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Guest Book of Michael D. Collins

Dear Collins Family

My sincere condolences. I met Mike as Board members of SWCS. I always enjoyed talking to Mike and discussing soil and water conservation efforts across North America. He will be missed by many people across North America.

Tom Prout
Exeter ON Canada
Friend

Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. I will always remember Mike's good hearted laugh. Always happy and always made me smile. We will certainly miss him. God bless you all.
Gary and Tammy

Gary & Tammy Kramer
Buffalo
Friends

Mike, a very professional individual, smart, mentor, and teacher. Mike brought out the best in all, left an every lasting foot print on this earth by sharing his knowledge and desires to see the land better for the next generations. Mikes' videos will be our lasting memories of how he wanted to share and exchange great times. The good Lord called Mike, lets us pray for the strength to lead our lives as Mike had, so we can be with him when our time is called

Phil Gonzales
Buffalo, Wyoming
Co-worker

Mike,
You will be missed. Thank you for your positive outlook on life and inspiring me to be better. Take care until we meet again.

J.R. Flores
Columbia, MO
Friend

So sorry to hear of Michaels accident. Our hearts and prayers reach out to the entire family. God Bless and Keep you.

Brent & Linda Osborne
West Des Moines, Ia
Relative of Dick & Karen Stapp

Mike, you will be sorely missed. Soil conservation/health work will continue on, and we will be motivated by memories of your enthusiasm and skillful sharing of knowledge and experiences. Yet no one can replace your presence.

To Mike's family, I can only hope that the sorrow shared by his friends and colleagues across the country and beyond can somehow ease the pain of your loss.

Stephanie Murphy
Rutgers/New Jersey
Friend

Mike had a passion for his job, taking care of the land, and especially his desire to help his coworkers. What a great example on how to live your life as a worker, a friend and mostly a family man. I wish more people were like you. I will miss you friend.

Terry Everard
Sundance, Wy
Coworker and Friend

I had the opportunity to interview Mike numerous times by telephone and to also visit with him in person at numerous events as well.

I will always remember his graciousness and his upbeat and cheerful personality. Mike was someone that we all tried to aspire to be like.

Mike was a friend to agriculture industry and he will be missed greatly by all that knew him...

Brian Allmer
Briggsdale, CO 80611
friend

Stacy, I'm so sorry to hear of Michael's passing! I know it's been a long time since we've seen each other, but I have thought of you often over the years. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Gen Cotherman
Laramie, WY
Former high school classmate of Stacy

My deepest condolences to your family, Mike. I was both stunned and saddened when I heard of your passing. Your spark and enthusiasm will be missed. May god bless you!

Bill Elder
Reno, NV
Friend

So Sorry to here about Mike. Great man of conservation and it has been a pleasure to work with him. He will be sorely missed throughout the NRCS community.

Scott Smith
Cheyenne Wells Colorado
co worker , friend

Mike was one of the first people I met when I moved to Cheyenne in 1995. We met at the hockey rink in Laramie right before Christmas. I sat down next to him on the bench and he struck up a conversation w me. That's when we found out we both worked for NRCS. I had the pleasure of working w Mike in WY and recently in CO. He was a great proponent of soil quality and people quality - helping to 'grow' others in the agency thru mentoring and encouraging them to 'stretch' and become more. You are missed, my friend.

Boyd Byelich
Midland, MI
friend and colleague

We were so so sad to hear about "beaver". A special man we knew long ago. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Ordean and Lisa anderson
Big sky montana
Friends

Mike will be missed by me greatly.
He did a lot for me all the time and I am thankful for all the time with him.
My thoughts and prayers are with Stacy, Dustin and Michelle.
You are so loved by our family.

William Collins
Lambertville, MI
Dad

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William Collins
Lambertville, MI
Dad

My heart breaks oh so much. I remember when we were kids and you use to hit your rear end during the Christmas song rump bum bum. I will miss the conversations, the times at Cedar Point. Everything about you was true joy! Thanks for teaching me how to drive, ski and you were the best brother ever. Life will not be the same without you! Will see you in heaven Michael boats. Janice Collins

Janice Collins
Temperance, Mich 48182
sister

Brothers are so special
In a really unique way,
You form an unbreakable bond
No matter what comes your way
Brothers have a special way
Of making you feel at rest
And to have you as a brother,
I know I am blessed.

Mike you always helped me with graduations, weddings and always helping with Dad. You made everyone a better person.

I did not like you call me "Cheetah", but I wish I could hear you call me that today.
I know you are in heaven with Mom. She always liked you best!

Love, Prayers, Hugs to Stacy, Dustin and Michelle. Stacy excellent mother, wife. She could be CEO. Michael was so proud of Dustin and Michelle and the great persons they will be. Miss you always, and loved being in your presence.

Linda Reid
Livonia, Mi
Sister

I knew Mike primarily from snowmobiling with mutual friends. He was a very good rider and I learned a lot from him over the years.

Mike was always patient and helpful with those who rode with him including myself and my children (Jenni and Doug). He remained calm when faced with stuck machines, collisions between snowmobiles, and malfunctioning engines (which he usually got running).

Jenni, Doug and I always felt privileged to be invited to ride with him when he came to the Snowies. He was a gracious man and friend, I will miss him greatly

Phil, Toni, Jenni, and Doug Hayes
Cheyenne Wy
Friend

Hi Stacy, Dustin and Michelle,
I am sooo sorry about the news. I will keep you in my prayers and angel hugs.

Sophia Beck
Laramie
Friend

Gone to soon, but not forgotten. Remember, Mike will live on forever in your heart!! The entire Collins family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Gail O'Neill(Cude)
South Lyon MI
grew up with the Collins family

Mike has touched many lives and will be missed by all. Remembering the times in SWCS when Mike was filming. Once he had us all in the cattle shoot to promote SWCS. He had the ideas, the energy and was very dedicated to preserving soil and his and our environment.

Rip Mike, Rest in Peace.

Sympathy and prayer's to Mike's family.

Yvonne Haefner
Mobridge
Friend, Co-Worker

Stacey, Dustin, and Michelle,
We are so sorry for your loss. Mike was a great man and he will be missed by all. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Stan, Leslie and Wyatt Sheley
Colorado Springs, CO
Friends

I have known Mike for many years through the Soil and Water Conservation Society and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mike was a tireless promoter, educator and spokesperson in the world of natural resource conservation. He made a positive difference in the lives and livelihoods of countless farmers, ranchers and professional conservationists, including myself. I will miss him and his contributions to the soil health movement. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Jon Stika
Dickinson, ND
Friend

It's certainly is a loss for the resources as well as a GOOD friend. Will see you in April

Cody J. Hatzenbuhler
USDA-NRCS

<http://www.ndswcs.org/mikecollins.htm>

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Cody J. Hatzenbuhler
Mandan, North Dakota
Coworker & Friend

Thanks for including us at Wednesday's service. Prayers for strength, endurance, and peace as you daily think about Mike and are encouraged by his life and love for you!

Carol Reece
Monument, CO
Friend

Im sorry I am unable to be there in support of your family. My sincere condolences to all of you in the time of your loss.

Sincerely,
Scott Hammes
(friend of Deb Hart)

Scott Hammes
Elkhart
Friend of Dustin and Wendy

My heart and my prayers go out to all of Mike's family. I too am deeply saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I met Mike last year during the leadership program the NRCS was giving. We immediately hit it off when we discovered we both have a passion for riding dirt bikes. We talked many times of getting together to go riding and kept in touch after the leadership program ended. I was able to see him at the SWCS meeting in Greensboro last August. I know he loved to ride dirt bikes and snow mobiles and he was doing what he loved to do. Mike you will be missed my friend.

Greg Pipkin
Alexandria, VA
Friend

I am completely shocked after only minutes ago reading the Bismarck Tribune obituaries. I thought Oh that has to be a different Mike Collins until I read further. I am so sorry and am having a hard time knowing what to say. If only I knew sooner I would have made the trip today. I will be letting my family know today with much sadness. I only have Mikes email and phone. I would like to hear from someone when the time feels right. Mike was a great guy and hockey friend. We enjoyed his visits here and his enthusiasm.

Jack Holt
Bismarck, ND
Friend

So sad to hear about Mike's passing. I knew Mike when he started working for the NRCS in Santa Fe, NM. We commuted to Santa Fe from Albuquerque for many years, and I had the privilege of training Mike in basic surveying, design, and conservation planning. He loved to rebuild wrecked cars and he was good at that, too. I will miss Mike's smile and laugh. My condolences go to Stacy and the family. He will truly be missed. Rest in Peace, Mike!

Richard Bruce
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Friend

Collins Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss.

I so enjoyed working with Mike and especially attending SWCS functions and conferences with him.

He will be greatly missed.

Penny

Penny Doty
Fergus Falls, MN
fellow SWCSer and NRCSer

Stacy, Dustin and Michelle.. Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow for your loss, but know that our family holds yours in our thoughts and prayers today and in the days ahead. Jim Micko & family

Jim Micko
Bonaire, GA
Friend

Dear Stacy, Dustin and Michelle:

Words cannot express our sorrow upon hearing about Mike's accident. Crazy how we were all together not too long ago celebrating Kelsey's marriage and now this. Another of God's reminders of just how fragile life is. We are sending you our love and we will hold you close as you grieve. May God's spirit give you the strength and courage to deal with tough days ahead.

Peace,
Ray and Tina Wulf

Ray & Tina Wulf
CASPER
friend of the family

Stacy,

I am so sorry to hear about your husband. My heart is with you in this time. You are in my prayers.
Carrie (LTC Acree from DCE Region VIII)

Carrie Acree
Grand Junction, CO
Friend

Stacy, those were all Great stories at the service today! I am glad that you did such a beautiful job when you spoke... Duane

Duane Adams
Laramie, Wyo
good friends

How heavy and sad your hearts and spirits must be. Over time as the shock of these first months moves on, you will start to dwell more and more on the good memories of Mike and that will start to heal your soul. Mike was my supervisor and I respected him a lot because he respected his employees. It was a joy to know him and we will all see him again when our time comes. May God provide the peace that you need in the days to come.

Brady Kelly
Fargo, ND
Friend & former co-worker

My heart goes out to Mike's family and friends. Mike was one of my first undergraduate advisees when I came to UW in 1981 and I followed his career over the years with great interest and pleasure in his achievements and our friendship. I used Mike always as an example to other students as someone who was not afraid to move to new challenges and responsibilities in his career. A highlight was having him guest lecture in my Intro Soils class the year his daughter Michelle was in the class. He loved his family, his career in conservation and any machine with a motor. I will miss his regular emails and phone calls greatly.

LARRY C MUNN
LARAMIE
Academic Advisor and Friend

Our heartfelt sympathies to the Collins family. Mike sounds like he was truly a wonderful man! (Our son Chris is engaged to his niece, Meghan Reid.) God bless all of you.
The Wakenell Family

Maureen Wakenell
Livonia, MI

Stacy and your entire family words can not express the sorrow for your loss You are in my thoughts. I know Stacy you have the love and support of your family and are an amazingly strong women. may the great happy memories carry you through the rough days ahead. You will perciver you are strong

Renee
Laramie
Family friend