



Michael "Mike" Basiliere

June 1, 1968 - June 25, 2024

Michael "Mike" Basiliere, of Dalton, passed away at the age of 56 on Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on June 1, 1968, the son of Donna Nalty Basiliere (Kirchner) and the late Alfred J. Basiliere, he graduated from Wahconah Regional High School.

Mike's true passion in life was music, which became easily apparent to anybody who saw him play. He kept the rhythm section going behind the drum kit in several local bands throughout his life starting at a very young age, most recently performing in Blackwater & Hotshot Hillbillies. If he wasn't drumming he was often found behind the soundboard as owner of MB Sound Co. at various benefits & other local events making sure that it sounded crystal clear to the audience. He loved his music family & creating an over-the-top show with his stage lighting as well.

Mike also had a passion for food--not only eating it but creating delicious meals for his family. His experience in many kitchens shined through with his culinary creations. He was not always loose-lipped about how to prepare a dish or sharing a recipe, as he wanted it to be his own. He did take pride in knowing he was able to teach his daughter what she now knows in the kitchen. Anything Mike cooked was amazing.

His heart was full of love for animals, and he loved feeding the ducks &

seagulls whenever he was at the beach. He was partial to the Boxer breed and wanted to adopt a Boston Terrier one day. He loved his grandson Owen so much; he took him on his first trip to the zoo & hoped to teach him to play drums someday. Mike was also a Miami Dolphins fan & enjoyed friendly banter with his favorite Patriots fan. He recently had a desire to plant tomatoes, so a tomato garden has been planted in his memory.

Mike is survived by his mother Donna Kirchner, Stepfather Alfred Kirchner, Daughter, Mariah Basiliere, Grandson Owen Lindsey (Mitchell Lindsey), his brothers Jim Basiliere (Trace Fasano), Joseph Basiliere (Sherry), his Sister Kristen Sinopoli (David), Gina Vallone & Paula Ginthwain, along with several Nieces, Nephews & great friends from the band community.

Besides his father, Alfred J. Basiliere, he was predeceased by his cousin Richard "Dickie" Belanger, Grandparents Madeleine Mary Betters Basiliere & Alfred Joseph Basiliere & Donald & Hazel Nalty.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mike's immediate family will be private. A public celebration of his life will be held on Sunday July 28, 2024 at the Dalton American Legion from 1pm to 9pm. Donations in Mike's memory can be made to American Liver Foundation in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **28**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

American Legion
258 North St
Dalton, MA 01226-1211
(413) 684-9716

Tribute Wall

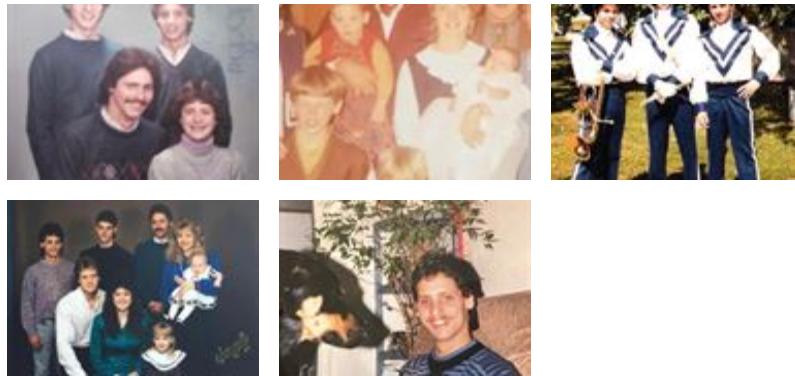
MV

“ I don't even know where to start, other than I am stunned !! Mike and I were friends for decades, both playing music and doing sound and lighting production. Never had issue between us, and we always enjoyed seeing each other and shooting the S**T. My heartfelt sympathy to family and friends.
Mark Vincent

Mark Vincent - July 06, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ 181 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - July 02, 2024 at 03:33 PM

FC

“ From Stephen and Della Claffie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael "Mike" Basiliere.



From Stephen and Della Claffie - July 02, 2024 at 12:30 PM

ES

“ *Condolences for your loss*

Ed Szklasz - June 30, 2024 at 01:27 PM

NO

“ *Heavy news. Condolences to his family and loved ones. I knew Mike from way back in Berkshire music scene, and from playing drums in Ruby. Rest easy, brother.* 🎵🙏🎵

Noel - June 30, 2024 at 11:07 AM

MC

“ *I'm so sad to hear of Mike's passing. I was a caregiver at their house for 3 yrs retiring in Dec. Mike was a good friend to all of us girls. And we enjoyed all of his funny stories. He was doing so well and I was praying for his health. I'm so sorry to miss his Celebration of Life; we will be away. Thoughts and prayers to his wonderful family.*

Mary Cantarella - June 29, 2024 at 05:37 PM

DH

“ *Della Hickey-Carusio lit a candle in memory of Michael Basiliere*



Della Hickey-Carusio - June 29, 2024 at 02:14 PM

WW

“ Mike will be missed terribly. He was an integral part of The Hotshot Hillbillies Band and always brought his amazing drumming flair to every song we played. It is with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye to our friend. We extend Our prayers and warmest thoughts to his family and to all of the people who knew him. We are grateful that we had the opportunity to be part of his band family.

wendy Walz - June 29, 2024 at 12:41 PM