

Michael Reese Welsh

November 14, 1994 - June 28, 2016

Michael Reese Welsh, 21, pipeline worker, died in a traffic accident on Nowata Road in Bartlesville at 6:47 pm Tuesday evening.

Michael was born in Galveston, Texas on November 14, 1994 to parents James and Scarlet (Schiel) Welsh. Michael attended High School in Bartlesville.

Michael will be remembered as extremely out going. He was a good natured guy with a big heart. His sometimes goofy personality could soften up anyone. He truly just wanted to make people smile and laugh. Michael had the ability to make friends with anyone. Michael was a hard worker, and he loved working in the Oil and Gas industry. He wanted to be an Operator someday, and he was proud that he was a pipeliner. One of Michael's passions was shoes. Not just any shoes—he had dozens of the most rare, impossible to get, and most highly sought after sneakers around. His collection was famous, and he had garnered several awards at the recent “Kicklahoma” – A showcase event for sports memorabilia and shoes.

Michael is survived by his mother Scarlet Peoples of Dewey; his father James Welsh and wife Deborah of Houston, Texas; his brother John Welsh and his wife Shannon of Dickinson, Texas and their children Travis and Josh Welsh, the nephews Michael was so proud of. Michael also had a “second family” as

he would say. Dr. Joel Manley and wife Cheryl were like a second set of parents and their children, Andrew, Austin, Carter, Mason, and Ella were like siblings to Michael. Other survivors include grandparents Dudley and Shirley Drager of Santa Fe, Texas, grandfather Fred Schiel of Santa Fe, Texas, and great-grandmother, Elsie Ginzel; and an aunt Tabitha Drager and uncle, Heath Drager and wife Jenny. Michael considered all his friends to be a part of his family, and with his gregarious and charming personality, that list of people is endless.

Needless to say, his family and great many friends will mourn the loss of a young man taken too soon. Michael often said "If speed kills me, know that I was smiling doing something I loved." Michael loved diesel trucks, motorcycles, and going fast. He was reckless and carefree. As hard as it is for all of the friends and family that is left behind, Michael's attitude was that we are all going to die someday, it might as well be doing something you loved. Godspeed, Michael.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the Life of Michael Reese Welsh will be held at 10: am, Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions are requested to help with funeral expenses. The Michael Welsh Memorial Fund is set up at RCB Bank, 4224 SE Adams Rd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Reese Welsh*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Michael Reese Welsh*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Reese Welsh.*



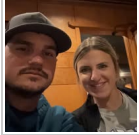
July 03, 2016 at 11:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Reese Welsh.*



July 02, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Michael in Beaumont Texas on a job he always had us rolling all the time being around him and John always made it worth going to work my favorite memory was when John ask Michael to heat up his clam chowder for lunch Mike grabbed the weed burner and started heating up the can and within a matter of seconds the clam chowder was everywhere he we laughed so hard on a serious note Mike was a very hard worker and John did one heck of a job teaching Mike how to do his job there is no doubt in my mind that one he would be sitting in the big seat along side John. Mike it was a pleasure buddy and I know that when I make it up there one day I'll get to work with you again fly high my friend you'll never be forgotten.

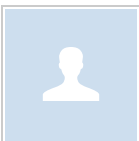
Kade Bourgeois - July 01, 2016 at 06:39 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Reese Welsh.



July 01, 2016 at 12:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Reese Welsh.



June 30, 2016 at 07:23 PM

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“ I can remember it like it was yesterday when Michael walked into my office with his brother to get trained up for working on the line. I had the pleasure of working with him on many projects where i could watch him increase his knowledge of the way stuff works on the line while being (schooled) by his big brother John. When Michael had a goal in his head there is no doubt he was going to achieve it and that was very clear as i watch him work towards being an operator..Ride that big highway in the sky my friend and know you are missed but never forgotten.

John Lorenz - June 30, 2016 at 06:31 PM