



## Michael Alen Collier

July 5, 1955 - May 28, 2017

An Angel has fallen his wings are clipped; the door has opened where a new life begins. He has returned to Heaven with our elder brother Jesus, may his journey be swift. Michael Alen Collier (aka: Richard Albert Hathaway Jr.), 62, of Grantsville Utah, passed away on Sunday May 28, 2017 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Michael was born in Lowell, MA on July 5, 1955 to Richard and Irene Hathaway. He was married to Tonya Dorene (Bair) Collier. They were married in the San Diego Temple on Saturday, May 20, 2006.

Michael was a veteran of the US Army 1973-1976 and was very passionate about being a veteran and educating people on being a true patriot. It broke his heart to see flags and this country and it's veterans abused or not respected. Michael was a very accomplished chef and cake decorator. He started off in the Army at age 17 where he went through their master training course. After serving 3 years he came home to spread his wings at anything that was artistic; costume design, interior decorating, painting, sculpting, drawing and designing buildings, but his passion was food so cake decorating was his outlet. Anyone that knew Michael knew he was very crafty and creative. In addition he was a very loving, attentive, generous, caring, passionate, energetic, enthusiastic, loyal and silly person who was devoted to his wife, dogs, home, friends and family. Michael has moved all over the world as well as the USA, but settled in Utah seven years ago and moved to Grantsville three years ago. He took his responsibilities as a husband, friend, family member and brother in the gospel seriously. Michael loved the gospel and had a strong testimony that he loved to share, being eager to assist anyone who had struggles and always loving them unconditionally. He jumped at the chance to do service and help wherever he could. He went to college and completed his AA in Business Management and followed a passion of working in kitchens. Most recently he got into dog rescues and trying to help our furry friends.

Michael is survived by his loving wife of eleven years, Tonya. His sister Lynda (and her husband Dean) of Lawndale NC, Lynda's two children Deana and Daniel with their spouses (Lawndale NC), and great nieces. Along with his immediate family Michael has several cousins in the Boston MA area that he loves and cherishes and many other extended family members that are too numerous to name them all.

Michael is preceded in death by both his parents, grandparents and children.

A memorial will be held at the LDS Chapel at 415 W Apple Street, Grantsville, UT on Saturday June 3, 2017 at 11:00AM (MST); followed by a luncheon for family and friends. After the luncheon if anyone would like to linger longer they will move to the Collier home at 802 E Saddle Ranch Circle, Grantsville, UT 84029. Michael will be cremated so there will be no viewing or cemetery service.

The family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses, hospital staff, flight crews, emergency teams for their courage and strength in taking care of him as well as all their friends and family and LDS church members who have all stepped up to help during this difficult time.

Please share memories, condolences and stories of Michael at <http://www.serenityfhs.com>

# Events

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**JUN** **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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LDS Grantsville Chapel

415 W Apple Street, Grantsville, UT, US

# Comments

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“ I was so surprised and saddened today to get Tonya's email about Michael. I only knew him since he and Tonya married. I was thrilled when they moved back "home" here to Utah, and I could visit with them. I remember attending 2 "Girl's White Christmas" parties at their Daybreak home and enjoying every bite of Michael's delicious entrees and desserts! What a talented chef! Their home was always beautifully decorated and when I inquired about any of it, Tonya would say "It was all Michael's doing!" I know he is enjoying a well-earned respite in Heaven and he will send his spirit to be with sweet Tonya and help her through the days ahead. One day they will have a fabulous reunion! Tonya, I am so, so sorry! You and Michael have been through so much together, both happy and sad, and I pray the memories of his companionship and love will bring you comfort and peace. I pray for God's blessings on you and your family. Please know that he will never leave you. Hugs and kisses to you, Tonya, my friend.

**Susan Olsen** - June 12, 2017 at 06:24 PM

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“ I had the distinct pleasure of knowing Michael since his birth. I remember pulling him on a sled in the winter, hearing his giggles and laughs frequently, seeing him grow and watching his kind heart grow with him. No matter where his life took him you know that he had you with him. His heart never forgot what you meant to him. I was so pleased that he had been truly loved in his life. It is something that makes it all worthwhile. I will miss Michael always. May God help his wonderful wife, Tonya, through this difficult time and keep her strong in the years ahead. Please know that I will keep you both in my prayers always.



**Sandra Sweeney** - June 12, 2017 at 05:57 PM

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**Mark & Sandy Bair** - June 03, 2017 at 07:23 AM

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“ We are heart broken that we lost our brother an law. We know he is in heaven..its just hard to grasp..Micheal had a heart of gold.. We were so fortunate to have them to visit in Va..an at later time we flew out to see them..His personality was like a magnet you were just drawn to him..Such a warming soul, of love laughter,cooking skills...I was not well when he an Tonya came to visit he just took over the kitchen an prepared meals the whole time here...As well as for my close 7 aunts an uncle's which completely feel in love with him..I remember him sitting on front porch one morning just swinging an reading a book..He said this is so relaxing!!! We are so grateful for the times we got to be with him an Tonya...He will be truly missed...RIP my sweet brother n law..



**Mark & Sandy Bair** - June 03, 2017 at 06:48 AM

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“ Micheal was a gentle man that really cared for his wife Tonya. He is a client of mine that I greatly enjoyed and we offer our sincere condolences to his loved ones.

**Kyle Stringham** - June 02, 2017 at 04:06 PM

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“ Kyle Stringham lit a candle in memory of Michael Alen Collier



Kyle Stringham - June 02, 2017 at 04:04 PM

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“ I remember years ago Michaels sweet and powerful testimony and conversion story that he would share often. He was such a kind and witty man. It's been fun to follow your love story Tonya and what a tender reunion it will be when you will once again embrace in the eternities. Sending much love and comfort

stephanie ming - June 01, 2017 at 09:40 AM

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“ Michael was such a positive person that no matter how he was feeling he would walk into a room smiling and ask how you were doing. I enjoyed being able to see that love that he had for Tonya and how they were both there for each other. I believe in sole mates and they were brought together for all the right reasons. May you guys meet again one day and continue your love for each other.

Shyann Rodgers - June 01, 2017 at 09:21 AM

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“ I am very honoured to have had the opportunity to know Michael. I can't quite find the words to share the feelings I have about him he is definitely one of gods chosen! I get chills just thinking of him, it is definitely A loss for this earth, but heavens gain!!! I feel your spirit Michael, I'm so grateful .thank you for your friendship all the fun times we had in the Jewelry store sharing your hopes and dreams. I'll never forget all the times you came and you always look so groomed and handsome. you are definitely a man of honour, I love you so always will ! I am honoured to have you as my friend Godspeed.

michelle Behunin - May 31, 2017 at 08:27 PM

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**Colleen** - May 31, 2017 at 08:21 PM