



## Michael Solomon Montoya

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Loving Father, Son, Husband, Brother and Grandfather went home to be with his Daughter Jessica, July 30, 2013.

Michael was a proud graduate of West Jordan High School, class of '84. He lettered in baseball, football and track. He also scored the first touchdown for the West Jordan Jaguars then continued on to earn his Degree in Accounting. However, Michael's true joy in life was being a father. Some of his proudest parenting moments were watching his two daughters follow in his footsteps by graduating from West Jordan High, Olivia continuing on to start her own family and giving him his first grandchild Lennon. Sarah, continuously made her Daddy proud by accomplishing the world one award and year of college at a time. By bonding with his boy over baseball, low riding cars, and all the private jokes their identical sense of humor shared. Although things didn't work out, Mike loved being married and through the years built an even stronger friendship with Maria watching their children grow up. His Mom and Dad were so proud of their son, from his first home run to the wonderful father he became, and they will light the neon sign above the house claiming "Moms Out, Parties On." One last time, the trouble making brotherhood of Mike and Bill has come to a temporary end, but we look forward to a time when we can enjoy their antics once more. In death Michael has achieved his final dream of finally reuniting with his beautiful baby girl Jessica, his Uncle Joe, His dear

Uncle Jerry and his go to guy Chris Gallegos. Michael is survived by his mother Clorinda, Father Solomon, Brother Billy and what he said was his greatest accomplishment, his children Sarah(24), Olivia(19), his boy Sam(14) and his granddaughter Lennon(7 months).

Mike had an old soul with the heart of a kid. Maybe it was the combination that made going with him anywhere impossible without seeing someone he knew.

He was friends with everyone and enjoyed a good Yankee or Raider game.

He taught us a lot with his wicked sense of humor, but most importantly he showed us that you can get through anything as long as you have your family.

And he now puts us to that very test.

We love you daddy. "Get there low and slow. Stay brown."

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

St Theresa Catholic Church  
7832 S Allen St  
Midvale, UT 84047

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Solomon Montoya*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I'm so sadden by the lost of Mike.He was always a very happy guy.I remember him when he played baseball with my son Tim Lowe.I know at a time like this there"s no words that express the lost of a loved one.To the family we send our most deepest sympathy.May God be with you all.God bless Mike & family.Love Tootsie,Tammy,Tim Lowe.*

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**tootsie lowe** - August 07, 2013 at 12:01 PM



“ *To Sarah, Olivia & Sam - May your memories of your father will bring you great comfort - sincerely and with love Rob . Lisa and Emily Horton---*

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**Lisa Horton** - August 07, 2013 at 07:17 AM

MG

“ It's hard to put into words what a loss this is for a parent, our hearts go out to Sol and Clorinda because I know this is not how it's suppose to be. Mike was a great dad and lit up like a candle when he talked about the kids and I know he watches over them now, please don't forget to talk to him each day and tell him how much you love him and Billy always remember the good times growing up with Mike it seems to ease the pain. And to Maria he always said he would love you forever.

Mike and my son where like two peas in a pod, the same personality, same sense of humor and boy those boys could eat. They drove truck together for several years for a security transport company and became the best of friends forever (Maria use to call Chris, Mikes other wife) they always had each others back and would have done anything for each other. When Mike got sick in Nevada and wasn't allowed to drive anymore because of his heart, Chris worked there for only a few weeks before he quit himself, he said it just wasn't the same with out his brother. When Chris passed away Mike was devastated like the rest of us. Mike was at Chris's side for his last ride and I know Chris was waiting with that beautiful smile of his and open arms for Mike when he passed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and remember we're just a phone call away.

Mike your always in our prayers and FOREVER in our hearts. I know the heavens will never be the same with the two of them together. Mike give my son a big hug for me.

Love you both

Marilyn Gallegos

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Marilyn Gallegos - August 06, 2013 at 09:50 AM

KG

*“ We were saddened to hear of Mike's passing. Mike will forever hold a special place in our heart. He was best friends with my brother in law Chris. I know Chris was waiting for you Mike, with a giant hug and smile. Many prayers and hugs sent to Mikes parents, siblings, Maria and kids.  
Marty & Kristy Gallegos*

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**Kristy Gallegos** - August 05, 2013 at 11:01 PM

BI

*“ I am very sorry for your loss. You have a wonderful family.  
Bruce Irvine*

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**Bruce Irvine** - August 05, 2013 at 08:53 PM

DB

*“ Mike...A happy, fun loving friend. You are a part of every memory I have cheering for WJHS! Your parents were always there to support you. May God bless you and our family through this hard time. Know that you will forever be in our hearts.  
--DeAnn Pulley Backus*

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**DeAnn Backus** - August 05, 2013 at 06:24 PM



*“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Michael Solomon Montoya.*



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August 05, 2013 at 04:50 PM

SR

“ *Samantha Park & Gerald Roberts purchased the In Memory - Modeles Candle Holder for the family of Michael Solomon Montoya.*



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**Samantha Park & Gerald Roberts** - August 05, 2013 at 04:30 PM

SM

“ I remember meeting Mike after we moved in next door back when I was in Junior High. I was 13. I remember his brother Billy and Kevin were standing at their fence watching us move in and wondering who we were.

He and my brother including Kenny would always be hanging out doing something. Mike use to refer to my brother as "Gooney." So, when Mike took a trip with his family to California one year, I think they made a stop by Disney Land. And, Mike brought back a stuffed animal of goofy and gave it to Alan. Mike always had a fun personality.

I remember Mike being one of the nicest friends my brother ever had! I wasn't much younger. Mike was always respectful and kind to me throughout the 33 years I've known him. After work I would go by His and Maria's home for get togethers and barbeques.

I bought a home around the corner from Mike's and Maria's when they lived a crossed the street from his parents. I'd stop by occasionally after work to say hello and have a drink with them.

Definitely, Mike always had this kindness about him, honestly, I believe that was Mike being Mike. He always had a big heart, respectful and always full of kindness. These qualities one can not earn. Mike was born with these blessings. Honestly, he was one of the nicest & humble guys I've ever known.

I remember remodeling my house after my mom passed away. He drop off a dumpster in my driveway, and I had that dumpster for nearly a month and he did not charge me on red cent. Once the remodeling was completed He and his son would come over and shoot pool with Alan and Kameron.

I will always treasure these memories we shared from childhood to adulthood.

He will be deeply missed! Gone yet, but not forgotten! Fly with the

*angels above for you are loved for all eternity!*

*Our Deepest Sincerity, Condolences and prayers are with his loving mother, Clorinda his father, Solomon, his brother, Billy, and each one of his children along with all of his relatives and friends.*

*May you lean on the Lord for strength in times of your weaknesses. And may God's blessings be upon you and your household!*

*Many blessings and love,*

*Samantha Park & Gerald Roberts*

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**Samantha Park Miller** - August 05, 2013 at 04:05 PM

EN

“ *I remember playing baseball with you and enjoying the love for the game! Most of all, I remember your wild high school parties! You loved to have a good time! I met you in 10th grade at baseball try outs for West Jordan High School. You had a great sense of humor and you were a great teammate! I remember one particular game when I was pitching on the Sophomore team, I had to cover home plate due to a runner stealing home. I was knock down as the runner crossed home plate. I got up to confront the kid (i.e. fight), you were the only one that back me up as the opposing team cleared the bench and started to surround me. You were a great friend back in High School! I am sure you were a great father among other things.*

*Rest in peace my friend,  
Sincerely, Eric Newson*

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**Eric Newson** - August 05, 2013 at 01:30 PM

LM

“ Mike- I remember basically you and Bill teaching me how to ride a motorcycle when we were all up camping ! I remember our parents getting together on Saturday nights to play poker as we all hung out. You and Bill were like brothers to Kim and I. Even tho I have not seen you in many years my heart aches that you left this world so young. May you rest in peace and Sol, Clorinda and Bill and the so many others that will be missing you forever find some peace in there hearts. I'm sure you are right by there side with your arms around them. Until we meet again . Love Loretta Montano

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**Loretta Montano** - August 05, 2013 at 01:43 AM

PM

“ To the Montoya family, our deepest condolences, from my family to yours. Mike you were the first friend I made since 9 th grade playing football and baseball together. I always made it a point to come see you when I came home to visit. I will cherish the moments we had brother. Rest In Pease. Pete Montoya

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**Pedro Montoya** - August 05, 2013 at 01:26 AM

TL

“ Aunt Clorinda, Uncle Sol & Billy,  
It's so hard to believe this...there are no word that I can say that will be able to lighten your hearts right now but just know that we are all lucky to have an angel like Mike in heaven now watching over all of us! I love you guys so much and will continue to keep you in my prayers!

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**Tonja Leichtle** - August 04, 2013 at 06:21 PM

IP

“ Dear Sol, Clorinda, Billy and to the rest of the family I am so sorry for your loss. We've known Mike since he was just a young boy. Marvin used to coach him in football he was a very great player along side Troy, as the years went by whenever he seen us he would stop and say "Hello" and give us a hug seeing him and his family grow up with us was the best memory we've ever had with him. The only thing we can say is Mike is resting with his baby girl Jessica, Michael you will be missed.  
Love, Marvin, Inez, Troy and MaCayla Perea.

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Inez Perea - August 04, 2013 at 04:45 PM

LG

“ I have never been the type of person that didn't have something to say.....most of the time you can't shut me up! At least that's what my little brother would tell me any opportunity he could. I really miss those moments now. I knew Mike as my brother Christopher's closest friend. Christopher loved Mike as if they were brothers & that is a bond that's exists not only in this physical world but in the spirit world too. I know they will continue to look out for one another ..... & watch over us here too. God Bless.

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Lori Gallegos-Holmstrom - August 04, 2013 at 02:27 PM

PQ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mike made a lasting impression on me and many of his coworkers. I worked with Mike for a short time, we was both hired on the same day. I did not get the chance to say good bye when he had too leave. He spoke of his family often and I feel I know you all. Mike will be in my prayers and so will all of you. He will be dearly missed. Sincerely Penny Quintana

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penny quintana - August 04, 2013 at 02:04 PM

MM

“ Mike, you were more of a brother to us and an uncle to our kids! Our hearts are broken and we will go on but will never forget you! Our life is full of memories with you in it and we will cherish them forever! Till we meet again "Rock Steady" our Brother! We love you always!! Danny & MJ

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**mary martinez** - August 04, 2013 at 11:13 AM

AP

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**Andrea ValDez Park** - August 03, 2013 at 08:03 PM

AP

“ Mike,

*We will forever miss you and love you! I can not put into words how much of a void you will leave in our lives. Thank you for being a part of my family and giving me so, many good memories. I will never forget you and what wonderful things you did for this family. I have no doubt that you are in good hands with Jessica, Uncle Joe, Uncle Jerry, cousin Ralph, grandpa and grandpa Montoya and grandpa and grandma Vigil*

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**Andrea ValDez Park** - August 03, 2013 at 07:33 PM

CW

“ Mike,

*You my friend were one of a kind. I have never meet a man who loved his family more. A man who was proud of his children and grand child. I am proud to call you my friend. And I will truely miss your sense of humor and your company*

*Love chris*

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**chris wielders** - August 03, 2013 at 05:50 PM