



Michael J. Lansing Jr.

April 24, 1990 - December 29, 2023

Glenmont- Michael J. Lansing, Jr., 33, passed away December 29, 2023. He was the son of Michael Joseph Lansing and the late Karen Rose Lansing, brother of Kaitlin Rose Lansing Morton (twin), Kevin Maxwell Lansing, Christopher John Lansing, and Hannah Carolyn Lansing, uncle to Donovan Michael Morton, and Ireland Rose Morton (goddaughter), brother-in-law of Aamek Morton.

Born in Albany, NY on April 24, 1990. He came into this world with his twin Kaitlin, forty-six minutes later. Michael attended Bethlehem Central High School and continued his education at Hudson Valley Community College. He dedicated his personal and professional life to the care of animals. He leaves behind many of his canine friends including his bestest boy Rocko. He excelled in athletics particularly hockey. His toughness and slap shot were unmatched.

Michael was a beautiful, kind, funny, and compassionate human being who left an indelible impression on all those fortunate enough to know him during his time on earth. It is with the heaviest of hearts we say goodbye. We will always carry him with us. We love you very much, Michael.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Michael's family Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N.

Allen St., Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral Services Friday, January 5, 2024 at 12:00 pm at St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held in Memory Gardens, Colonie, NY immediately following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers donations in Michael's memory can be made to the Animal Farm Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 624, Bangall, NY 12506.

To leave a message for Michael's family or view other helpful services please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

JAN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Rd
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 462-1336

Tribute Wall

ZS

“It’s hard to put into words how special Michael was. His wit was faster than any trigger hand in the wild west. He brightened every room he was in just by being there, and he warmed every heart he touched. Even the crankiest and shyest of people couldn’t escape his charm, and he was one of the best of us for always seeing through to the human underneath worth charming at all. Once you had him, you couldn’t let go of him (even if you wanted to). But who would? He was one of the best friends anyone could’ve ever asked for. He was someone you could always count on to laugh with, cry with, vent with, and break the rules with. He always believed in your dreams, and made you feel like you belonged just as you were. I don’t think I’ll ever again meet someone as selfless as he was, who time and time again made time for people and put others before himself, regardless of how close they were, and even when he was going through it, too. He was so thoughtful and giving, and not only to the people in his life, but to the dogs, too. He saved countless lives in so many ways. From caring for the scared strays that walked in our doors and sending them home to their new lives, to befriending the dogs that no one else could touch and giving meaning to their name and hope to their future. He was the advocate every dog deserved, and he loved them hard, even if it meant losing them in the end, and even then he still made room for more. He was unforgettable, and truly one of the best this earth has seen. I wish I could’ve seen the celebration when he joined all of his “buddy boys” in the sky. I’m endlessly grateful for the added meaning he brought to rescue work, the silly memories, inside jokes, and rough days that became some of our best, the dogs he brought into my life, the memes and videos I swear he found at the bottom of the ocean, the great movie and show recommendations I’m slowly working through, and all the hours-long phone calls that felt like only minutes and left me grinning like an idiot... But also for the confidence he gave me, the faith he gave me in who I could be, the gentle shoulder and the bandaid around my heart when I needed it most, all of our cherished inside jokes, and all the lessons in selfishness and generosity I will always be trying to live up to. I will forever be in awe of how a person could be that GOOD, and I’ll

never stop looking up to him. He was truly one of a kind. He will be dearly missed by every life he touched, and he will live on in the love he left behind. Sending love and deepest sympathies to his family during this impossible time ❤️🕊

- Zaidey, aka Ziti Pasta

Zaidalyn Schiappa - January 04, 2024 at 11:20 AM



Richard Scalzo Jr.

“ *We are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Michael. It is truly heartbreaking to lose someone so cherished. Please know that our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Michael was clearly loved by many and his memory will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him. May you find strength and comfort in each other as you navigate through this profound loss.*

*With heartfelt condolences,
Richard Scalzo, Jr. and Family*

Richard Scalzo Jr. - January 04, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael J. Lansing Jr..*



January 03, 2024 at 07:00 PM

NG

“ We are all better for having known Michael. I can't count the number of times Michael took a moment in the break room to playfully joke with his coworkers, or stopped me out of the blue in the hallway to recommend a standup comedian he thought I would like. He never stopped thinking of others and how to make their day better. The memory of his big laugh and bigger heart will never leave any of us, and that is how I know he will never truly be gone. Sending my love and prayers to his sister Kaitlin and the rest of his family and friends during this unbelievably heavy time.

Nikki Gagnon - January 03, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael J. Lansing Jr..



January 03, 2024 at 02:42 PM

DM

“ I didn't work with Michael for very long, only 6 months. But even in those 6 months it was easy to tell how wonderful a person he was. I'm super shy but Michael would always try to start conversations with me and I was always happy he would even if it didn't seem like it on the outside. When I came back to the shelter a few years later, he was definitely one of the people I was hoping to see again. Even knowing him for a short time left such a big impact on me. He was so much fun to be around and his kindness could be felt from every corner. I am honored to have been able to meet him and offer the deepest condolences to his family.

Dayle Matott - January 02, 2024 at 07:47 PM

ET

“*Michael (and many of his siblings) was a student of mine when he was in high school many years ago. There are some students you never forget and the Lansing kids were at the top of the list. I still have a picture of the five of them on my wall all these years later. Michael was the same way as a teenager that many people describing today: funny, kind, goofy and sweet. Although I haven't seen him in a long time, it breaks my heart that his family and the world has lost such a wonderful person. However, it makes me smile that he spent his life doing what he loved and sharing his spark. Kaitlin, Hannah, Chris and Kevin, I am thinking of you and sending you love. Ms. Turo*

Eileen Turo - January 02, 2024 at 07:13 PM

JR

“ *The best, goofiest, kindest guy you could want as a friend and coworker. I'd say Michael never met a stranger, but it's more like anyone he met automatically became a friend-in-progress. For those of us working the shelter's front desk, having Michael as an adoption counselor made even the insurmountable seem doable, and even fun. Even when potential adopters were initially disgruntled or frustrated, they would go into a meet led by him and come back with a megawatt grin and a new furry family member (and at least one adopter asked if they could take Michael home as well).*

Along with all the jokes and roasting, he was an incredibly caring and giving friend, and a connector in so many ways. When I was new to shelter dog handling, even the briefest mention of wanting to meet a dog was met with an offer from Michael to take them out with me. I can't count the number of days he'd stay a bit late after at work just to take out his favorite high-energy pup, and he'd gladly stay later or take his break to help me befriend more reactive dogs. It took just one breaktime outing with Michael for Camille to decide she didn't need to bark her head off at me and become my favorite walking partner. He never gave up on a dog. She was sick, old, and a bit chewed up, but he understood her and she trusted him. Thanks to Michael, we were able to get in countless walks and nuzzles before she crossed the rainbow bridge.

Multiply that by a couple thousand, and that's the impact that Michael had just on animals. Then factor in all the family, friends, coworkers, adopters, and folks who had the privilege to be within earshot of a well-timed riff, and you've got so many lives were made that much brighter for having Michael in it. Sending love to all those experiencing this heartbreak.

Jenna R - January 02, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Michael J. Lansing Jr..



January 02, 2024 at 06:18 PM



“ This is an unfathomable loss. If ever there was someone who burned too brightly for this world, it was Michael. I am deeply sorry to the friends and family who were kept warm by the light of him. I am sorrier, though, for those who never had the pleasure of meeting him. To know him was to witness someone living whole heartedly, for better or worse (and even the “worse” made for funny stories later), and loving bravely even when he knew it may lead to the breaking of his own heart. We are all better people for having known him.

Gail Hughes-Morey - January 02, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael J. Lansing Jr..



January 02, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ Christopher, we are so very saddened to hear about the passing of your brother Michael. We extend our condolences to you and your family. Sincerely, Doug & Peg Trumble

Peggy Trumble - January 02, 2024 at 05:05 PM

AS

“ *The world is a much darker place without Michael in it. An incredibly kind, quick-witted goofball who could make you laugh when it was the last thing you wanted to do. It is unfathomable that we will never get weird movie trivia, outrageous jokes, and his kindness again. Thank you for spending a little time with us.*

Alison Simpson - January 02, 2024 at 04:50 PM

MS

“ *Michael was one of a kind and there will never be another like him. My sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. I will never forget all the laughs and songs, but mostly that no matter what you told him, he never judged you for it. He might make fun of you for it but he never made you feel bad for being who you are.*



Melanie Stevenson - January 02, 2024 at 03:02 PM

KL

“ *Michael was one of the best people, and I consider myself incredibly lucky to have known him, and been able to call him a friend. He was one of the most selfless people I've met, always willing to help anyone or anything in need. I will cherish the memories we made, the laughter we shared and the help he gave me in my own journey. It cannot be overstated the impact Michael left on the world around him, he truly made it a better place.*

Kayla LaBelle - January 02, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael J. Lansing Jr..*



January 02, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Michael, you were and will always be a true original.*



Sophie Moss - January 02, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael J. Lansing Jr..*



January 02, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Kaylee F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Lansing Jr..*

Kaylee F. - January 02, 2024 at 01:59 PM

KA

“ Michael was genuinely one of the most authentic people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. A few Christmases ago, I fell on hard times, and I was worried about Christmas for my daughter. Michael put some presents at my work locker as "Santa" for my daughter to make sure she had some presents from Santa. He cared so much for every single person he ever met. Not only every person, but every animal as well. The man had a serious heart of Gold. The dedication he put into every animal was so undoubtedly inspirational. You will be so so missed 💔👍

Kat - January 02, 2024 at 01:54 PM

KF

“ Truly a one of a kind person. One of my bestest friends. He was caring, kind and compassionate for both humans and animals. I will cherish every memory we made together, always laughing. I will remember him for as long as I live, because Michael was the kind of person who left life long impressions on you. My absolute condolences go out to his family and loved ones. With much love, Kaylee Filippello.

Kaylee Filippello - January 02, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael J. Lansing Jr..



January 02, 2024 at 01:52 PM