



## Michael Patrick Mawson

March 13, 1966 - August 13, 2019

Michael Patrick Mawson, age 53, of Lorain, passed away on August 13, 2019. Born on March 13, 1966 in Bay Village, Michael grew up in Sheffield Lake where he graduated from Brookside High School in 1984. He married his high school sweetheart, Janine. Mike and Janine began their married life together in Sheffield Village and later moved to Brownhelm Township and then Lorain, where their son, Alexander was born. After earning his Bachelor's of Arts Degree from Baldwin Wallace University, he started his career as a Probation Officer for Lorain County. Michael began working for the Adult Parole Authority in 1992 as a Parole Officer. He took great pride in his work and served for 23 years.

Mike was also a member of the Amherst Eagles.

Michael will be dearly missed by his beloved wife of 27 years, Janine M. (nee Dobos) Mawson and his treasured son, Alexander M. Mawson.

Also mourning the loss of Michael will be his mother, Stephanie (nee Miller) Mawson and his brothers; Timothy (Lynn) Mawson, Terrance Joseph Jr. Mawson, Adam (Casey) Mawson, and David (Stephanie) Mawson.

He was preceded in death by his father Terrance Mawson Sr.

To honor Mike and his admiration of nature, a memorial service will be held on Tuesday, August 20th, 2019, at Mill Hollow- Bacon Woods Park in Vermilion. The service will begin promptly at 2:00 pm in the amphitheater.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to his wife so a collective memorial contribution may be made to the Lorain County Metro Parks in honor of Michael.

# Comments

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“ Janine & Alex, Mike's memorial was very nice. His tributes were well thought out and well planned by you. We liked the way you hosted a hard and hot event. Mike was smiling the whole time and I could visualize Mike instructed Alex and Ben about how to exactly do a project and then clean up once project was completed.

John & Nancy Zahorec

John Zahorec - August 20, 2019 at 06:33 PM

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“ Mike had a talent for making people laugh at just about anything. (Sometimes at Janine's expense). Like the way she wasn't recycling correctly or loading the dishwasher the right way. Even some of the most painful events in their lives, Mike pointed out the ridiculousness and made us laugh about it! Not many people could do that. I feel privileged to have spent time with him. I love you buddy Janine.

Chris - August 19, 2019 at 09:19 PM

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“ I will always remember Mike as one of my best friends and the greatest neighbor ever.

We were OPE neighbors for 15 years. I will miss our hundreds of backyard conversations, our crazy pool parties, Eagles Wednesday's and our golfing excursions.

You will be greatly missed my dear friend.



Brad - August 19, 2019 at 08:58 PM

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“ Manic sense of humor, big sparkle in his eye... the world needs more of that!

Brad Behrendt - August 19, 2019 at 08:05 PM

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“ We did our annual Mohican canoe trip for 13 years; starting in 1998 and making our last one in 2011. I only wish I could remember all the fun and crazy things you did just for laughs. I'll miss you Mike.

**Kyle Billingsley** - August 19, 2019 at 05:15 PM

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“ I only met Mike a few times but he invited us right in to his home at one of the OPE parties. I just remember how funny he was and the many stories from Michelle. My sincerest condolences to Janine and Alex.

**Melissa Krebs** - August 19, 2019 at 02:53 PM

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“ Uncle Mike; the goofy, crazy, and best uncle! At the countless sleepovers with Alex when we were little I always looked forward to the bedtime stories from Uncle Mike. These were not your typical bedtime stories- these were stories of Uncle Mike's childhood and the crazy things he did with his brothers and buddies. They were the absolute best stories! As I got older, the stories kept coming and got even better and better! He hated when I wore my favorite glitter pants over their house... or did he like it so he had an excuse to clean again? The Dobos' always loved jumping in their pool on our way home from the boat- but we first had to put on our "pool bathing suits" so the lake water wouldn't ruin the pool. Ryan and I loved spending time with Uncle Mike and Aunt Janine (which made my mom crazy when we would come home from Columbus and head right over to their house to hang out- hehe). Ryan and I have always looked up to Uncle Mike and Aunt Janine and their incredible love they have for Alex. I will always cherish the memories of pool days, martini nights, Browns games, Ziggy wings, and random pop-ins from the Mawson family. I will miss you Uncle Mike. So much love and prayers to Aunt Janine and Alex.

**Maria** - August 19, 2019 at 11:26 AM

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“ Mike was the friendliest and funniest person I knew. I always remember him at the ope parties and all the crazy stories he told. He was a great father and a wonderful husband. He will be missed.. Prayers to Janine and Alex.

**Judy Potyrala** - August 19, 2019 at 08:28 AM

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“ Though I haven't seen Mike in many years, I have fond memories of our high school friendship. My sincerest condolences go out to Janine whom I remember from BHS band days. When we were in high school, Amy Kalo and I used to come over to visit Stephanie and play with the little brothers! I babysat the boys a couple times and used to tease Mike that he needed a babysitter too! I remember Mike as a kind and funny person. He was a good guy back then and it sounds like he grew up to be an amazing man. I am so sorry and was very sad to hear of his passing. Love to his entire family. Jill (Walther) Camp

**jill Camp** - August 18, 2019 at 10:19 PM

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“ We will always remember Mike's big smile and his goofy pranks. Whether at the weekly poker party or other gatherings with our OPE family, we could always count on Mike for a good laugh and when the get together wasn't at their house, the Mawson's had perfected what is fondly referred to as "the slip away". Others would try, but no one had it down to a science like they did. Will always remember our evening out in Cleveland that ended up with Janine driving and all of us having an up close encounter with the "POPO". So many wonderful memories we will treasure always. Janine and Alex all our love is with you both. Love - Jeff and Amie

**Jeff Bugg** - August 18, 2019 at 09:00 PM

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“ We love and miss you Mike. You gave our family such love and joy. From me Kara as a youngster at TJMAxx to an adult where you charmed my girls and silent Rob. Rob said you introduced him to the Dobos clan, and always made an effort to talk. You were more than a cousin, you were a true friend.

We loved your laugh, spirit, and dives. You were a gifted story teller. What a gift to see you adore your wife and son every time we saw you. My girls said you were funny and silly and always made them laugh. You spent time in the pool with them each visit.

You will not be forgotten. We will cherish our memories and love your wife and son forever.

**Kara** - August 18, 2019 at 08:41 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



**Mary Rowe** - August 18, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ Mike has been my field partner for 8 years. He found the turtle in the jail parking lot, put it in my car and made me drive it to water. He chased chickens and posed with pot belly pigs. My thoughts go out to Janine and Alex. Even though I don't know all of Mike's family members I feel like I do because he always talked about them. Family was everything to him and I do know Janine and Alex were his whole world. Mike was one of a kind and will never be forgotten.

**Mary rowe** - August 18, 2019 at 08:05 PM

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“ Janine and Alex, my heart goes out to you both. I first met Mike in 2013 when I transferred to the Elyria office of the APA. Over the years the one thing that sticks out is how CLEAN he was! Well, this filters in at work! Before mostly every unit meeting in the conference room, Mike would be in there disinfecting the conference table! I would think two things, "Am I that contagious with a disease that I don't know I have" OR "what does Mike know that just occurred previously on or at that conference table and he was protecting all of us from it!" In the end I basically learned that Mike was a very CLEAN person! Wouldn't be surprised he cleaned the mens room in the office because our housekeeping did not meet his standards! Mike was a true team player as my fellow officer. I loved how he told a funny story during our unit meetings with the most serious tone in his voice and look on his face. Will miss him dearly.

**Susan Kahoun** - August 18, 2019 at 06:54 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories of Mike that I have been going over in my head these last few days...trying to “relive” them a little just to have another smile with Mike. Always loved our Happy Hours every Friday at The Warehouse in Elyria in the 90’s where we would all gather, a group of about 10 of us, jokingly referring to ourselves as the Circle of Life where we would try to make each other laugh, tell stories and share an occasional Long Island Ice Tea we would win playing trivia...Mike was always the ring leader. After around 7:30-8 he would always sneak away without saying anything so he could still spend his Friday night with Janine. For my 40th birthday (Mike and I were the same age), he and Janine met a group of us in downtown Amherst to celebrate. Mike came into the bar and excitedly told me to come outside with him and Janine as he had something to show me. They had just purchased a new car (Kia Soul?) and Mike told me to get in the front seat - he turned the car on and had programmed the radio display to say “Happy Birthday Jean”. He sat there looking at me with the biggest, proudest, goofiest grin on his face.....best birthday gift ever! The world seems like a sadder place without him in it anymore but all that knew him were oh so lucky. Godspeed Mike...looking forward to sharing another Long Island Ice Tea with you someday my dear friend.

**Jean Frantz** - August 18, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ Omg Jean. The days at Warehouse, and the Circle of Life. And our Long Island ice teas. Ugh This is so beyond not fair. My prayers go out to his family and friends.

**donna freeman** - August 18, 2019 at 11:01 PM

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“ Mike was and will always be one of the great ones. It was a great honor for me and my wife Kathy that he was in our wedding party. He was a great commish in our fantasy football league and I had a blast of a time thanks to him inviting me to join the league. I must admit that I sometimes imitate the way he would turn a phrase or say something in his unique and funny style without me even thinking that I was doing a Mawson. Like when he would smile and say "Riiight". My one regret is that I wasn't there for one of Mike's glorious achievements....now I'm not sure if this really happened or it was just an urban legend... but I sure wish I could have seen him devour a 16 oz. or larger(?) uncooked and bloody steak completely. Count Dracula would have been jealous. I will miss his great laugh and how he made everyone feel welcome. You are one of a kind. See you later Mike.

**Craig Pachuta**

**Craig Pachuta** - August 18, 2019 at 12:51 AM

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“ I first met Mike in TJMaxx during the early 80s. Push broom in hand, he was dating my cousin Janine, and he had no idea I knew who he was. I remember trying to explain to him our connection and he was actually shy. That shyness lasted about five minutes and he has been making me laugh ever since. Weddings, baptisms, funerals, holiday meals, birthdays- our generation of cousins has done a great job of being more than family, rather, authentic friends. From deep talks on history and world events to books we've read, and shows we watched, Mike's studious side was one I was fortunate to experience. He taught my girls all the best pool tricks, how to dive under water, and that adults were still allowed to play and be silly. He tapped into Alexandra's quirks and made her feel like a million bucks. He taught me poker, made the best martinis, and kept us laughing, even when he was suffering. Mike brought Jim into the men's club of the family and their friendship was a gift we treasured. Mawson, as we like to call him, was the good guy, the helpful guy, the funny guy, the reliable guy, and most importantly Janine's guy. He was simply the best! We are so going to miss him.

**Kristina Buller** - August 17, 2019 at 09:46 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Patrick Mawson.



August 17, 2019 at 06:46 PM

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“ Anyone who ever met Mike know how much fun he was to be around. I remember him most for his wisdom and kindness. I met Mike Mawson 20 years ago when I started working with Parole and we shared an office. One of our first conversations he curmudgeonly told me he was tired of training all these newbies that have passed through his office. I quickly learned our boss was notoriously difficult to work for. Mike was her favorite and employee and he was exceptionally good at what he did. It wasn't long before I realized Mike actually liked showing the newbies the ropes and he was the best at it. Not only did he gladly pass on knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the job; he gave his unique perspective and advice about how to navigate the unwritten rules of the office, avoid the wrath of our notorious boss, and explained the unexplainable politics of the State. He understood I didn't just need to learn the job, I needed a mentor and a friend to make me feel accepted. This was Mikes nature, and my experience of sharing an office with Mike was not unique. I can't even count how many of Mike's "newbies" he shared an office have remained friends with him 20 years or more later after their lives have taken them in other directions. I have so many fond memories of Mike and will always remember and thank Mike for being such a good friend to another one of those darn "newbies". God bless Janine and Alex.

Jeff Taraschke - August 17, 2019 at 04:07 PM

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“ My heart aches. Such a wonderful man taken from us too soon. My Bugg family started with 5 then grew to many many more when we moved into OPE. I remember the poker tournaments were way too serious, kickball games were intense and the love and support we have each other was endless. My arms are wide open to your family and all of our friends. Always loved and forever missed - McKayla Bugg

McKayla Richason-Bugg - August 17, 2019 at 01:22 PM

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“ Mike myself and a bunch of buddies around 5th 6th grade thinking our little hometown was so big until we decided to hop on the local trains and ride them as far east and west as we could go until we were scared we weren't gonna make it back before dark. Fun memory cause I can just remember us all laughing and talking. Of course until railroad personnel chased off the train. Miss you bro!

David gaul - August 17, 2019 at 01:13 PM

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“ Oh, so very sorry to hear! Prayers for the family! I lived two houses down from him and Tim. We had fun the old-fashioned way..swimming, neighborhood hide-and-seeK, tag, etc. I am very sorry to hear of his passing.

**Debbi Struble** - August 17, 2019 at 12:29 PM

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“ Our dear friend Mawson...How many hilarious memories we have of you... from the OPE parties to just hanging out at Ziggys's. You were a remarkable, caring man. These pictures show how much fun you added to our OPE lives. No one ever knew what pictures might end up on our phones. Much love to sweet Janine and Alex. We will miss you dearly friend.



**Michelle Toth** - August 17, 2019 at 11:58 AM

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“ Grew up 4 houses down from him and knew him and Tim well. Good guy! RIP.

**Mark Opincar** - August 17, 2019 at 11:48 AM

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“ Mike was one of the first neighbors I met when we first moved to OPE! He and Janine immediately made us feel welcome. We shared so many wonderful times we will cherish forever. Martini parties! Fun times! His smile was contagious! Rest In Peace my dear friend. Until we meet again!

**Maria Roman** - August 17, 2019 at 11:37 AM



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**Michelle** - August 17, 2019 at 11:59 AM

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“ I met Mike on the first week of our son’s preschool. He asked if we lived down the street. Years of friendship began there, at first centered around children and expanding from there. He remained a part of Dylan’s life too. Dylan looked up to him and I often heard him say...”Mr. Mawson said...”  
Thank you Mike, for always bringing laughter and kindness to us. It is a rare person that can bring true laughter and fun to others. May Alex, Janine, and his family always be wrapped in the light he so freely shared.

**Vicki Bright-Timple** - August 17, 2019 at 09:52 AM

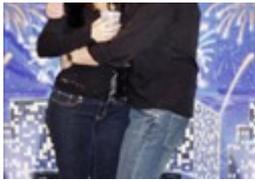


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**Michelle** - August 17, 2019 at 11:59 AM



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**Edwin Roman** - August 17, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ Great times and great memories. Mike was always the life of the party and made everyone laugh. RIP my friend.

**Edwin Roman** - August 17, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ Two of my favorite people and very dear friends! Mike was such a wonderful human being!! You will be missed!! Rest In Peace my dear friend, until we meet again!!

**Maria Roman** - August 17, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ I will miss Mike’s laugh. He brought joy to everyone he touched. The Fourth of July will never be the same to me. We would join him as he would light up the sky. There were times he would send everyone scrambling as the fireworks would sometimes come down on the crowd but he made sure we all had a good time.

Garry Timple

**Garry Timple** - August 17, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ ...the countless times he would tell me, "thank you for such a wonderful life". Mike appreciated everyone around him and every part of his life. Somehow he will continue to make us strong.

**Janine** - August 17, 2019 at 08:00 AM

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“ I remember one Christmas when Mike and Janine gave me a 32 Gal garbage can with a pool noodle taped to it. Because I use to drink from the big 64 oz frozen jugs from Speedway. It was hilarious and the kids had a blast playing with it. I will really miss you Mike. You were an awesome brother-in-law for 23 1/2 yrs. Love to you both Janine and Alex during this painful time in your lives. Tim and I are here for you always.  
-Lynn Mawson

**Lynn Mawson** - August 17, 2019 at 01:07 AM

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“ Mike sure was an incredible man. He was kind. He had integrity. He adored his family. I always looked up to him. He was absolutely hilarious, and I mean hilarious.

My favorite memory with Mike:

Mike, Brad & I were leaving Jeff & Donna's wedding going to the reception in my old red Jeep. We decided to go mud running down by the river and got stuck, wearing our tuxedos!! Needless to say by the time we walked back to Dobos' house on Linda Lane we were a muddy mess. Dad & Don ripped us all a new one, they were fit to be tied!!

I'll never forget it, Mike says "Here's the plan: first, we're gonna drink a beer. Then we're gonna go change out of these monkey suits. Then we're gonna drink another beer. Then we're gonna go get the cumalong and get the jeep unstuck. Then we're gonna have another beer. Then we're gonna change back into the monkey suits, have another beer and hit the reception so we can drink some beer!!" Great memories of the man!!

Janine & Alex:

So sorry for the loss of such a great man. We love you guys.

Mike:

You will always live in all of us through great memories made with you. Godspeed Mike and may God bless your soul. Give Jeff a big hug from all of us!!

-Brett

**brett black** - August 16, 2019 at 12:14 PM