



## Michael Conrad Lavalley

February 29, 1964 - March 26, 2021

Michael Conrad Lavalley unexpectedly passed away peacefully in his sleep, on March 26, 2021. Mike was born February 29, 1964 in Attleboro, MA and grew up in a loving household in Pawtucket, RI. He was a 1982 graduate of St. Raphael Academy, and went on to receive an engineering degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, as well as an MBA degree from Providence College.

Having a leap day birthday was something Mike enjoyed. In those non-Feb 29th years, he always insisted on celebrating February 28th & March 1st, of which no one seemed to mind indulging him. Well known for his electric smile, Mike could light up a room with his magnetic personality, never meeting a stranger. No matter the setting, if you met and got to know Mike, you were a friend. If you needed anything, Mike wouldn't hesitate to stop what he was doing and lend a hand. He was very handy, particularly with anything automotive. Often after completing a challenging task, he would enter the house with his hands raised in the air proclaiming he was the world's greatest mechanic. His generosity with his time and talent were honored acts of kindness by all his friends, family, and neighbors.

Mike worked in a variety of engineering settings. He moved to Atlanta, GA in 1992 to work in the environmental engineering field. From there, Mike worked a wind farm construction project in Wyoming and various natural gas pipeline projects across the country. Admired by his colleagues for his confidence and tenacity to get things done, Mike was always one of their top go-to guys.

Mike met his wife, Cathy, on Blind Date Night 2000, an annual event hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta Young Adult Ministry. Their first date was attending Mass together followed by dinner and dancing. They married April 20, 2002, a day Mike often described as the best day of his life. He was a devoted husband, and Cathy's biggest cheerleader in all her academic endeavors, especially Cathy's Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. They had recently moved to The Villages, FL in 2018.

Mike is survived by his wife, Catherine Lavalley, of The Villages, FL.; a brother in-law, Chuck Weiss, of Duluth, GA; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and friends as numerous as the stars. He was preceded in death by his parents, Pauline and Conrad Lavalley.

The visitation will be April 23, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Tom M. Wages Funeral Home, in Snellville, GA. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The funeral Mass will be Livestreamed (YouTube search St. Oliver Plunkett Snellville) for those unable to attend and due to limited seating capacity.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's memory can be made to: Furkids Animal Rescue & Shelters, <https://furkids.org/donation/>

Condolences may be sent or viewed at <http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com>. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Snellville  
3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US, 30039

**APR** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church  
3200 Brooks Road, Snellville, GA, US, 30078

# Comments

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“ I met Mike, or as I called him in a New England accent "Large Regular," on a pipeline project in Alabama 5 years ago. Him and I hit it off and become quick friends. I looked forward to when our paths crossed on the jobsite and could always depend on having a good laugh and talk no matter what the day threw at us. I kept in touch with him after the end of the project and tried calling him a few days before I learned of his passing. He will be missed.

**Michael Farmer** - May 03, 2021 at 10:55 AM

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“ Mike was truly larger than life, with a generous spirit, a funny sense of humor, and a laugh that could be heard across a room. Not just a mechanical engineer, he was also the biggest gear-head I had ever met, and I bought more than one vehicle based upon his advice and recommendation. He also taught me a lot about the industry we worked in, and I will miss his friendship and counsel.

**Bill Clayton** - April 24, 2021 at 08:02 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

**Richard Mockridge** - April 24, 2021 at 09:34 AM

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**Tom M. Wages Funeral Service** - April 23, 2021 at 10:13 AM

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“ Mike and I were kindred spirits. We'd joke how much we were alike in interests, thoughts and beliefs. I'll treasure my visit to his home with adoring, caring and loving wife, Cathy.

I'll treasure our phone conversations that were continuous, free flowing and always interesting.

I miss you Mike but heave just received a Lavallee boost!

**Roland Lavallee** - April 23, 2021 at 08:33 AM

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“ Dear Cathy,

We are so saddened by the loss of Mike. He was a terrific guy who made a lasting impression on everyone he met. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Chuck.

All our love,

Ann (Herley), Jim and Leah Wilkinson

**Ann Wilkinson** - April 22, 2021 at 09:39 PM

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“ God takes his favorites first and Mike, obviously you were a favorite. Thou we only knew you for a short time we saw .. how you “LIT” up a room. When we told you we loved your wife, Cathy, you responded that you met her at a church gathering and said, “ I love her so very much too.” When some of us stopped by to say hello and you chatted on and on about all your motor vehicles and motorcycles .... Mike, you made sure to make eye contact with everyone .... because, you see, Mike, YOU ALWAYS made everyone feel important and validated — even our doggie got a pat and a hug.. We are so fortunate to have crossed paths, Mike, and we would be so lucky to meet you again on the other side of that bridge ::::: the one we crossed while you cheered us on ... hopefully next time .... you'll be waiting on the other side to greet us with that dynamic smile. The Gallaghers

**The. Gallaghers, The Villages-FLA** - April 22, 2021 at 06:59 PM

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - April 22, 2021 at 04:25 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Conrad Lavallee.



April 21, 2021 at 12:07 PM

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Kevin Williams - April 21, 2021 at 12:38 AM

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Kevin Williams - April 21, 2021 at 12:09 AM

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“ Dear Mike;

We miss you so much, and so appreciate you.

My brother I have known you for over 30 years and your parents against their better judgement adopted me. I and your great roommates Dom and John really enjoyed our time together during our college years with you. We all helped each other with our studies and talking about cars, or going grocery shopping at 2am, jumping out of a plane, going to Florida for spring break, buying and working on cars together with your Dad and doing our final school project together, driving a NASCAR at Charlotte race track and meeting Richard Petty. I could go on with so many other stories about our wonderful experiences and conversations together over the years.

I was honored to be your best man at your wedding.

But what I will miss about you the most is your Big Heart and sense of humor. We all know that you were a little bent, but that always made life interesting. I will miss being able to pick up the phone and to talk with you for hours, we were always there for each other. Dom and I will continue to talk about you always.

I personally have lost my best friend and a chunk of my life is now missing.

Drive Fast my Friend, Kevin

P.S. When you see Mom and Dad, please give them a big hug for me, they were always so kind to me. Sincerely Miss you, Respect you and Appreciate you.  
We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

**Kevin Williams** - April 20, 2021 at 03:32 PM

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“ Cathy,

Our hearts are broken for you. If there is anything we can help you with or do for you, please just ask.

Dale & Vicki Fiet

The Villages, FL

**Vicki Fiet** - April 19, 2021 at 11:43 PM

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Kevin Williams - April 19, 2021 at 10:19 PM

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Kevin Williams - April 19, 2021 at 09:33 PM

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“ I will miss our weekend conversations, no matter how early I called Mike, he always had time to talk and listen and never once complained. I will miss some of the crazy car stuff that we did, like driving to the Delaware water gap in Kevin's supercharged Corvette and my brother's Ferrari. Needless to say we made great time getting there. . Memories that I will never forget. The first time we went to his parents' house and we knew Mike was an only child but wow his mom and dad took it to another level that Kevin and I had never seen, it was awesome. I will always remember the late night talks about cars when we were room-mates at school. The roaring grisly bear slippers that he would proudly wear and wake us all up. Mike begged me to sell him my 1976 Chevy Nova with a three speed on the steering column that would constantly bind when you shifted because of the high mileage but for some unknown reason Mike badly wanted the car. He paid me with pennies and a big smile and said I know you Dom and you wouldn't get mad and I always wanted to do that. It was a riot. I will always remember when Mike had a job in NJ and lived with my wife and I for a little more than a month. It was like we never skipped a beat. He was a great house guest. Working on his truck with him talking about cars that he bought and sold and his motorcycles. Great memories! He will be missed!!!!

Until we can meet again!

Dom and Larisa Danzi

DOMINICK DANZI - April 19, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Conrad Lavallee.



April 19, 2021 at 03:43 PM

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“ Mike had sent a letter in the mail to us after you all had moved to Florida, hoping we were his high school friends. He put his phone number in and we were very happy that he did. It was as though we had picked up where we left off even though many years had passed. We are thankful for the many memories that we enjoyed together.

Rest in peace, my good friend, until we see each other once again.

George and Luanne Howe  
Bradenton, Florida

**George Howe** - April 19, 2021 at 12:10 PM

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“ I worked with Mike in Atlanta years ago. It is with deep fondness that will always remember him. Most vivid are the memories of his constant smile and laughter and a pair of bright red pants he wore to the company Christmas luncheon one year.

Rest in peace, Mike. You will be remembered always.

Charlotte Hitner

**Charlotte Hitner** - April 18, 2021 at 09:29 PM

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“ Dear Cathy,

I'm so sorry for your loss, shocked and sad to say the least. We had a few great conversations just a month ago. So many great memories of my cousin Michael, We were born 5 days apart and always shared that bond, from Sunday dinners when we were kids, to being in the same HS class, a few semesters together in college, a few summers working together at the car dealership, always tons of laughs!! His infectious smile and wicked sense of humor would always have me rolling over when he was telling one of his many hilarious stories. I am very fortunate that Mike and I stayed in touch with each other all these years. He will be greatly missed.

Dave and Liz Laliberte  
Rumford RI  
Cousin

David Laliberte - April 16, 2021 at 05:22 PM

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“ I always enjoyed being around Michael and talking about cars, his passion and mine. His attitude and smile were contagious and you always walked away feeling better than when you started that conversation with him. Our prayers go out to the entire Lavallee family during this difficult time.

Corky & Lyn Eck  
The Villages, FL

Corky & Lyn Eck - April 16, 2021 at 01:40 PM

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“ I worked with Mike many years ago and have always liked and respected him. He was incredibly smart and fun to be around. Although I've not seen him in years, I still think of him often.

You will be missed Mike. Rest in peace my friend.

Dewayne Buskey - April 15, 2021 at 09:33 AM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Conrad Lavalley.



April 14, 2021 at 12:02 PM

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“ I will always remember the great times we had hanging around Boston and when he would come out to California in the '80s and '90s. Cars, bars, Ramones concerts, engineering humor. Trolling around boneyards in NE looking for that specific part for his latest project car. He was always up for anything and always ready to lend a hand or provide mechanical advice. Who else but Mike would go up to Johnny Ramone after the show and ask him what kind of car he drove.

You will be missed Mike.

Arvin Chaudhary

Arvin Chaudhary - April 14, 2021 at 03:10 AM

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Arvin Chaudhary - April 14, 2021 at 02:47 AM

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“ Michael came to Ottawa Canada a number of times to see his friend Kevin , a kindred spirit of CARS! What a joy when he came. He was always so full of life and made us smile with his BIG smile and his humorous teasing spirit. Kevin and he would take in Canada Day here then travelled south to celebrate July 4th. Kevin and he I could see enjoyed their friendship a lot! I remember the humorous Nun card he sent me ( as I am one) . Made me laugh aloud! His trips were missed the last number of years. My sympathy to the whole family and friends. SUCH a GOOD PERSON!

Marlene Bosch - April 13, 2021 at 06:29 PM

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“ Michael was always a breath of fresh air with his enthusiastic smile. He loved to talk about cars and motorcycles. In fact, he would buy old cars and motorcycles, fix them up, keep and enjoy them for a while and then sell them.

About 14 years ago, my wife Carmina got interested in having a scooter. Michael had an Aprilia 50cc, two-stroke, and we went over to take a look at it at their house. The scooter was too big for Carmina, but just right for me. So, I buy the scooter for \$1700 from Michael. I kept the scooter for 8 years and loved driving it to work at CDC in Chamblee. After that, I sold the scooter to another older gentleman for \$1100. What a great investment it was as I only had to tune it once and put new tires on it. I am forever grateful for all the fun I had because of Michael's generosity.

I loved you, Michael and look forward to seeing you in heaven as the keeper of God's automotive collectors shop.

Lee Annest

Lee Annest - April 13, 2021 at 07:58 AM