



Michael Allen Ketcher

May 3, 1971 - October 29, 2018

Michael A. (Mike) “Keech” Ketcher entered into rest October, 29th, 2018. He was the beloved son of Linda & Ted Garrison and Larry Ketcher. Mike leaves behind his parents, sons, Jacob (Jake) and Grant Ketcher, fiancé Leslie Miller and her daughters, Sydnee and Rylee Miller, half-brother Aaron Ketcher, Step-sister Cherie Garrison, Step-brother Ronnie Garrison. Also his uncle, aunts, cousins, and close friend John Marietta and a host of friends. He was predeceased by his paternal grandmother Juanita (Pete) Ketcher-England, and maternal grandparents Don and Ann Shaw and Uncles David, Jerry, and Kent Ketcher and cousins David Housh and Chris Ketcher.

Mike was born in Miami, Oklahoma and grew up in Columbus, Kansas where he graduated from CUHS in 1989. He was a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

He began playing baseball in Farm Club and continued to play until he graduated high school. During the summer you could find him teaching swimming lessons and lifeguarding at the City Pool. He was active in a number of sports lettering in football, wrestling, golf, and baseball. His junior year he was second in the 4-A State Golf Tournament. He continued to play golf until his death. In high school, Mike was in band (Freshman year), Student Council President, National Honor Society, and served as class President three out of four years of high school including his senior year. He received the American Legion Award his eighth grade year and again his senior year. He received the Bryce Durbin Award for Leadership his junior

year. He was a 1988 delegate to Boy's State and was also listed in "Who's Who among High School Students."

Mike attended Pittsburg State University before transferring to the School of Pharmacy at Kansas University in Lawrence, Kansas. In 1994, He was accepted into the Doctorate of Pharmacy program. He was President of his Pharmacy class, treasurer of Kappa Psi, and was selected to join Golden Key National Honor Society. While attending KU, he received a Treasury Drug Scholarship. He completed his Doctorate and moved to Omaha, Nebraska to do a year-long internship in hospital pharmacy at for the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He continued to work in the drug industry for several companies including Novartis, Novo-Nodisk, Merck, and was currently employed by Sanofi Genzyme as an Associate Director, Medial Managed Care. While working for the various companies, Mike was the recipient of many awards

Mike moved to Lawrence in 2017 and became a member of the Jayhawk Club where he enjoyed playing golf when he wasn't traveling for work.

He became a member of the Lutheran Church when he was a student at Lawrence and studies all different faiths, always reading and always learning. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, going to volleyball games, and golfing with his family and friends. He was a good cook enjoyed fixing meals for family and friends. He was a "People Person" and he will be greatly missed.

His family requests in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Columbus Community Fields Association or Charity of your choice.

Visitation will be Saturday November 10, 2018 from 11:30AM to 1:00 PM at Calvary Baptist Church in Columbus, Kansas.

A Celebration of Life will begin at 1:00 PM at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastors Tom Goettel and Jim Bowles officiating. Interment will be private at Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Miami, Oklahoma. Services are under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing

Mr. Ketcher's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church - Columbus
625 E Sycamore St,
Columbus, KS 66725

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Allen Ketcher*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - November 08, 2018 at 05:16 PM

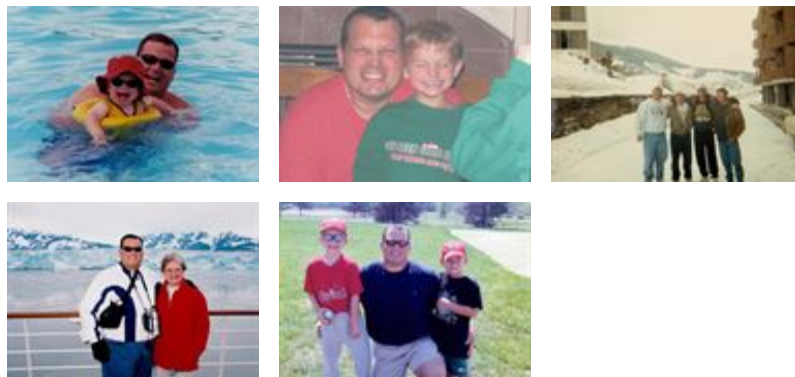
LE

Mike was a wonderful, kind, smart man. I worked with Mike for several years and really enjoyed getting to know Mike and having the opportunity to work with him. I know he was a great father, he always spoke so lovingly and highly of his sons. Mike will be missed by so many. God bless his family and friends during the difficult time. Leah

Leah - November 09, 2018 at 11:30 AM



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Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - November 08, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ 88 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - November 08, 2018 at 03:04 PM



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Andrew Hansen - November 07, 2018 at 07:31 AM



“ *I won many 2nd place swim races, during the 4th of July Celebrations, at the Columbus City Park, because Mike would beat me every single year!*

Terri Jones - November 06, 2018 at 03:10 PM

TB

“ I had so much fun working with him at "Charlie's". I always knew I was in for a wild night when the schedule read, Marshall, Sully and Mike. I could never let my guard down. But it was good practice for raising my own little devils. Kept me on my toes. He was always ready to lend a hand if I needed it. Funniest memory was the night they brought me a milk crate to stand on at the register and also bowling night, enough said about that one, lol. Wonderful guy, Bless the heavens they have a special one there now.

Tanya Bowin - November 06, 2018 at 02:44 PM

JH

“ God broke the mold when he created Mike! I consider myself blessed to have known him and honored that Andrew and I were two of his closest friends. His heart was big and his personality was even bigger. We loved him. We will miss him.
Andrew and Jacque Hansen

Jacque Hansen - November 06, 2018 at 12:20 PM