



Michael M. McClary

April 12, 1955 - May 27, 2020

Michael M. McClary, age 65, of Shelby Twp., passed away on May 27, 2020. He was born on April 12, 1955, in Detroit, to the late Marvin and Catherine McClary.

Mike was a robotic engineer with FANUC of America. He was a natural at everything he did. He was a talented musician, sketch artist, and draftsman, and he was brilliant in rebuilding complicated systems, whether that of a motorcycle engine or a two-way radio. An accomplished bass, Mike was very respected in Michigan's barbershop community, especially as a member of the quartet, Firepower. Mike played guitar, bass, and ukulele, and over the years, especially in his youth, played in many local bands, perhaps the most well-known being Good Humor. He was an Advanced Licensed Amateur Radio Operator and was quite popular in ham radio circles around Michigan, Ontario and across the world, where he was known by his call sign, N8SDD. Also an avid motorcyclist, Mike loved his Harleys and enjoyed riding on sunny days with his friends. Casual, present, polite and funny, he was kind to all and well-liked by everyone. A wonderful father, brother, son, friend, pet owner, and tipper, Mike will be sorely missed by all he knew.

He is survived by his daughter, Erin (Daniel) Hooper, son, Ross (Stephanie) McClary, grandchildren; Ethan McClary, Kira McClary, Melody McClary, Caroline Hooper and Margot Hooper, sister, Cathie McClary, nephew, Steven McClary, niece, Lisa Arnoff and partner, Diane Neal.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Douglas McClary.

A memorial service will be held on August 2, 2020 at Stoney Creek Metro Park in Shelby Township. Please reach out to Erin Hooper for details. At this time, we must limit the guests to 99 people, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals <https://www.aspca.org> or Patriot Paws Service Dogs <https://patriotpaws.org>

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - 57737 Gratiot, New Haven.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Mike

Thanks for all the memories, funny stories, deep laughter, off the wall comments.

All will be missed

Randall Schroeder - June 08, 2020 at 01:17 PM

DS

“ *I met Mike in 1969. I can share a million memories with you, but I'll stay in the present. Mike was the best friend a guy could have. He was my best man at our Wedding 37yrs. ago. This is very hard to take. I loved Mike, and I know he loved Me. That makes this a little easier. I miss you, I will always you. Rest easy my Friend.*

Dennis Strucinski - June 06, 2020 at 01:11 PM

DB

“ *When I started my music business eleven years ago I tried to recruit Mike to play bass and be the lead singer in the group. He was a good musician, had perfect pitch and a mellow voice, unlike a lot of the screamers I worked with back in the day. He was working on and off with some rock and roll guys and that was the music he preferred at the time. So we never got together. I sat in with the group a few times and he sang some classic songs from the 30's and 40's, "One for My Baby, and One More For the Road," and "The Lady is a Tramp" come to mind. I recall saying, "Mike, that's good stuff. I ran into Mike at a party store a few years ago. He said things fell apart with the rock and roll guys. I suggested that we get together again. But we never did. Rest in peace my friend.*

Dan Beaubien - June 04, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Michael M. McClary.



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“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and peace. Ed and Kathy Papes

Kathy Papes - June 03, 2020 at 05:05 PM



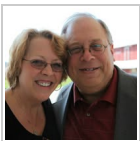
“ Mike was such a great man. His sense of humor and his ability to tell funny stories - and make them funnier somehow, was what I remember most. Great man. RIP Mike. 💔

Diane Schwartz - June 03, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Michael and I met as a result of our fathers singing together in a barbershop quartet. It became a friendship because my Mom and Dad bought a house within walking distance of Uncle Marv and Aunt Catherine's house in Roseville. God it was 55 years ago at least. The McClary's were family after that and even after the years of separation the bond continued. Mikes older brother Doug actually worked for my Father for a few years many years ago. The bond between my Dad who had been a tailgunner in WW2 and Marv I believe drove a Tank. Both men earned Bronze stars for what they endured and there was an unspoken relaxed nature between them when together. My Dad considered Marv his best friend in spite of us all losing him when he was so young. I'm sorry for taking up so much space. This is going to take a long while to digest losing Mikey. Mike was always kind. He would let me get away with my teasing in spite of me being dwarfed by him. I was older but it wasn't long before he gravitated to being the BIG brother. On a happier note I know my Dad surely grabbed hold of him immediately to show the other members of the Great Chorus of The Heavenly' s he was there. Michael had a beautifully rich bass voice and is welcomed I'm certain. May the Good Lord to whom we Pray bless Cathie all the family, the kids, and hundreds of friends who's lives have been touched by this fun and kind man. Rick Wearing-Detroit

Rick Wearing - June 03, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ Mike was a great guy!! When we were kids he helped teach me to play guitar. Later in life we were in a BARBER SHOP Quartet "The GOOD NEWS" and won the Michigan competition and that sent us on to singing in International Competition. I will miss him.

Gary Stroze - June 03, 2020 at 11:49 AM

DC

“ Mike always had a great attitude and appeared to live every day as if it was a blessing. I am grateful for having met him.
David Carbery FAC

David Carbery - June 02, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael M. McClary.



June 01, 2020 at 03:23 PM