



## Michael Beal

August 14, 1954 - August 5, 2020

Mike Beal, age 65, passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at his home in Oskaloosa. Michael Ray Beal, son of Harold Clarence and Wanda Louise (Larkins) Beal, was born August 14, 1954, in Oskaloosa. He attended Oskaloosa schools, and during the 8th grade, he began working full-time to help support his family, while his brothers were serving in the military. He was determined to go back to school; he earned his G.E.D. and later attended Indian Hills, where he continued his education studying electrical engineering. After completing his training, he worked at Intraco Cablevey and was able to use his talents in research and development. He was involved in the development of the button pulley system, which is widely used in the distribution of food in the livestock industry. Mike worked 20 years at Intraco before starting a job with CNHI, a publishing company; there, he worked as a pressman and production manager for ten years. Mike concluded his career working at Pella Regional Health Center, where he served eleven years in Environmental Services before retiring in 2018.

Mike met the love-of-his-life, Debra Goldsworth, in junior high, and they were married on August 14, 1973. Mike was a fun-loving soul – he was an avid bowler and enjoyed roller-skating and dancing. He played the drums in a band called the “Roadmasters,” and played in many local establishments. Mike enjoyed attending Friday’s After 5 on the square and was an avid Hawkeye fan. His favorite holiday of the year was Halloween; he devoted much time and thought to the development of his costumes and loved the parties. He also enjoyed grandchildren and attending their extra-curricular activities.

His family includes his wife of almost 47 years, Deb; his children: Mike Beal, Veronica (Zachary) Johnson, and Daniel Beal, all of Oskaloosa; and two grandchildren: Lydia and Liam Johnson. He is also survived by his siblings, Jimmie L. (Susan) Beal of Texas, Ronnie L. (Kathy) Beal of Tracy, Dennis H. (Deborah) Beal of Oskaloosa, and Ellen L. (Gary) Bunnell of Centerville; a brother-in-law, Loren Neal Goldsworth of Council Bluffs; his mother-in-law, Vonna Goldsworth of Oskaloosa; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by a half-brother, Martin Beal. As was his wish, Mike’s body has been cremated. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later time. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling his arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made to Mahaska Health Foundation and directed to Hospice.

# Comments

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“ I tried to say this at the time of his demise but guess it didn't make it so try it again. Mike being the youngest of my siblings was a baby when our father died so he never knew him. He was always a breath of fresh air when I returned home on leave when in the Army. I remember I would put a quarter in my hand and he would try to get my hand open to retrieve it. I went through basic training at Fort Hood in Texas and found a t-shirt that had a picture of a kid out of a tank hatch that had a caption of I am a little tanker from Fort Hood Texas and he was wearing that shirt in his class picture in the front row. I was proud of him. We have always been close. He will be missed.

**Jimmie Beal** - September 07, 2020 at 06:05 PM

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“ Beverly Floden lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



**Beverly Floden** - August 09, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ Deb and Family I know you will miss Mike. He was always cheerful and smiling and I so enjoyed the years we worked together at the Herald. What a great photo of him, that smile is how we all remember him.  
Myrna

**Myrna Panno** - August 06, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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“ Mike's spirit was contagious. No matter what kind of day I was having, when I would walk into work at PRHC and see his smile I couldn't help it...I had to smile too, and think "Oh yeah, I get to work with Mike tonight!"  
Inside I'm sad at your loss, Deb and family, but his picture still makes me smile and I can still hear his laugh.

**Nathan Smith** - August 06, 2020 at 11:47 AM

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“ Deb and family, my prayers and thoughts are with you. Mike will truly be missed by many. He always made me smile and was a special coworker. I enjoyed his attitude, his friendship and his love for his family. So sorry for your loss.

**Kevin DenHartog** - August 06, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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“ I am so very sorry and offer my deepest condolences for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. I know words are not enough, please let me know if I can help in any way.

**Angela Patterson** - August 06, 2020 at 09:35 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss.lots of memories with Mike and family. Chuck and Jackie Ferree.



**Chuck Ferree** - August 06, 2020 at 09:02 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Deb and the rest of the family. Mike was a great guy and he truly will be missed.  
Diane Ferneau

**Diane Ferneau** - August 06, 2020 at 08:26 AM

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“ Cindy Stirratt lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



**Cindy Stirratt** - August 06, 2020 at 01:10 AM

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“ Patricia Draughn lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



**Patricia Draughn** - August 06, 2020 at 12:32 AM

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“ Deb & Family, I'm sending my deepest sympathy for your loss. May God give you all the strength you need to face the difficult days ahead.



**Lou (Krusemark) Albers** - August 05, 2020 at 11:49 PM

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“ Debra Weston lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



**Debra Weston** - August 05, 2020 at 10:44 PM

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“ Chris Vander Veer lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



**Chris Vander Veer** - August 05, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Such a sweet man that will be missed by so many. He and Deb had a long and happy life together. RIP Mikey.

**Chris Vander Veer** - August 05, 2020 at 10:30 PM

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“ Bobbi Jo Hommer lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



**Bobbi Jo Hommer** - August 05, 2020 at 09:03 PM

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“ I worked at PRHC and Mike was always there to lend a helping hand. He was such a nice man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.



**Diana Roland** - August 05, 2020 at 08:22 PM

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“ Amy lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



**Amy** - August 05, 2020 at 08:14 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.



**Jim and Vicki Barnett** - August 05, 2020 at 08:07 PM

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“ Cindy Albright lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



**cindy albright** - August 05, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ Bonnie Richards lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



**Bonnie Richards** - August 05, 2020 at 06:42 PM

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“ Veronica & family so sorry for your loss...I will never forget your dad at Halloween time esp when he dressed up as Ozzie Osbourne...a very favorite of mine...he made me smile & laugh the whole night at that party...blessings to all



**Sherry Willey** - August 05, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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“ Brook & Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Michael Beal



Brook & Brenda Todd - August 05, 2020 at 06:11 PM