



Michael J. Perry

July 3, 1957 - April 12, 2023

On April 12th, Michael J. Perry, beloved husband of Deborah Perry, left this world and left his family and friends totally heartbroken. Michael was born on July 3, 1957 in Baltimore, Maryland, the son of Joseph and Kathleen Perry. Michael was the devoted father of Emory Perry, and stepfather of Philip, Luke, Joel and Liliana. In a previous marriage, Mike was also the stepfather of Christy Salamone, and the step-grandfather of Charlotte and Bradley. He is the cherished brother of Greg Rigby, Susan Stuart, Rose Ann Perry, Maripat Fader (deceased), Joseph Perry, Marian Tamburrino, John Perry, Larry Perry, Nick Perry, Kateri Ottati, Gloria Quinn, Marty Perry and Peggy Perry. He is also survived by Deborah's mother and father, Barbara and Werner Lind, and two sisters-in-law, Rachel Lind, and Rebekah Fraser. Finally, he is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, cousins and other family members and friends who will greatly miss spending precious time with him.

Mike was incredibly talented as a carpenter and home improvement specialist, and he has held numerous carpenter and home improvement jobs over the years. Mike was a carpentry artist and a perfectionist at whatever building projects he took on, and he had a knack for always making it better. An example of his work includes a remarkable restoration of the famous historical Mirror Lake Inn (Lake Placid, NY) back to its original grandeur. Mike didn't only restore it; he made it even better than it was before. He was also a very good automobile mechanic, and he loved a variety of music, especially the

Beatles songs. He was a gifted musician, and his beautiful piano rendition of Beethoven's 'Moonlight Sonata' is legendary in the Perry family.

Mike was a very intelligent man who took numerous college courses over the years, including from Harvard University. More recently, he earned his professional certification as an Addictions Counselor. He loved this role, and took great pride in teaching valuable post-addiction skills to his clients. Mike was a gentle, multi-talented man who loved life, and he lived many adventures (and a few mis-adventures) with a natural passion. He had a terrific sense of humor, sometimes putting on hilarious comedy shows for family and friends. He was also a nature lover, enjoying being outdoors on hikes and camping trips in the mountains.

Mike has resided in a variety of locations, including many years in upstate New York. However, several years ago he put down his final roots in Bluefield, West Virginia, where he met and married the love of his life, Deborah.

Friends and family may call at the Mercer Funeral Home and Crematory at 1231 W. Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701, on Friday, April 21, from 5 – 7 PM. A Celebration of Mike's Life service will be held at the same location (Mercer Funeral Home and Crematory) on Saturday, April 22, at 2 pm. A Christian burial will take place immediately afterward at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA.

Memorial Flowers can be purchased at Shopkeepers Florist (304-800-4724), and at Magnolia on Jefferson (304-327-6166). Donations are also welcome in support of Deborah and her 5 children. You can forward donations to Barbara Lind, the mother of Deborah, at 2004 Virginia Heights Drive, Bluefield, Virginia, 24605.

Another celebration of Mike's life is being planned for the Fallston, MD area in the next month or so. A specific date and time to be determined.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701
(304) 327-6155
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<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael J. Perry*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



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Suzanne Fitzgerald - April 24, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *This is what I choose for Michael's Memorial.*
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=zHRWo-TrjXQ&feature=share>

Suzanne Fitzgerald - April 23, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I will always remember the laughter, the love and your big beautiful smile. Rest in peace my friend.*

Suzanne Fitzgerald - April 23, 2023 at 08:05 AM



“ *Michael Perry...sweet, kind, handsome....the "tall" Perry. I have such fond memories of family visits in Maryland and New Jersey and up to Chenango to visit Grandma, Grandpa, and the Uncles. Always such fun. Rest in peace, Cousin. Give all the family up there a hug. Love and condolences....Debbie and John McGuckin*

Debbie McGuckin - April 20, 2023 at 10:00 PM

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Gratitude for Michael Perry:

Michael was sweet, kind, sensitive and oh so witty. He was a musician, artist, mechanical wizard, craftsman.

Michael was also very generous... particularly when one needed help the most. He was a wonderful brother and friend at many times in my life.

One memorable time was when I was about 22 years old and my '67 black barracuda finally died while living in Rhode Island...I had it since I was 16 years old. I was overwhelmed with the idea of buying a car that I had absolutely no money for. My job, working for a non-profit, was not paying what I needed to even secure a semblance of a car. Michael, always the magical wizard, creating opportunities and manifesting cars wherever he went. he tracked down a beautiful vintage VW beetle for me. I trusted Michael...he said it was in great shape, it needed work and a new paint job. He would do it all for parts and paint. I took the train down to Maryland and sure enough, Michael had worked his magic. He made hard work look easy...I am sure he put hours into creating this beautiful carriage for my ride home. He took such pride in fixing, creating, recreating from what would have been considered no longer viable.

He saw possibility where I could see none.

I loved my new yellow vW beetle. I hugged him, thanked him, spent time with him and was on my way.

Michael could be selfless, and this was one of those times.

This is just one of many examples of Michael's Gifts that he brought to the world. humble and

sweet...complex and mysterious...and yet he left so many tangible gifts of love to the many people in his life along the way. The VW Beetle was just the instrument in this story. Michael was always the song.

I will always be grateful for you in my life. I will always love you, Michael. In our hearts forever...journey on.

Gloria Quinn

Gloria Quinn - April 20, 2023 at 09:01 PM

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“ One of my best memories of Mike was on a trip to visit him and my other brother Nick up in Lake Placid, N.Y. Mike was a very talented carpenter, and he was hired to restore the very famous Mirror Lake Inn. Mike worked hard on this project for quite awhile, and he did an incredible job. Mike was a perfectionist at whatever project he took on, and he had a knack for making his projects even better than he found them. In this case, he achieved a remarkable restoration of the Mirror Lake Inn, and indeed, made it even better. Mike was so proud of this accomplishment, and the day I visited him at the site, he beamed with pride as he showed me everything he had accomplished. What I also recall is that many of the people there stopped to say hello to Mike and kid around with him. They loved him. And the truth is, what he had done was absolutely beautiful. I was extremely impressed. Mike has done many awesome carpentry projects, but he was perhaps proudest of this one, and it was maybe the pinnacle of his carpentry career.

Joseph Perry - April 20, 2023 at 06:03 PM

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“ From - Joseph Perry

Sometime in the summer before Mike married Deborah, Mike and I climbed a mountain in the Lake Placid area. It was just the two of us, and it was a beautiful day to be on a hike. It became one of the best memories with Mike that I have. We talked non-stop, and it was awesome. The scenery was spectacular as we climbed to the top, with eagles flying majestically all around us. We talked about many things that day, but most of the conversation was focused on a beautiful woman Mike had met named Deborah. It was obvious he was falling in love with her. I have never seen Mike so excited. He went on and on about her many wonderful attributes, such as her physical beauty, her gentle nature, her kindness, and her sweetness. Deborah had four younger children from a prior marriage (husband passed away), and Mike also talked about each one of them, describing the kids' personalities. He was concerned about how challenging it would be to become a stepfather of 4 children, but he felt it could work out because he was determined that his love of Deborah would be the foundation for a happy family. Naturally, Mike ended up asking Deborah to marry him, and they were married in December, 2016. I was honored to be his best man. I have been with Mike many times since we were kids, and I can honestly say I have never seen him as excited and so "in love" as he displayed on that hike in the mountains with me.

Joseph Perry - April 20, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael J. Perry.*



April 20, 2023 at 03:39 PM