



Michael Ray Wilcox Jr

October 6, 1973 - August 5, 2023

Michael Ray Wilcox Jr. a loving father, husband, son, brother and friend passed away suddenly due to a tragic traffic accident at the age of 49 on Saturday August 5, 2023. Michael, fondly known as Mike, was born to Bonnie (Pete) Schmaltz and Michael Wilcox Sr. on October 6, 1973, in Plymouth, IN. Mike was married twice in his lifetime first to Beth Smith for 14 years with whom he shares two loving sons Michael "Mikey" III and Andrew "Drew" Wilcox they divorced in 2010. He recently married Tiffany Wilcox on July 27, 2023 in South Carolina. Mike was a lifelong resident of North Judson, a high school graduate of NJSP and college graduate of Vincennes University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He lived for his family, always being willing to drop what he was doing to be there for anyone especially for his children or grandchildren. He was a truly selfless family man who lived to serve his community in many different aspects throughout his lifetime from being a North Judson reserve police officer for many years, a 25 year SIA employee/Team lead/ERT member, a firefighter for 3 years on San-Pierre volunteer fire department along with being a part-time EMT for Starke County and Pulaski County for 2 years.

Mike is survived by his wife Tiffany Wilcox of North Judson, IN, as well as his sons Michael (Allison) Wilcox III, Andrew (McKenzie) Wilcox, his stepchildren Makayla Loughry, Payton Roberts, Emiley Roberts, and Anthony Roberts and three grandchildren Charlotte Wilcox, Xadrien and Xylan Miller of North Judson, IN. Mike is also survived by his parents Bonnie and Pete Schmaltz of

North Judson, IN, his sister Michelle Hernandez and her partner Rich Evett, Nieces and nephews Luke, Alexa, Stephanie, Kaylee & Raelyn of Knox, IN. Mike was preceded in death by his father Michael Wilcox Sr., maternal grandparents Lawrence and Arlene Jurovich and paternal grandparents William "Bill" and Alma "Alta" Mae Wilcox.

A Gathering of Family, Friends, Co-Workers and Emergency Responders will be held at 2:30 PM CT Saturday, August 19, 2023 at the NJ-SP Liberty Elementary Gymnasium, North Judson, Indiana. Mike's cremains will be escorted from the San Pierre Fire House, San Pierre, Indiana to the Gymnasium, starting at 2 PM CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the San Pierre Volunteer Fire Department or to Starke County EMS in Mike's Memory.

Previous Events

Memorial Escort

AUG 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

San Pierre Volunteer Fire Department
102 Fisher Street
San Pierre, IN 46374

Gathering of Family, Friends, Co-Workers and Emergency Responders

AUG 19. 2:30 PM (CT)

NJ-SP Liberty Elementary Gymnasium
809 W Talmer Avenue
North Judson, IN 46366

Tribute Wall



“ I worked at SIA for a year and Mike was my Team Lead. That man would work until he was soaked in sweat. I have never seen a supervisor step up and work so hard to keep his line and team going. He would share stories of his 2 sons, which he was so very proud of. And his new grand baby. He would just grin ear to ear when he spoke about his son's. I spoke to him on July 23rd about how my life changed so much when we had our wreck in June. Mike told me that he would come see me at rehab or at home soon the check in on us and to see our son. Mike and my husband would talk about cars and other stuff. I am so beyond sorry to the family and his new wife Tiffany. He loved her and her kids very much. He had the best soul and helped save many people. My prayers are sent to all.

Sarah Karnes - August 26, 2023 at 01:30 PM

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“ I have had the honor of working with Mike at SIA for over a decade, on the ERT team and as his HR Rep. You could always count on Mike for a smile, a friendly conversation, or a laugh. What a good man! He was always willing to help in any way he could....his love for his kids/family/wife was very apparent - hearing of his loss really affected so many of us. I cannot imagine the pain for his loved ones... thinking of you all and praying for comfort/peace.

Amy - August 17, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Wilcox Jr.*



August 16, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Wilcox Jr.*



August 15, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Mike will be greatly missed by many. I had the pleasure of working with him as an ERT at SIA for many years where he would share his knowledge and stories. Prayes to the family.*

Russ McKinney ERT-12

Russell McKinney - August 14, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Mike. He was a great guy and will be missed. I remember having shop class together and harassing the teacher. Lol*

My condolences, Jason Korous

Jason Korous - August 11, 2023 at 11:56 AM

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“ *rest in peace michael your work on this earth is finished and may
god bless you*

john - August 11, 2023 at 08:22 AM