



Michael Edward Ahrens

June 12, 1964 - June 11, 2022

This world lost a beautiful soul, devoted husband, tremendous father, and a deeply loved son, uncle, cousin, friend, and mentor in Michael "Mike" Edward Ahrens on June 11, 2022. ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) could take his body, but it never, ever took his ever-present infectious smile, his wicked sense of humor or his tremendous strength and grace. He won his toughest battle.

He is survived by a strong and loving family including his wife, Kristine Sdoia Ahrens, son Matthew, mother, Gloria (John) Nowak of Springville NY, father, Edward Ahrens along with his life partner Carol Ranke of East Aurora NY, sisters, Angela (Murray) Downey and Lisa Ahrens, step-sister Cheryl (Jim) Earl and step-brother Jeff (Sara) Ranke along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends.

Mike was born in Springville, NY on June 12, 1964, and grew up in nearby West Valley, NY. From an always clutch high-school quarterback to record-setting performances on both the basketball courts and as a distance runner on the track team, Mike was as equally gifted and worked just as hard in the classroom. An honors graduate from West Valley Central School, Mike would earn his bachelor's degree in business/marketing from SUNY-Geneseo. A gifted builder and craftsman, Mike built wonderful homes in western New York before joining American Airlines in 1996. Mike started his AA career in Newark, NJ and in 2003 moved to the greater Atlanta area.

In 2006, he met the love of his life, Kristine. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married in 2007 and in 2009 would welcome their beautiful son, Matthew to the world. Mike was both a devoted husband and a true Superman-level father. The kind of dad that is a role model for any observant person, Mike would routinely do things like build his son an American Ninja training course in their garage.

From bow hunting to honing his carpentry skills, Mike always looked forward to a "day in the woods" or tackling the next renovation project. As a storyteller, he would rival the best stand-up comedians. A passionate lover of sports, his favorite teams were the New York Yankees and Buffalo Bills. But without a doubt, his biggest joy was being a dad to Matt and coaching him and his Little League baseball team. He showed young men not just how play the game right, but to carry oneself right in life. He will also be helping the Bills win the Super Bowl on February 12, 2023.

The service to celebrate the life Mike lived is Friday, June 17, 2022, at 6 pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, in Newnan. The family will receive friends on Friday from 4 pm until service time. There will be a second celebration of life held at the Firemen's Memorial Banquet Hall in West Valley NY on Saturday July 9, 2022.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family are encouraged to make a donation in Mike's memory to Hope Loves Company, a non-profit that supports children affected by ALS. Donations can be made online at hopelovescompany.org or sent to HLC at P.O. Box 931, Pennington, NJ 08534.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Memorial Service

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Edward Ahrens*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - June 20, 2022 at 04:12 PM

EO

Beautiful tribute. My heart is breaking for his family.

Edith overholt - July 09, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Michael Edward Ahrens*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - June 17, 2022 at 09:05 AM

SY

Thank you for sharing this for all of us who loved Mike. Rest in Heaven Michael.

Sonja Ashraf Yarbrough - June 17, 2022 at 07:59 PM

MA

“ He was a great father to me and should be remembered for eternity.

Matt Ahrens - November 02, 2022 at 08:46 AM

TA

“ My first symptoms of ALS occurred in 2014, but was diagnosed in 2016. I had severe symptoms ranging from shortness of breath, balance problems, couldn't walk without a walker or a power chair, i had difficulty swallowing and fatigue. I was given medications which helped but only for a short burst of time, then I decided to try alternative measures and began on ALS Formula treatment from Tree of Life Health clinic. It has made a tremendous difference for me (Visit www.treeoflifeherbalclinic.com). I had improved walking balance, increased appetite, muscle strength, improved eyesight and others.]

thato amelia - June 23, 2022 at 06:03 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Ahrens.



June 15, 2022 at 04:14 PM

LA

“ Mike always had a smile for everyone in his presence! He was an amazing, hands-on father & dedicated husband! The world is a darker place without his presence. Much love and sympathy for his entire family! Rest In Peace, Mike.
With condolences,
Larissa & Dewayne



Larissa - June 14, 2022 at 04:08 PM

SA

“ As I am here in disbelief, as we all are, that Mike has been taken from this world so unexpectedly, I reflect back on the many ways that he has made our world a better place. Mike had a unique way of making everyone around him feel cared about and accepted. He brought a light into everyone’s lives who he touched. I’m honored to be able to say that he’s my cousin and I’ll always aspire to uphold the values and beliefs that he brought to others. He will be truly missed.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God

~ Matthew 5:8

Scott Ahrens - June 14, 2022 at 11:59 AM

DS

“ Mike,
One great WV alumnus who would never forget his life in the valley. We met 30 years ago and enjoyed WV hotel then Dooley's. Life was simple and many loved Mike and his social life and friendship he offered to everyone. I never heard him complain about anyone. He was just a great human being. RIP my friend.
David Stahley, Springville, NY.

David Stahley - June 13, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Ahrens.



June 13, 2022 at 09:53 PM

JJ

“ Mike graduated ahead of me at WVCS, but I remember him as a very friendly and giving sports enthusiast. His positive energy and perpetual smile brighten the day for many people around him. He will be missed. My condolences to the family and friends of this kind soul

Julie J Jones - June 13, 2022 at 09:17 PM