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**M**ichael Francis Derby, 57, of South Riding Virginia, formerly of Massena and Star Lake, New York died Sunday May 27th while in hospice care in Aldie, Virginia. He was surrounded by his wife, children, siblings and extended family. Mike was born on March 2, 1961 in Massena New York to Joseph P and Joanna K Derby. He is a 1979 graduate of Massena Central High School and a 1986 graduate of the State University of New York at Canton with a degree in Civil Engineering Technology. Mike worked for CH2M Jacobs for over 30 years as a Resident Inspector. Mike is survived by his wife Cynthia, two step children William (Billy) Brown and Brooke Derby. He was predeceased by his parents Joe and Joanna Derby of Star Lake, New York. He is survived by his two brothers: Patrick of Mechanicsville, Virginia and Christopher of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, and two sisters: Katie of Atkinson, New Hampshire and Stephanie Widzinski (Jim) of Round Hill, Virginia; four nieces Anna, Tori, Ally and Madeline; six nephews Zachary, Mitchell, Brian, Kolten, John and Nate; three aunts and many cousins.

Mike's long career with CH2M Hill had him moving to wherever the job took him. Mike lived in Cape May, New Jersey; Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Suffolk, Virginia; Catlett, Virginia; and Sterling, Virginia before settling in South Riding, Virginia. Mike had many hobbies and interests that included woodworking, rebuilding motorcycles and outboard motors, collecting Fiestaware, antiques and any memorabilia that had the DERBY name on it. However, Mike's most expensive hobby was collecting Porches; he had three of them. Mike and Cindy recently purchased a house in Star Lake with the dream to retire there. Mike didn't like the water and never swam but he loved to have a few cold beers on the raft hanging out on the lake.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Friday June 1st from 2 to 4 pm at the Loudoun Funeral Chapel in Leesburg, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations in



## Obituary

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Mike's name can be sent to the Star Lake Volunteer Fire Department in Star Lake, New York.




# Events


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## Visitation

 **Friday**, June 1, 2018

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Loudoun Funeral Chapel**  
158 Catocin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175





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LK

**Lori Korehi** posted:

Stephanie and family, I am sorry for your loss. God bless.

July 5 at 4:24 AM

NK

**Nance (Spadafore) Kopecky** posted:

I am so sad and sorry to hear of Michael's passing. He and I had Birthdays very close as mine is 2/27/61..He was my classmate at Sacred Heart and Massena Central HS. My sweet memory was when we were in 6th grade. Sr Patricia announced the winners of the Massena Fire Dept coloring contest and Michael had won it! The award was engraved with the Fire Depts initials and he laughed since they were his as well! RIP MFD!! (Wondering if he still had his award after all these years?) I'll remember him as quiet, sweet and cute...and awesome at coloring! :-) God Bless you all!:pray::raised\_hands:

June 3 at 5:44 AM

TQ

**Tim Quenneville** posted:

So sorry to hear about Mikes passing. Through our years at Sacred Heart school and Massena central ,the memories will be forever. Condolences to brothers and sisters , and his family . RIP My Friend .

June 3 at 3:48 AM

TS

**Ted Scott** posted:

To the Derby family - please accept our condolences on Mike's passing. I have so many good memories of growing up with all of you in Massena. Thinking of all of you at this difficult timeTed and Cathy Scott

June 2 at 6:27 AM

MM

**Mary O'Brien Mulcahy** posted:

Dear Pat, Chris, Katie and Stephanie - we are so sorry to hear about Mike. You and the rest of Mike's family are in our prayers at this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Catherine, Mary and Ann O'Brien

June 1 at 6:25 PM



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**Lisamarie Charlesworth** posted:

My family has so many fond and funny memories of growing up 2 doors down from the Derby's. There was always some kind of nonsense happening between our two homes - with their 5 and our 6, there were a lot of kids to cause trouble! Mike was one of the nicest, wittiest, and kindest boys. My heart breaks to hear of his passing. On behalf of my family and my siblings, I am sending the family only love and prayers and the best of our shared memories. Sometimes I wish we were all kids again ...Lisamarie Charlesworth, Saint Albans, VT (formerly Massena, New York)

June 1 at 5:37 AM



**Robt. Charlesworth** June 1 at 12:39 PM

Lisamarie has said it so well - a fine young man



**Sabine** posted:

My Condolence to the family. Thinking of you at this time of sorrow.. Sabine Miller( co-worker of Stephanie W)

June 1 at 4:04 AM



**Susan Stewart** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. He was a special friend to me, kind and thoughtful. I will always cherish the many memories we shared especially during our time at Potsdam. He made a beautiful cedar chest, as a wedding gift, for my husband and I, a gift that is very special to me. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family. May his love and memories provide comfort during this difficult time. Rest In Peace dear Mike. Susan Pelifian Stewart

May 31 at 6:52 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Derby family.



May 31 at 12:26 PM



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DS

**Debbie Sharpe** posted:

I remember when the Derby's moved to Star Lake and then all the bonfires sitting around just talkin having some beers and having fun Mike and I could always talk I loved him like a brother he was a special guy and will be missed by all...RIP my friend

May 31 at 11:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Derby family.



May 31 at 11:43 AM

TB

**Tammie Bassette** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! I remember when ever he came to Star Lake to visit, Joe would tell me Mike will be here at (let's say) 3:16. I would give Joe a funny look and he would tell me Mike has a thing about getting somewhere at the time he says. Sure enough Mike walks in the store about 3:16! RIP Michael!

May 31 at 11:41 AM

LW

**Lori And Tom Widzinski** posted:

Rest in peace, Mike. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Derby family.

May 31 at 8:06 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Derby family.



May 31 at 7:26 AM



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**Sharon Snider** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Derby family at this sorrowful time. Mike will be so very missed by so many who knew and loved him. May he R.I.P. and may there be peace and healing to those who hold his memory in their hearts. Say "Hello" from me to your Mom and Dad Mike as your are reunited with them . My ❤️ And hugs to all, Sharon

May 31 at 5:30 AM



**The Sturtz, Morris & Poulin Families** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Derby family.

May 30 at 6:31 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Derby family.

May 30 at 7:48 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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