



Trooper Michael J. Anson

December 2, 1961 - January 2, 2018

Albany-Trooper Michael J. Anson, 56, passed away on January 2nd, 2018, from an illness stemming from his assignment at the World Trade Center site following the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.

Mike was sworn into service with the New York State Police September 22, 1986 and served with them as a trooper for over 31 years. Mike served his entire career in Troop G. Following the events of September 11th, Mike was assigned to New York City to aid in the search and recovery efforts. He was most recently stationed at SP New Scotland. Mike was previously assigned to SP East Greenbush, SP Brunswick, and SP Schodack, where he served as a school resource officer from 2003 -2010 in the Averill Park and Brunswick School Districts. In addition, Mike served as an Academy Training Officer at the NYSP Basic School for multiple classes from 2012-2017.

Born in Albany, Mike was the son of the late Gerald G. Anson and Frances M. Frederick Anson. Michael graduated from Colonie High School in 1980, and then Hudson Valley Community College, before he went on to the State Police academy.

Michael was a beloved son, husband, father, brother, friend and Trooper. He dedicated his life to helping others, both on the job, and off, and could always be counted on to help out a friend or neighbor in need. He truly believed that if you do what you know in your heart to be right, everything else will fall into place. He lived, and raised his children, by this motto.

Michael had many hobbies and interests, and truly lived life to its fullest. For many years, he played baseball, and later softball, and enjoyed coaching his daughter's softball teams where he was able to teach his passion and knowledge of the game. He was an avid fan of classic country music, as well as rock, particularly The Ramones. He also enjoyed bowling, golfing, hunting and fishing with his sons, spending time camping, and more recently on his pontoon boat, and most of all spending time with his family.

Mike's love and dedication to being a Trooper was only surpassed by that which he gave to his family, specifically his "core four" as he liked to call them.

He was the high school sweetheart, and loving husband for almost 30 years of Suzanne M. Mabeus Anson; revered father of Mikala E. Anson, Conor G. Anson, and Marc R. Anson; brother of Gerald G. Anson (Carol), Joseph L. Anson (Jody), George E. Anson (Pamela) and the late Roy R. Anson; brother-in-law of Michele and Jerry Daby and Karl and Martha Mabeus; son-in-law of the late Richard and Claire Cote Mabeus; nephew of Jeanne Cote; life-long best friend of Maureen Cole; uncle of Kacie, Adam, Lindsey, Kimberly, Shannon, Derek, Melissa, Taylor, Lauren, Olivia, Isabelle and Andrew; Michael is survived by his two beloved dogs, Samantha and Bubba, and many friends, cousins and law enforcement colleagues.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the New York State Police, and Town of Colonie Police Department for their unending support to them in this most devastating time.

Relatives, friends, and fellow Law Enforcement Colleagues are invited to visit with Michael's family Monday, January 8, 2018 4:00 to 8:00 pm in Siena College's Alumni Recreation Center (ARC).

Funeral services Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 11:00 am in Siena College's ARC where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

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

Those wishing to remember Michael J. Anson and pay respects to his family in a special way may send a contribution to either the American Lung Association, 418 Broadway, 2 nd Floor, Albany, NY 12207, or NYS Troopers PBA Signal 30 Fund 120 State St., Suite 2 Albany, NY 12207.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, view Michael's Life Tribute or see other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens Cemetery

983 Watervliet Shaker Road
Albany, NY

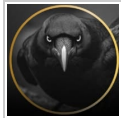
Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Trooper Michael J. Anson*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - January 05, 2018 at 01:24 PM



Dear Sue & Family,

Mike served as an exemplary husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin & Trooper. His Love, Loyalty & Service will be dearly missed by all who were privileged to have known him. May his memory live on forever within NYS Trooper history & within all our hearts. RIP My Cousin, Michael.

Dennis J. & Nina Vincent

Nina Gilleland-Vincent - January 06, 2018 at 01:20 PM

DB

...I played football with Mike on the J Vs...he was a true leader and I always remember his flamboyant and winning ways. I am proud to have this memory of him. God be with you. David Bruner

David Bruner - January 06, 2018 at 02:48 PM

JF

*Sue and Family- I was so saddened to learn of Mikes passing. I remember the W.A.F.D. days and Mikes infectious big smile and even bigger laugh. He leaves a beautiful legacy behind for his children. They have much to be proud of. My deepest condolences.
Janice Floyd*

janice floyd - January 06, 2018 at 04:45 PM



Laurie Risler

*To the Anson Family,
The world was a brighter place with Mike in it. How lucky we all are to have known him. His infectious smile and laughter is a memory I will always remember about him.
Thank you Sue, for sharing Mike with the capital district to watch over us all and keep us safe.
Know that you and your family are in the thoughts and prayers of not just friends and family but people who didn't know Mike, but now will from the memories that have been shared on social media.
Mike will be missed by many and remembered by all.
My deepest sympathies to you and your family.*

Laurie Risler Romand

Laurie Risler Romand - January 06, 2018 at 06:45 PM



CC

*Sue. I'm so sorry for your loss. Mike lived a very big life. So much to be proud of. Know the arms of your entire community are holding you and the kids at this very difficult time. The video was beautiful, you could see the love! May you all find comfort in the wonderful memories.
Again, my sincere condolences.
Carol (DePaulo) Chiarella*

Carol Chiarella - January 06, 2018 at 11:59 PM



EL

While only knowing Mike during those awesome softball years, he was a force and beloved. Each memory of Mike includes that infectious smile. Our deepest sympathy to Sue and family.

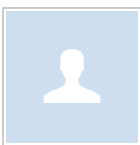
Eric and Tiffany Lane - January 07, 2018 at 09:16 AM



MD

God bless you Mike, deepest sympathies Sue, may all the beautiful memories comfort you at this difficult time. Love, and prayers to you and your family.

MaryAnn Deet - January 07, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ Trooper Michael J. Anson

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

 Sarah
Rutland
Grady

“ Sarah Rutland Grady lit a candle in memory
of Trooper Michael J. Anson



Sarah Rutland Grady - January 09, 2018 at 09:15 PM

SK

“ I recently graduated the NYSP Academy where Trooper Anson was one of my session Academy Training Officers. He was my favorite face to see throughout the 6 month Academy as he would always have an encouraging word to share or always take time to stop and see how WE were doing. He was an encouraging father figure to all of us during what was a challenging time in our lives. I will never forget my interactions with him as he took time to get to know me and encourage me. I am so sorry for the terrible loss you are experiencing and I am lifting Trooper Anson and your family up in my prayers daily. He was someone I greatly admired and someone I constantly thought, "Yes, I'd like to a Trooper like Trooper Anson someday." What a selfless sacrifice he made to help others his entire life. What a tremendous legacy and a life well lived. May God Bless you and your family now and always. It was truly an honor to know Trooper Anson.

Skylar - January 09, 2018 at 02:06 PM

RM

“ Dear Sue, 2 his kids and his brothers
Mike was a wonderful person as my friend too me and my family his
parents were wonderful people we knew them long time I saw mike
some years ago working at Altamont fair I was with my wife and I
talk too him mike he said he was a happy person too be my friend
and happy too work as a state trooper and I did not see him much
after that but would run into him at store Again he will be pissed by
my myself and my mother again thank u mike for being such a good
friend u are up there say hello too your brother and your parents
also mike cousin tim Caulfield is a state trooper also take care mike
see u soon old buddy and will miss u god's speed take care
Raymond Messier Albany

Raymond Messier - January 09, 2018 at 08:55 AM

LW

“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



LT Peter "Doc" Wight - January 08, 2018 at 11:42 PM

CD

“ To the Anson family,
Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. The one constant
memory I have of Mike is his big smile and friendly greeting
whenever he was picking up one of the kids from Forest Park. He
made such a difference wherever he was.

Christine Dooley

Christine Dooley - January 08, 2018 at 09:02 PM

LM

“ I went to school with Mike starting with West Albany Elementary School through Colonie HS graduation. Always, always an incredible guy. Even if we saw each once a year or once every ten years, he always made time for small talk about our younger days. Looking at the tribute video brought me smiles - for the infectious smile he always had; yet sadness for leaving this world so young. My prayers are with the entire Anson family. Mike was an inspiration. God Bless
Lori (Sasso) Morrell

Lori Morrell - January 08, 2018 at 07:52 PM

TC

“ Dear Sue and family,
So saddened to hear of Mike's passing. My thoughts are with you. Sincere condolences, Trish Coughlin

Trish Coughlin - January 08, 2018 at 01:31 PM

DG

“ Dear Sue & Family-
I was shocked to hear of Mike's passing. I'm so sorry for your loss. Mike had an energy, positivity & dedication to others that I find inspiring to this day. I'll never forget our deep & meaningful conversations about family, faith, friendship and the incredible Ramones. I'll never forget Mike. May God bless you at this time and always.
Dave Gildersleeve

Dave Gildersleeve - January 08, 2018 at 08:52 AM

MP

“ Sue and family,
I am stunned and saddened to learn the news of Mike's passing. My condolences and prayers to all. We must not ever forget the tragic events of 9-1-1 and its aftermath.

My family members and I were very fond of Mike and that is an understatement. His upbeat attitude and personality were infectious. As a young teenager and adult, to be in the moment with him was so much fun. No one could weave a tale or story like Mike and its conclusion inevitably brought joy and laughter. I'm sure his fellow State Trooper colleagues can attest to that as well.

So many teenage and twenty-something memories with him; working at Platt's, his summer supervisory role with Jim Carona at Parks&Rec (Sand Creek), basketball, wifle ball, the music, the dancing, and the concerts. Time marches on and people go in different directions and unfortunately lose track of one another, but the bond of friendship from that moment in time still remains forever. Mike, you touched alot of hearts, including mine.

Mark Platt
Malden, Massachusettts

Mark Platt - January 08, 2018 at 12:32 AM

GU

“ Dear Sue and Family- I was so sad to hear about Mike's passing. He was such a true friend and fun loving person, always laughing and joking. I still remember the party's we had at Colonie East playing the Ramone's and jumping on each other. He loved that so much. Makes me laugh. You should be very proud of his service and sacrifice and we'll all miss him very much.

Guido - January 07, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Trooper Michael J. Anson.*



January 07, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *A hero has fallen. Mike was a genuine hero who answered the call of duty when the nation burned. His valor and honor will not be forgotten. We will see him again when we get to the other side, perhaps then we can "hitch a ride to Rockaway Beach". Until then we can be thankful to have known him.*
Bill Cooney

William Cooney - January 07, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ *Gary M. DePaulo lit a candle in memory of Trooper Michael J. Anson*



Gary M. DePaulo - January 07, 2018 at 02:12 PM

GD

“ *To the Family of Trooper Michael J. Anson*

We are all going to miss Mike, and my condolences for your loss, as Mike was an inspiration to his career, family and friends.

We had the opportunity grow up together in the community and to have Mike with us for 56 years, but taken from us all too young.

Mike you are a superb warrior, devoted husband, father, son, law enforcement brother, and a child of Christ.

You gave your life to help others, your selfless service, courageous in every endeavor. Mike you are a true Hero, you made the "Ultimate Sacrifice".

Sue and family, you are surrounded by a community of law enforcement professionals, who are waiting with open arms to help you. Take advantage of that opportunity if needed.

I ask that the Heavenly Father be with you all in your time of need to ease your heavy hearts, bless you and to be with you and Mike to comfort and guide you during this hard time.

Mike, I shall never forget you my dear friend and Law Enforcement Brother, until we meet again, blue skies and fair winds.

"Trooper Michael J. Anson maybe gone but will never be forgotten"

Gary M. DePaulo

Gary M. DePaulo - January 07, 2018 at 02:10 PM

RT

“ Dear Sue and family,
I was Mike's Captain for a number of years in Troop G, Zone 1. I always enjoyed seeing him because of his positive attitude and fun spirit. He was one of the best! Having retired over 8 years ago, I hadn't see him for several years until I had occasion to run into him several months ago. He told me he had cancer. Once again he impressed me by his positive attitude about being sick and his strength of character. I'm glad I got to see him that day. Mike serves as an inspiration to us all. I pray that you and your family will be comforted by the memory of having him in your life.
Sincerely,
Ron Tritto

Ronald Tritto - January 07, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ Dear Sue and Family,

Mike and Boomer were both in my West Albany Ambulance Explorer Post as teenagers. Both left us way too soon. Mike was one of the nicest guys I knew. Sorry for your loss.

John Tutein

John Tutein - January 06, 2018 at 03:34 PM

JR

“ Dear Sue and Family,

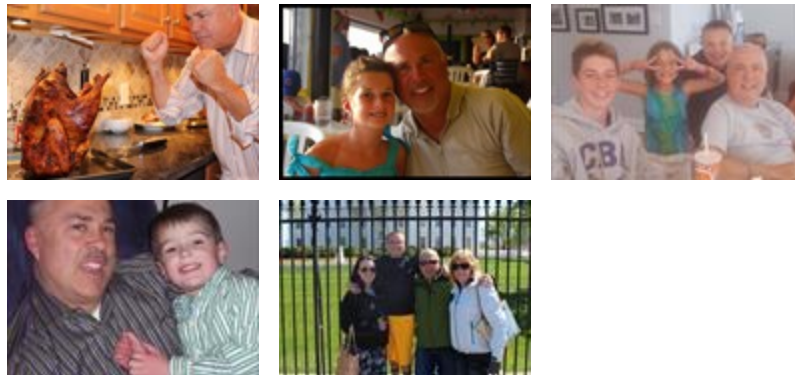
I am very sorry for your loss. Mike was a super guy and I have have great memories of playing baseball and softball with him for many years. He will be missed.

Jerry Rosen

Jerry Rosen - January 06, 2018 at 09:12 AM

MM

“ *Forever in our hearts!*



Martha Mabeus - January 06, 2018 at 01:13 AM

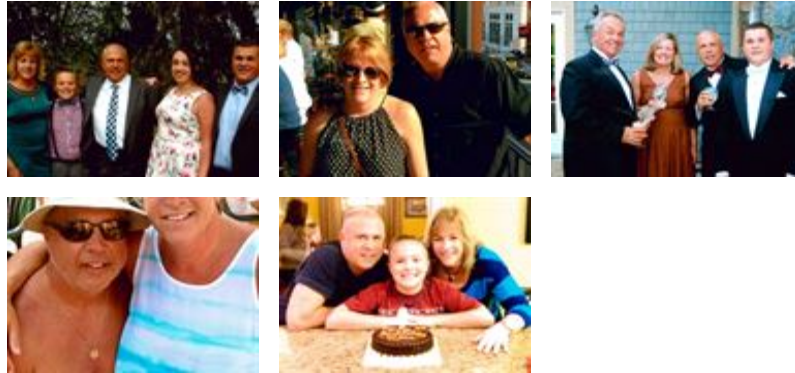
JK

“ *Sue, Mikala, Conor, and Marc.....Our thoughts and condolences are with all of you. Mike truly loved each of you with his whole heart, as we shared family talks for years riding the roads of Rensselaer County on many midnight shifts. I will cherish the times we shared together, and will always remember his laugh and humor as we did the job. It was an honor to call Mike my friend and my brother.*

John & Pauline Kolach and family

John Kolach - January 05, 2018 at 12:41 PM

“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - January 05, 2018 at 12:15 PM

BM

“ Sue, Mikala, Conor and Marc - We are so overwhelming heartbroken with the loss of Mike. Mike was a beautiful soul...husband, father, son, brother, uncle, nephew and friend! He touched so, so many lives in a way that no other could ever do! The second you met Mike...you instantly became best friends forever! We will miss Mike forever and ever! He is in our hearts and our souls. We love you very much and will be by your sides through this very, very difficult time in your lives. LYMs!!

Bev and Jim Moras - January 05, 2018 at 12:02 PM

MS

“ Sue,
I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family.
Michelle Schwank

Michelle Schwank - January 05, 2018 at 09:40 AM

RM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. It was an honor to get to know Mike. He will be missed by everyone who met him. My thoughts are with the whole Anson family.*

Rich Mcauley - January 05, 2018 at 07:00 AM

PO

“ *Sue and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Mike was one of the best people we have ever known. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. We remember how wonderful he was to becky during softball and know he had that impact on anyone he met. We feel blessed to have known mike. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers*

patricia olsen - January 04, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Trooper Michael J. Anson.*



January 04, 2018 at 08:44 PM

LP

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Lou Padula - January 04, 2018 at 06:29 PM