



Michael Edward Canning

September 21, 1951 - April 14, 2020

Michael Edward Canning passed after a six month illness at the age of 68. He was a graduate of Start High School and attended Ohio State University. Michael took over the family business and ran L & M Automotive for 33 years. He will be remembered by his wide circle of friends and family for his quick wit and willingness to serve others. He was a devoted father and honest businessman. Michael is survived by daughters Jessica (Michael Bertner) Canning of Durham, NC and Katie Canning of Chicago, IL, Grandson Atticus Bertner, his siblings, Linda Pearson, Dan (Cathy) Canning, brother in law Joe Horvath, nephews Luke Canning, Kyle (Melissa) Pearson, Chase (Kaitlyn) Canning, and niece Baylee Canning. He was predeceased in death by his parents Leonard and Mildred Canning, brother in law Jim Pearson, and nephew Andrew Pearson. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Operation Walk, 2525 S. Downing St. Fl. 2 Denver, CO 80210.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Linda & Dan this is Kathie (Cook) Campbell. I am so very sorry to learn of your loss. All my memories of Mike are good ones. Your family has my deepest sympathy.

kathiecamp@gmail.com

Kathie Campbell - April 29, 2020 at 09:31 PM

RZ

“ I had the opportunity to become acquainted with Mike over forty years ago when I moved to Toledo. I needed a car repair and was told to go to Mike's father's station. I went there completely at their mercy to repair my car. The repair was done quickly and fairly. Mike kept the business going with the same business model when he took over the business from his father. He treated all of his customers fairly and like family. There was never a time that you pulled into the station with an emergency that Mike did not take care of you the customer. Even if you just stopped by to get some gas, Mike always had time to tell you a new joke to keep or let you know what was going on in the neighborhood. I also had the pleasure of golfing with Mike in the T.A.L.E. Golf League for many years. He was a lot of fun on the course and after whenever beverages were served. He was a great individual and friend and an excellent example of a businessman that cared about his customers and always treated them as one of the family. He is going to be greatly missed.

Ron Zielinski

Ron Zielinski - April 27, 2020 at 04:30 PM

JB

“ I am sorry for your(our) loss. Mike and I played in a golf league for the past 15 years on Tuesday nites. We many times went out for a drink after golf. He always had a story or opinion on many subjects to share. I often said to him he should have been a judge because he had so many opinions. He was a good golfer but a much better person. He will be missed. Judge James D. Bates(Ret.)

James D. Bates - April 27, 2020 at 10:29 AM

BD

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Mike and his family. What a great friend and neighbor. Mike and his team took care of my cars and those of our extended family. You were a stranger once, after that you were a friend. Mike held “court” every day. All subjects were discussed and Mike had a story for each one. His shop was the cornerstone of our neighborhood, countless people had their cars cared for there. Think about full serve gas stations in today’s market. This courtesy was a trademark of L&M Sunoco. So many memories come to mind, all of them end with a smile. A person gets but a few Friends like Mike. Rest In Peace my friend.

Bill Declercq - April 27, 2020 at 05:32 AM

KC

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Katherine Canning - April 26, 2020 at 10:54 PM

LB

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Larry Beat - April 26, 2020 at 12:37 PM

RM

“ Sorry for the loss of a warm and friendly classmate. Mike's dedication to good work and loyalty garnered him lifetime friends and customers. Goodbye my friend.

Ron McCracken

Ron McCracken - April 26, 2020 at 12:14 PM

CV

“ he was our mechanic for probably 30 years. A more reasonable and honest man you will never meet. Thank you for all of your service!

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chris vankoughnet - April 26, 2020 at 10:26 AM

DR

“ Rest in Peace, my Start HS classmate and good friend Michael Canning. Thanks for providing such super service to your customers and friends through the SUnoco service station you operated in the neighborhood for 33 years. You will be missed especially at the gatherings of the Start HS Class of 1969. May God bless you and welcome you into his heavenly home.

Duane Ramsey - April 26, 2020 at 09:36 AM

SS

“ We are so very sad to hear of Mike's passing. Mike took care of our cars for many years. Being in the neighborhood of the shop, we were on a first name basis with Mike and his smile and funny jokes always made the stop at L & M something to look forward to. We truly miss having Mike around the corner as we could always depend on him for a job well done at a fair and honest price. His smile and laugh will be remembered. Please accept our condolences. RIP Mike.

Scott and Carol Shoemaker - April 26, 2020 at 06:42 AM

MW

Every once in a great while, we meet someone that's smart and really fun. That someone was Michael Canning.

Almost every time I pulled into his L&M gas station I had a good conversation and or exchange a good joke with Mike. If he heard or saw something unusual, he couldn't let it go, but he would analyze it and it would get funnier by the minute. Some of his insights about life made me realize that he really was a good person.

Because I was in industrial sales he also gave me some pointers on how to deal with difficult customers and his methods did work.

Something you couldn't read from a book, but learned from life. He wasn't afraid to share and be sincere.

Like many of his customers, when he retired and his station closed, he left a large void in our lives. But some how we all made it through the change. A couple of years later I had breakfast with Mike and asked him if he missed the customers? He said "Definitely, but after 30+ years of fixing cars, ...I don't miss the cars!" He just smiled and said "I don't want anything to do with cars anymore!"

Thank you for all the years of great car service, good gasoline, good advice and great jokes. You always made my day brighter and Lord knows you lived to serve others.

Mark Wagner

Mark Wagner - April 28, 2020 at 10:19 AM

RJ

I was very sorry to read of Mike's passing in the paper. I instantly thought of his days at Start High School where he was so involved. He was like a spark plug always enthusiastic and committed to whatever interested him. He was a good student, involved in so many activities, and always with a smile and enthusiasm. He will be missed and in our thoughts forever.

Richard A St John - April 28, 2020 at 05:04 PM