every way, through and through; a gentle giant with a great sense of humor and not a mean bone in his body. I'm sad that you're gone, Mike, but I'm glad I had the chance to know you.

Bud Matthews - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I really enjoyed working with Mike for so many years at Cole. He will be truly missed. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Julie Crispell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Sue I was so very sorry to hear about your husband. Prayers are with you and your family.

Linda coop shinn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ When Mike was our salesperson for BPS I enjoyed the conversations we had. He was a kind and understanding person. Mike will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him. My prayers are with his family.

Coral Snyder - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ You will be missed!!

cathy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM