



Michael Allen Paradee

March 12, 1955 - January 2, 2015

OBITUARY

Michael Allen Paradee was born on March 12, 1955 in Springfield, MN, the son of Donald and MaryAnn (Bishop) Paradee. By the time he was six, the family had settled in the New London/Spicer area. He wrestled and played football for New London Spicer High School, graduating in 1973. Mike met Janine Olson at Willmar Community College. They were united in marriage on April 24, 1976 in Brandon, MN. Seven children were born to this union: Amanda, Ashley, Bethany, Levi, Samuel, Marilla, and Noah. Mike served in the United States Navy on the USS Vulcan stationed in Norfolk, VA from 1977-1981.

After Mike's time in the Navy he studied to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from St. Cloud State University, graduating in 1983. Following college, Mike and his family moved to the Virginia Beach, VA area for several years. He received his CPA license and worked in the accounting field. Mike and his family moved to Osakis in 1994 to open his own accounting firm in Alexandria.

Mike loved visiting with his clients and especially tax season; but most of all, Mike loved his family. He will be remembered for watching the boys play baseball, going to Viking games, and time spent on family camping trips. He

spent many mornings out golfing with the kids and taught all of them to play cribbage. He played hide & seek in the “dark basement” and was known to spend time at the McDonalds play area watching and playing with his children and grandchildren. He went to all the church softball games to watch his kids play and always brought a bag full of Gatorade, sunflower seeds and red licorice.

Mike enjoyed spending time with his five siblings and their families talking about the funny stories and memories of when they were young. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Michael A. Paradee died on Friday, January 2, 2015 in Alexandria at the age of 59. He is survived by his wife Janine Paradee of Osakis; Amanda (Jeremy) Solt of Prior Lake, MN, Ashley Paradee of Osakis, Bethany Paradee of St. Louis Park, Levi (Ally) Paradee of Ramstein AFB Germany, Samuel Paradee, Marilla Paradee, and Noah Paradee of Osakis; seven grandchildren Ivy, James, Olivia, and Josephine Solt all of Prior Lake, Ezra Paradee of Osakis, and Madilyn and Graham Paradee of Ramstein AFB Germany; siblings Terry (Karlyn) Paradee, Ron Paradee, Laramée Paradise, Lea Ann Paradise, and Kelly Paradee; many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Donald and MaryAnn Paradee and his sister LoriLynn.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 10:30am at Church for the Harvest in Alexandria. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 from 5-7pm at Anderson Funeral Home and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Urn Bearers are Levi Paradee and Samuel Paradee. Honorary Urn Bearers are Terry Paradee, Ron Paradee, Laramée Paradise, Lea Ann Paradise, Kelly Paradee, and Carey Taylor.

Arrangements are with Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria. Inurnment will

be at Oak Hill Cemetery in New London, MN at a later date.

www.andersonfuneral.net

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory
659 Voyager Drive NW
Alexandria, MN 56308
(320) 763-5900
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<https://www.andersonfuneral.net/>

Visitation

JAN 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church For The Harvest
1910 Aga Drive Suite #280
Alexandria, MN 56308

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Allen Paradee



Anderson Funeral Home - January 07, 2015 at 01:34 PM



“ I first met Mike through work and intermitently after that. He was welcoming and funny and always made me feel like I belonged. I will miss his smiling face and humor. M sincere condolences to his wife and children and all friends and family. He leaves a large gap in our community and will be missed. Ma y God give you the grace to get through this difficult time.



Muzamba Sibajene - January 14, 2015 at 01:23 PM



“ Janine & family; Just happened to see this on the computer. Am so sorry to hear about my cousin. We always lived so far apart that we never got to see each other, but it's still family. Had he been sick or what happened? My brother, Irvin has MS and now he had cancer in his throat and is taking chemo. My prayers are with all of your family.

Ruth Moffitt Easterly & family

Ruth Easterly - January 12, 2015 at 11:33 AM

AF

“ To Mike's family, friends, business contacts, neighbors, classmates and acquaintances who have been so very deeply emotionally and spiritually impacted by Mike's sudden death.



a friend - January 11, 2015 at 01:50 AM

CA

“ What a beautiful tender video tribute. RIP, Mike.

cousin linda, peoria az - January 09, 2015 at 05:20 PM

JE

“ Jeanne Edwardson lit a candle in memory of Michael Allen Paradee



jeanne edwardson - January 09, 2015 at 10:30 AM

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LT

“ I didn't know Mike well, we had talked occasionally when he stopped at Blackridge Bank. My office was in that building. I'm sorry for your loss. Lynn Tait



Lynn Tait - January 08, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ Paradee Family, I am so very sorry for your loss of Michael. He was He was always such a pleasant man and had a kind word and hug for you when you saw him. He will be greatly missed!

Tina Rice - January 08, 2015 at 04:24 PM

DF

“ Doug And Diane Fiebelkorn lit a candle in memory of Michael Allen Paradee



Doug and Diane Fiebelkorn - January 08, 2015 at 03:45 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Allen Paradee.



January 08, 2015 at 03:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Allen Paradee.*



January 08, 2015 at 08:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Allen Paradee.*



January 07, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ *We were at some event where photos were being displayed. When a childhood picture of Noah and Ezra showed up, Mike's instant response, filled with obvious love and pride, was, "There's m'boys!"*

Tammy Zitzmann - January 07, 2015 at 08:57 PM

GN

“ *To Jan and Family,*

When life closes a door.....Memories open a window.

As member of the NLS Class of 1973 I have wonderful memories of Dortz. He had the biggest smile and was so smart. Our class had a special bond. I remember Mike telling me at a class reunion that he felt his classmates were like family to him. He will always be in our hearts!

RIP Michael AKA Dortz

Gail Johnson Nichols

Gail Johnson Nichols - January 07, 2015 at 03:03 PM

CC

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Prayers to you and your family.

Kevin & Connie Lee Cunningham

Connie Lee Cunningham - January 06, 2015 at 11:36 AM

GF

“ Mike, may you find peace as you join your Mom, Dad and sister. My deepest condolences are with Mike's family at this most difficult time. I knew Mike since kindergarten. You could always pick Mike out in our class pictures - he would always be the boy with the mischievous look on his face and a twinkle in his eye! Mike came to my Dads funeral when my Dad October 23,2013.i was so surprised to see him there! It was such a comfort to see Mike and Sharon Holland McCloud. It had been 43years since I had seen Mike and it felt so great to know that someone truly cared to come to my Dads funeral. I am sorry that I cannot make Mikes funeral! I live in Las Vegas and have health issues that make it very difficult to get around in the cold and snow..with deepest sympathies,Ginger Fosso



GINGER FOSSO - January 06, 2015 at 10:14 AM

GF

“ Country school! Our second grade class was made up of Mike, Sandy Poe Wersal and me, Ginger Fosso. Went to country school until all of the country schools were closed. I remember when his sister passed. I don't think that Mike ever got over that.



GINGER FOSSO - January 06, 2015 at 09:59 AM

BS

“ A lot of time and miles have come between Michael and I, but memories and smiles come easily when I think back. That smile, his "chuckle", the look in his eyes that said...come on, let's find some mischief to get into. Two things are etched into my memory forever. The first was a noon hour that found four of us in Mike's Corvair convertible, top down, all wearing our snowmobile helmets, driving fast and spinning circles on Green Lake...we laughed until our sides hurt. The second was a conversation at a class reunion when some of us were discussing the different challenges that come with parenthood. Mike's response was: "just love 'em, just love 'em all". God bless the memory of Michael Paradee. To Jan and family, What a gift you had in Michael.

Brad/classmate '73

Brad Strootman - January 06, 2015 at 08:49 AM

LM

“ Jan and family,
So sorry to hear of your loss. May our Lord and Savior wrap his arms around you and hold you tight. May His peace reign in your hearts. Please know we lift you up in prayer.

Wade & Lisa Meyer, & family in Sioux Falls, SD

Lisa Meyer - January 06, 2015 at 08:35 AM

JP

“ Our prayers go out to the entire Paradee family. We remember the fun times we had when they attended Harvest Assembly in Chesapeake, Va. Mike was always smiling and his joy radiated to all around him. This time is but a moment and we will reunite in our Heavenly home. Save me a seat, Mike.

Jeff & Kim

Jiff Pilmerton - January 05, 2015 at 04:20 PM

PT

“ Purple Chaos Soccer Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Allen Paradee.



Purple Chaos Soccer Team - January 05, 2015 at 11:51 AM

VP

“ TO Mike's Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was one of the first guys who ever asked me to dance --we were in junior high. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Pastor Valerie Strand Patterson
(Val Strand)*

Valerie Patterson - January 05, 2015 at 10:23 AM

BB

“ My thoughts & prayers at this difficult time. Sincerely, Bev Bales

bev bales - January 05, 2015 at 07:35 AM

N'

“ NLS Class of '73 purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Michael Allen Paradee.



NLS Class of '73 - January 05, 2015 at 07:27 AM

AK

“ We are so sorry for your loss! We really liked Mike (he did our taxes & we knew him from the homeschool group). You are all in our thoughts & prayers. Find strength & peace in God. Mike & Amy Katterhagen & family

Amy Katterhagen - January 04, 2015 at 09:07 PM

DC

“ Dear Jan and family, I am so sorry to hear about Mike. He took me under his wing when I joined the firm in Suffolk and he became a good friend. He also helped me stay grounded in Biblical principles and was a great example as a father and husband. His love for his Lord and family was evident for everyone to see. He had a plaque on his desk that said "My Boss is a Jewish Carpenter". Everyone knew what he meant but it was kind of funny since the head of the firm was also Jewish. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Dean Cribb

Dean Cribb - January 04, 2015 at 07:04 PM

BN

“ I will remember Mike as the person who cared enough to come to all classmate's funerals and the funerals of many classmate's parents. He cared when many forgot to care. I am very saddened it is not possible for me to attend Mike's funeral. My thoughts are with Mike's family at this difficult time. May you find comfort within your family and within family friends. Please know that many classmates of Mike are also thinking of you.

Bonnie Nelson - January 04, 2015 at 11:09 AM

SW

“ Mike and I went to a one room country school together. Only 3 on our grade level, that makes me sound very old and 60 years is not old Mike you went to Heaven to early, all 60 years we have visited with each other. You will be missed, he loved a HUG!!

Sandy Wersal - January 03, 2015 at 08:15 PM

LT

We enjoyed working with Mike over the years as our CPA, and also enjoyed his friendship! Conversations always led to his family..How he adored them all. We will miss you Mike- rest in peace. Haugland & Triebenbach family

Lori Triebenbach - January 06, 2015 at 03:13 PM

JR

We are saddened to hear about Michael and saddened for the Paradee family to lose their dad and grandfather. We have known Michael since we moved to Alexandria many years ago. He had been our tax accountant for our business for many years and he made it so easy to work with him. He didn't seem to ever get upset about not having all the papers with us for our taxes. "Just call it in to me or drop it by when you have time" always was his reply. We will miss seeing him around town. When we would meet him on the street or in a store he always had a friendly smile and hello. We are so sorry we won't be able to attend the funeral to add our condolences for the family as we are currently living down south for the winter months. I know Michael loved his family as he displayed pictures all over his office to show how proud he was of them. Since we heard about Mike we have been praying for the family that they will remember their dad and grandfather with love and affection. We will miss seeing him around when we return to Minnesota.

*Our sincere condolences,
Leonard and Judith Rost*

Judith Rost - January 09, 2015 at 04:21 PM