



# Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith

June 1, 1967 - October 30, 2021

Michael Hamilton Smith, also known as Mike or Mikey, died in Bartlesville on Saturday, October 30th. Mike was a well-loved member of the community who touched the lives of many. He was 54.

Mike was born on June 1, 1967 in Oklahoma City and graduated from Bartlesville High School in 1986. After residing in group homes in Midwest City and Bartlesville, he lived independently for most of his adult years, thanks to the help of ARC and the support of family and friends. Mike loved being active around town, spending time at Hillcrest Country Club, Jane Phillips Hospital, Malone Motor Company and Patriot Motors, area fire stations, and Bartlesville Ambulance Service. He enjoyed attending local sporting events, usually gravitating toward the EMTs on duty. Mike proudly claimed membership in over a dozen area churches through the years, choosing to be baptized in each one he attended.

Mike's preferred mode of communication was the telephone, and he had memorized hundreds of phone numbers of friends, family, and acquaintances well before the age of speed dial. It was a known fact that once you shared your phone number with Mike, he remembered it for life. Visiting on the phone was always one of Mike's favorite hobbies. He also frequently made it a point to tell ladies he encountered that they were "so pretty." (Note: He always meant it.)

The Bartlesville community lovingly and generously embraced Mike throughout his life, giving him rides around town, inviting him to family gatherings, taking him to football and basketball games, and welcoming him into their lives. Mike especially treasured his close friendships with area fire fighters, EMTs, police officers, and other first responders, who made him one of their own. In 2004, Michael was named Honorary Fire Chief of Oklahoma, a title he was very proud of.

Mike is survived by his parents, Dr. William D. Smith and his wife Pat of Bartlesville, and Gerre Schwert and her husband Doug of Owasso; brother Douglas Smith of Tulsa; sisters Ree Drummond of Pawhuska and her husband Ladd, and Betsy Smith of Seattle; as well

as loving aunts, an uncle, cousins, nieces, nephews, and step-siblings.

Mike's family wishes to extend special thanks to the staff and administration of Bartlesville Assisted Living for their devoted care of Michael.

Finally, the family would like to express their immense gratitude for the care, encouragement and abundant love the community of Bartlesville has extended to Mike through the years. It made his life wonderful and full, and there's no other place he ever wanted to live.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held at Bartlesville First Church, 4715 Price Road, on Tuesday, November 9 at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, Mike's family requests contributions be made to:  
Michael Smith Fund for Paramedic, EMT, and Firefighter Education  
Tri County Tech Foundation  
6101 Nowata Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
[www.tctcgiving.org](http://www.tctcgiving.org)

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bartlesville First Church

4715 Price Rd

Bartlesville, OK 74006

<http://www.bartlesvillefirstchurch.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I got to know "Mikey" back in the mid 90's when I worked at Hillcrest County Club. He like to hang out with us in the locker room and upstairs as well. He always wore a ball cap or something. He was a joy to hang out with.*

**Juan** - October 19, 2022 at 06:20 PM



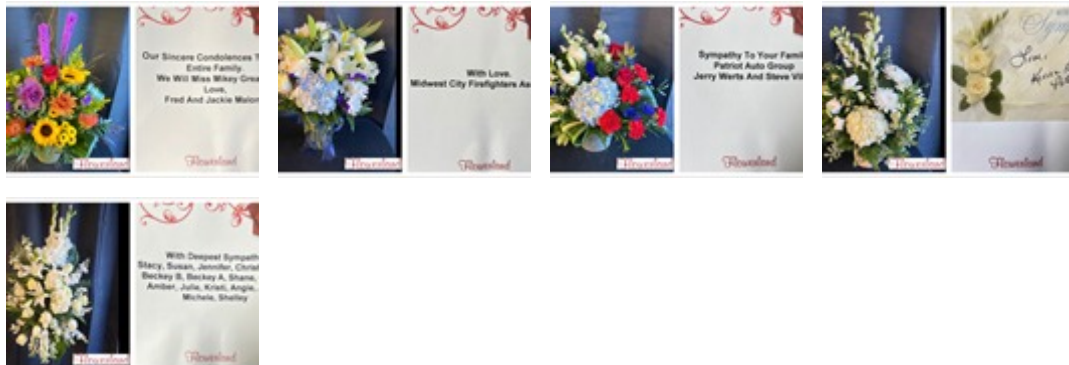
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**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 10, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ *10 files added to the album Flowers*



**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 10, 2021 at 11:12 AM

PL

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Mikey. I got to know him when I was working at Jane Phillips as a housekeeper I would see him often in the cafeteria and would also come to the break room and visit with me and my co-workers we enjoyed him and always put a smile on our faces. We will miss him and will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

*Peggy LaRochelle*



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**Peggy LaRochelle** - November 08, 2021 at 05:28 PM

NE

“ Michael, as he preferred to be known later in life, was my best buddy for 28 years. Although he was limited, he knew how to be a true friend and he always had my back. His was a higher soul than most and I feel so grateful that he was on Earth during my lifetime. I cherish the many wonderful memories we shared and I monumentally miss his sweet presence...the Earth will never be the same. Thanks for always loving me faithfully, Michael. See you on the other side, buddy!

*Natalie Epps  
Dewey*

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**Natalie Epps** - November 08, 2021 at 11:27 AM

GH

“ I remember meeting Mikey soon after we moved to B'Ville. He made me feel like I belonged here. I greeted him, and he turned to my husband and said "she's pretty". What a welcome to a new town!!! Bob and I have often thought about him and hoped he was safe and well. We know he now is ... in the arms of our God and Jesus.

*Mikey, you are a loving soul that we hope to see in heaven because we know you are waiting on seeing many, many more friends you made on your life's journey.*

*Gay Hasbrook  
(wife of retired fire chief Bob Hasbrook)*

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**Gay Hasbrook** - November 07, 2021 at 04:47 PM

AF

“ *The Peters Family was so very sad to learn of Mike's passing... Many fond memories of his visits to our Bartlesville home. Mike always called me his girlfriend, but I've learned that he had many. Mike made a multitude of friends and admirers over the years ~ He was always so happy to join in whatever was happening around town. Such a loss for all who knew him. Heaven is surely celebrating his arrival. (I loved reading that he was baptized at all of the churches he regularly attended.)*

*Love, thoughts, and prayers to all of the Smith, Schwert, and Drummond Families.*

*Anna (Peters) Fields*

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**Anna Fields** - November 05, 2021 at 06:26 PM

JC

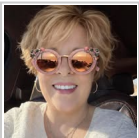
“ *I was so very sad to hear of Mikey's passing. He would come across the street to see if I wanted to 'play' every time he was at Gaga's house in Nowata, back in the day!! Even tho' I hadn't seen him in years, as I now live in TX, it sounds as tho' his kind spirit lived on. I loved seeing him on 2 of Ree's Pioneer Woman episodes!! All that knew him throughout his life were blessed. . .*



*Much Love to all the family,  
Janice Martin Cullins*

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**Janice Martin Cullins** - November 05, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Mikey will 'always' be remembered by the entire community of Bartlesville and beyond for being a very happy and carefree soul, eager to help and eager to give us women and girls a "you are so pretty" compliment! What an exciting life Mikey lived and what a 'true gentleman' he was!!! He will truly be missed. See you soon my friend 🌿❤🌿*

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**Dianna Burch** - November 04, 2021 at 09:54 PM

RH

“ *I remember Mikey from Jane Phillips Hospital...he would sit and talk while Dr Smith made rounds on 2nd floor...a great kid...he always had something to say to make you laugh!*



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**Rose Hewitt** - November 04, 2021 at 02:12 PM

DB

“ My Grandma Barnes lived across the street from Mikey’s grandma, Gaga. When he would come to Nowata to visit Gaga, he would also visit my grandma. She loved his visits! They would always find something to laugh about. Mikey brought a lot of joy into the world. He will be sorely missed.

*Donna Kay Barnes*



Donna Kay Barnes - November 04, 2021 at 12:16 PM

JL

“ The world is a better place because of Mike and the lessons he taught us about understanding, accepting, appreciating and embracing life as it happens. He will be missed. Prayers are lifted for peace and comfort for the family.

Jo Anne M. Lewis - November 04, 2021 at 11:39 AM

AM

“ RIP Mikey, you are well loved and will be missed by all the many friends you held dearly in your heart, as we hold you just the same in ours. Fly high my sweet friend! Love ya little buddy! 😞😔🙏🙏🙏❤️💙

Ann Magee - November 03, 2021 at 09:28 PM

NO

“ Condolences to Ree Drummond and family and the Smith family on the huge loss of Mike. NAhern🇮🇪



Noreen - November 03, 2021 at 06:15 PM

CD

“ Collin Davis lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith



Collin Davis - November 03, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith.



November 03, 2021 at 04:23 PM

AI

“ AbilityWorks of Oklahoma, Inc. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith.



AbilityWorks of Oklahoma, Inc. - November 03, 2021 at 04:23 PM

SK

“ My joyful memories are abundant. With love, Susan



Susan King - November 03, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JS

“ Jeanne Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith



Jeanne Shepherd - November 03, 2021 at 11:04 AM

VB

“ I had Mike and his friends In my physical education class at Jefferson Elementary School under supervision of Kitty Dishman. He and his friends taught me so much about the quality of life... it's not what you can't do but what you can do!  
Vicki Beierschmitt



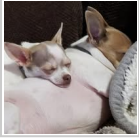
Vicki Beierschmitt - November 03, 2021 at 10:00 AM

JS

“ *Jeri Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith*



Jeri Smith - November 03, 2021 at 02:16 AM



“ *Mike would always brighten my day. He spent most of 14+ plus years making my office at JPMC his office (it was a good thing I had a big office). He would come in just about every morning, tell me what he did the night before. Then he would start making his daily phone calls. He would call me every day when he was out of town visiting his mom or friends. When I told him I was having to transfer to Tulsa we both cried. I made sure he had my cell number and called me just about every night so that we could catch up. Michael was a true friend, I loved him dearly.... Michael we will see each other again. Love you, Shelly Rader Jones*

Shelly Rader Jones - November 02, 2021 at 09:50 PM

MM

“ *When I moved to Bartlesville in 2006 Michael (aka Mikey) was one of the first people I met in town. I spent time at Camille's cafe in the Mall until my internet was hooked up in my house and then I would walk laps in the mall. He came up and introduced himself to me, said hello and flashed his great big smile. He made me feel welcome in a town where I knew very few people. Every time I saw Michael he always said hello, chatted, and called me Blondie Girl even though he knew my name, it was our inside joke. He was a true ambassador for Bartlesville and a sweet and caring person. You will be so missed Michael, you were one of a kind and when I come home for visits I will so miss seeing your smiling face. Thank you for being a sweet friend and making so many people feel welcome. May your memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved you.*

Michelle Martin - November 02, 2021 at 09:06 PM

BT

“ *HE WAS SPECIAL IN SO MANY WAYS, LOVED HIS SMILE WHICH ALWAYS MADE YOU SMILE WHEN YOU TALKED TO HIM. HE BROUGHT SO MUCH TO EVERYONE THAT CAME IN CONTACT WITH HIM. YOU NEVER KNEW WHERE YOU WOULD RUN INTO HIM AT. RIP MIKE*

Betty Trimble - November 02, 2021 at 07:31 PM

CH

“ One of the most genuinely nice guys I ever met! Mike never met a stranger, but always made you feel like an immediate friend! I always enjoyed seeing him at basketball game, be it at Nowata, Oklahoma Union, Dewey or Caney Valley. Our world is a little dimmer with Mike's passing.

Clint Hallett - November 02, 2021 at 12:57 PM

KS

“ I will miss you Michael Smith aka Mikey. I loved our dinners, adventures and phone calls. My Grandkids and I will enjoy the Halloween bag we made for you and talk about our fun times!!! Thank you for tolerating Ana & Gabe even when I knew they were driving you nuts!!! Kim Foust Scherman, Ana & Gabe

Kim Scherman - November 02, 2021 at 12:29 PM

KS

“ Mikey was a blessing in so many ways. He loved everyone unconditionally, and everyone loved him. I met Mikey when I worked at Bartlesville EMS in the 80's. I loved when he came to spend time with us.

*May God give you peace that passeth all understanding.*

*Kim Strunk-Topeka, KS*

Kim Strunk - November 02, 2021 at 10:09 AM

JS

“ Jeanne Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith



Jeanne Shepherd - November 02, 2021 at 10:08 AM

KL

“ When I worked for the City, he would come down and visit often and also get to sit in the Court Room. Judge Conatser would let him sit up by us in the court room. He would never say a word. Mikey always enjoyed being around people! He never met a stranger. ❤️❤️ He also loved his OU Football!!! ❤️❤️❤️ Bartlesville lost and icon!!!! 💔💔💔💔💔💔



Kim Lunsford - November 02, 2021 at 07:56 AM

DB

*He will be forever remembered*

Deniece Bush - November 02, 2021 at 09:37 AM

DW

“ So many fond memories with Mikey. We will certainly miss him.



Debbie Wickliffe - November 01, 2021 at 11:27 PM

BC

“ Mike was such a sweet precious soul. I don't think he ever met a stranger. I will never forget him.

Becky Cowen - November 01, 2021 at 10:07 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary-Kay Beeman - November 01, 2021 at 09:12 PM

RB

“ Mike will be missed by ALL of Bartlesville. He was truly loved by so many and he loved everybody. He was truly a special man..RIP my friend.



Rosy Nikkel Beck - November 01, 2021 at 08:25 PM

DD

“ I chose this picture because it shows who Michael Was. He loved everyone! Who could resist his smile his genuine interest in ambulances and fire trucks and police cars. He was so excited when he got to go on the ambulance on a real call. Michael behaved very well and actually helped when asked. I have known Michael over 40 years. We spent a lot of time together. I enjoyed his company on some vacations we took and he was always grateful. I remember one time when he was washing the company dog. It was a hot afternoon. I looked out the window and he was on the floor having a seizure. Scared me like crazy. That's when I learned he had a seizure disorder and that was normal for him. So many memories, his impact on everyone is immeasurable.

Dan Dalton - November 01, 2021 at 05:45 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dan Dalton - November 01, 2021 at 05:29 PM

KL

“ *"Mikey" aka: Michael I am going to miss our talks about everyday!! You always put a smile on my face, even when you called me before 7:00 am on the weekends.. lol*

*You were such a gentle soul that touched so many lives all over the US. I still remember the first time I met you in 1995, We met when I become a member of the Red Cross and have been good friends ever since.. I still remember when I would go visit you in the hospital, and we would talk like a minute and then you would start calling people on the phone. lol I said "Mikey" I didn't come up and visit you, to watch you call and talk to people on the phone.. You said Ohhhhhh, you would hang up and about two minutes later you would start dialing people again on the phone.. lol lol I am sure going to miss your message's This is Michael Smith Give me a call when you can... Who will now tell me "You're so pretty Kimmy "!!! I have so many stories, I could tell!! You "Will Forever" live in my heart!!! " The Song: The Day The Music Died" They need a song written for" The Day Bartlesville died"!!!! Love Ya, Mikey!!! See ya on the other side!!!*

Kim Lunsford - November 01, 2021 at 03:23 PM

JD

“ *Mike, you were like a butterfly touching so many lives. You will forever be missed by all of us and never be forgotten. ❤️*



Janis Dowd - November 01, 2021 at 02:49 PM

MB

“ *Michael, you are already missed. Rest easy my friend.*

MaryKay Beeman - November 01, 2021 at 02:28 PM

MB

“ *Mary Kay & David Beeman lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Hamilton Smith*



Mary Kay & David Beeman - November 01, 2021 at 02:17 PM

JW

“ Mike you will be missed as you were always such a joy. I remember you in the court room with Curtis DeLapp and the day you turned 30 when at the Sheriff's Office. You were a part of our family, eating a meal with us. I know that now you are whole and with the One that loves you more than we ever could. I can't wait to see you some day again!

*Jan Willaford*

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**Jan Willaford** - November 01, 2021 at 01:50 PM

DL

“ Michael was always happy and fun when he came by to visit at the ambulance service and dewey fire department

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**Dale little** - November 01, 2021 at 01:04 PM