



## Michael Friel

December 24, 1962 - June 13, 2009

Michael C Friel age 46 of Dixon died Saturday June 13, 2009 at Dixon Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Dixon. He was born Dec. 24, 1962 in Dixon the son of Edward F and June (Dempsey) Friel. He had been employed as a cement finisher for Nagy and Wentling Construction for 20 years. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother Edward Friel Jr. He is survived by a daughter Sydney of Dixon, his mother of Dixon, sisters Julie (Joe) Cofield of Needham, MA, Sharon Hussung of Dixon, Sheila (Ed) Garland of Grand Detour, and Jill (Wade) Kaufman of Morrison, nieces and nephews Justin, Drew, Sunny, Stephanie and Jacob. Funeral services will be on Wednesday June 17, 2009 beginning with a 10:00 AM prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Cremation will follow and burial of cremains will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday June 18, 2009 at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM with a scripture service at 7:30 PM. A memorial has been established and can be sent C/O Jill Kaufman 407 Maple Ave. Morrison, IL 61270

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Friel*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Michael Friel*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Jill and Family:*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**John and Arlene** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family and close friends of Mike. I know he has been struggling for a long time, but is now at peace. My prayers are with you.*

*Rest in Peace Brother!*

**Paul Johns** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Friel Family, May each of you find comfort in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) He has promised to soon "swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) Take care,*

**valerie thompson** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Mike was like a brother to me when we were kids growing up in Dixon. I have great memories of hanging out and playing sports with Mike, along with Pat Kennedy, Craig Santos, Larry Farley, and Kevin Kelly. We played little league baseball, basketball and football for Dixon Catholic and attended grade school at St. Mary's. Mike was a gifted athlete and a terrific friend.

*My deepest sympathies go out to his mom and his sisters. Mike was a one in a million friend from a Great Family.*

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**Mike Weitzel** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ To Jill and the rest of the Friel family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time.*

*Erin O'Brien Burr*

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**Erin O'Brien Burr** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Extending our deepest sympathy to the family. We worked with Mike at P&W. I grew up working with Mike in the summers. He was one of the nicest guys I had the pleasure of working with and a person I am proud to call my friend. He will be greatly missed.

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**Dave & Ben Newman** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ So sorry to hear about Mike. He left us way too early and will be very missed. All our thoughts and prayers are with the Friel family.

Love,  
The Koch's

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**Mary and Steve Koch** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Jill and Family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Mike was a great person that touched so many. He made me smile everytime I saw him. He will be missed.*

*God be with you all,*

*Maggie*

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**Maggie Jones** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Mrs. Friel and family,

*Please accept my sincerest sympathy on learning of Mike's death. I am unable to attend the funeral but wanted you all to know how really sad I felt when I learned of this. I have many wonderful memories of Mike, Eddie and all of us on Hennepin Ave. After I saw Mike after after having lived in Az. for many years it felt like I was really home and had never left. He always had a smile and a hug and we shared many memories and had a great time. I am working at Holy Family Church in Rockford with Tom and will have a Mass said for Mikey - God Bless*

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**Lisa Bales** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ To a Friends Family:

*I met Mike when i was about 4 years old, he was the new kid on the block, my first memory of mike was that he gave me a tootsie roll,, and we were friends ever since. The 8th street gang or the Highlanders as we liked to call ourselves, we made forts, played at kiddy coral, had sleep overs, and did what any other kids would do.. We went to St, Marys School together that is where we learned how to spell (barley).. I remember the days we would pack a lunch in the early morning and not return to late at night.. Hey man those were great times,,, Hye Man that is what Big "E" would say all the time.. High School came He went to Newman and I went to Dixon, he was a year a head of me, he did not like Newman and I can't blame him. so he came to Dixon High. We never lost touch over the years,. we had alot of fun, double dates, dome parties, T-shirt parties, lua parties, etc...and we played at kiddy coral.... We graduated from high school no college "we couldn't spell"*

*but we sure did visit the colleges and had fun..We got jobs , found girls and got married. He was my best man at my wedding. I bought a piece of crap house the money pit, he helped me fix it up. NOW me and my wife have 3 kids at they would call mike UNCLE FRIEL..., He would come over for B\_days, New YEars eve, or just to come over and say Hello... It's hard to say good by to a friend that you have known since we were 4 years old,, so that is why I told Mike that I would See him later..*

*PS :*

*Webster says " a friend is a person whom one knows well and is fond of ,I am very fond of my friend Mike*

*Love you MIKE*

*Mike Lahey*

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**mike lahey** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *the world is a little worse off today... rest in peace my friend*

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**gary m. howell** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *To Mike's Family - I was so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great guy with a beautiful smile.*

*May you find comfort in your memories of Mike. God bless you all.*

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**Michelle (Owen) Hortega** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Mike was a terrific friend and a great guy that I wish I would have been able to spend more time with over the years.  
Mike was so easy-going and fun-loving and was a joy to be around.*

*Looking back, it was a blast playing softball at the old Emerald Hill fields with Mike and his brother Ed. We will miss Mike.*

*Our family had kept Mike in our prayers and will keep Mike's family in our prayers. \**

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**Mark Cooper & Family** - June 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM