



Michael H. Swords, Sr.

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Michael Hurd Swords, Sr., age 54, life-long resident of Covington, LA died peacefully on Friday, February 13, 2015 from complications of leukemia. Mike was born on July 13, 1960 in Covington. After graduating from St. Paul's High School, Mike enrolled and graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Mike worked at the St. Tammany Parish DA's office for almost 18 years where he made many lasting friends and assisted countless people in his position. He will be greatly missed. Mike was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed the outdoors whenever possible, as often as possible with several close friends who were like brothers. He was a gifted landscaper and had a talent for turning yards into beautiful gardens that people could enjoy. He loved his family and his son Michael was one of the most important people in his life. He was very proud of Michael's accomplishments.

Mike is survived by his loving family: wife, Ruby Crawford Swords and son Michael Hurd Swords, Jr.; his parents, Cullom "Buster" Swords and Gayle Hurd Swords of Covington; three sisters, Stephanie Swords Fredericks, Kelly Swords, Wendy Swords Stouffer (Mark); and one brother, Cullom Swords (Lisa Thornburg); his parents-in-law, Curtis L. and Frances Carollo Crawford; siblings-in-law, Curtis R. Crawford (Mary), Terri Crawford Juge (Bobby) and Tina Crawford White (Bill). He was preceded in death by his sister, Erica Swords (2008) and brother-in-law, Wade M. Crawford (2014). Mike is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

The memorial service to celebrate Mike's life will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, 20370 Smith Rd. Covington, LA 70435 with a mass to follow at 12:00pm.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home of Covington, LA has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Mike's honor to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by going to their website www.lls.org or by donating platelets and/or blood in order to



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help others who are in need. If at all possible please make the donations at Ochsner on Jefferson Highway, (504) 842-4864, in Michael Swords name.



Events


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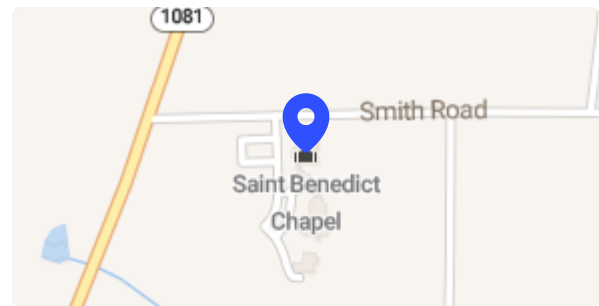
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, February 19, 2015


 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT


 **St. Benedict Catholic Church**
20370 Smith Rd., Covington LA 70435

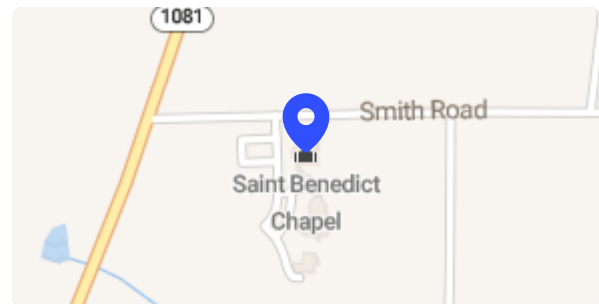


Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

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Mike Cypalik lit a candle in honor of Michael.



November 12 at 8:38 AM



Christine posted:

To Mike's family, I just received the news. While I didn't know him on a personal level, I am an attorney and used to see him frequently in court. He consistently took the time to answer my questions (of which I had many). He was a kind man and always had a smile on his face. Each time I arrived to court in a bad mood, I would leave smiling after seeing Mike. I am extremely sorry for your loss and you will be in my prayers.

March 19 at 5:39 AM



Jeannie Rojas posted:

My dearest Ruby, I am saddened by the late news about Mike. What a gentle man he was.. I loved him very much as we were a close group in the early days.... Never a day have I seen him without that wonderful smile.....I know your heartbroken.. That man loved you... Blessings in that.... My deepest sorrow for you and Michael Jr.. So glad I saw him a year ago, in court..... He was his usual SWEET SELF.....Much love Jeannie Rojas....

March 2 at 4:56 AM



Norvin posted:

Our sincere sympathies are with all of Mike's family. We were shocked and saddened at the news. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. The Fagan family - Norvin, Nancy and Amy

February 21 at 1:23 AM



Russ Olivier posted:

Although I didn't get to see Mike very often, every time I did it felt as comfortable as old friends. Mike made you feel special, included and grateful for family. When I think of my extended family, the ones I grew up with, that had such a big impact on my life, Mike and Ruby are always there. I'm saddened by the loss of Mike but grateful to have had the chance to know him.

February 20 at 4:12 PM



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LR

Lindsay Reed posted:

Mike was such an amazing person!!! I got the chance to work with him at the DAs office and enjoyed his contagious smile!

February 20 at 6:10 AM

JB

Jo Burns posted:

Ruby,As you know, Mike was a mountain of a man. Although we haven't talked for a while, I knew if I called he would be there ready and willing to help, if I needed it. He was like a brother to me. But, I need you to know, that you both made a difference in my life.Love and blessings to you, Michael, and all of your family. May each of you find comfort in your treasured memories of him, as you share them together.

February 19 at 5:18 PM

SM

Sylvia Marino lit a candle in honor of Michael.



February 19 at 4:14 PM

TH

Tom Hughston posted:

To Ruby and the rest of the Swords family, I am so sorry to hear of Mikes passing. I have nothing but great memories of him, and I'm sure you have many more that I know will comfort you during this tough time. My deepest sympathies to you all.Tom Hughston

February 19 at 9:28 AM

LA

Latif El-Amin lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Mike was a wonderful person and will truly be missed by many. May God bless his family.



February 19 at 7:30 AM



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DB

Dick Blossman posted:

Mike was a great guy, with a great family - He will be missed His death is a big loss to this community... Dick Blossman

February 19 at 6:24 AM

RP

Richie Privette posted:

Mike was a lifelong friend, and it is with a heavy heart that we send our deepest sympathies to the Family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with each of you. Riche Privette & Family

February 19 at 4:11 AM

KR

Ken Ross lit a candle in honor of Michael.



February 19 at 3:43 AM

WP

Wade Partridge posted:

Ruby and Michael and Family, Don't cry because it's over; Smile because it Happened !! What a special person always with a smile on his face. Our Deepest Sympathy Wade & Karla Partridge

February 19 at 3:24 AM

JL

Jon Lagarde posted:

Ruby, Michael, and the rest of the Swords Family. Our deepest heartfelt sympathy as well as our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Mike was that one-of-a kind, special person who always was there to help anyone and always brought that infectious smile to light up a room. Such a caring and unselfish person he was ready to give a helping hand, always answering his phone, "What can I do for you?" Your loss and our loss of a wonderful, big hearted, guardian angel is truly the Good Lord's gain in Heaven. Mike will be missed by all of us. Jon, Denise, and the LaGarde family

February 19 at 2:30 AM



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GD

Glenda Dobson posted:

Ruby, please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill and Glenda Dobson

February 19 at 1:12 AM

RG

Richard Greenland lit a candle in honor of Michael.



February 18 at 9:34 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Swords, family.



February 18 at 9:23 AM

DC

Darlene Carter posted:

Ruby, Michael & the Swords family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Mike was the shining light at the DA's office. He always kept the jokes coming at our workout group with Russell. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him and worked with him. Darlene & Jimmy Carter

February 18 at 9:20 AM

JS

Jay Pellegrini lii & Jr, John Baldwin Sr & Jr. sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Swords, family.



February 18 at 7:52 AM

RH

Ron Herber posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time . May God Bless and Keep you all. Ron & Susan Herber

February 18 at 3:10 AM



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PM

Patrick McLain posted:

To Ruby, Michael, Stephanie, Kelly, Wendy, Cullom, and, Mr.& Mrs. Swords...what a great loss your family must be feeling now. In the 30+ years I knew Mike, he always made you feel you were the most important person when speaking with him. Always thoughtful and caring, he made the world a better place for having been in our lives. I remember when Mike managed Antin-Quealy Jewelers in Mandeville and he sold Tina and I our wedding rings in 1984. He and I became good friends and always enjoyed his infectious smile that would light up the room. May our heavenly Father give you peace and comfort as you mourn Mike's passing, but smile when remembering the many memories you shared.

February 17 at 10:36 AM

LH

Laura Hunter posted:

Swords family,May your heart and soul find peace and comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.Love,Laura Hunter

February 17 at 2:43 AM

DD

Diane Doby lit a candle in honor of Michael.

To the Swords Family, Mike's Mother and Father, Wendy, Kelly, Stephanie and Cullom,I know there are no words to comfort you, but I send my deepest sympathy and share my sorrow at Mike's passing. He was a sweet, kind soul. I have wonderful memories of our years at River Forest that include your whole Family. My Father, and my Brother Tommy, both thought the world of Mike also. My Mother and I both send you our thoughts and prayers to you all.With much Love,Diane Doby MerrillCarole Doby Koch



February 16 at 4:48 PM

DD

Diane Doby sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Swords, family.



February 16 at 4:23 PM



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Henry And Jackie Michel lit a candle in honor of Michael.



February 16 at 2:43 PM



Sybil & Bobe Parker February 18 at 4:03 AM

ToTo the Swords family:We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. We will always remember Mike as the fine young man he was. God bless the family and may god be with you all. Love, Sybil & Bobe Parker



Tara Paille lit a candle in honor of Michael.



February 16 at 2:21 PM



Tara Paille posted:

Dearest Ruby and Michael, my heart hurts for you right now.....know that you are both in my thoughts and prayers :) I had the pleasure of having Michael in my first Kindergarten Class at Saint Peter's. Such a sweet family and I didn't realize until recently that you were purchasing plants from my parents' nursery. What a coincidence.....my dad was in total shock to hear the sad news. Hugs to you and Michael :) Love, Tara Holliday Paille

February 16 at 2:13 PM



Patrick Hunter posted:

Ruby, Buster, Gayle, Kelly and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Great guy from an amazing family. Love to you all.Pat Hunter Jr.

February 16 at 1:56 PM



Fred Seal posted:

Ruby, our prayers and thoughts are with you and the Family. He touched the lives of many,many people and all loved him and will miss his smile. Fred and Aline Seal

February 16 at 1:18 PM



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Elaine Rainey posted:

All the years we worked together, if Mike ever had a bad day you sure didn't know it. On the other hand, he always had time to listen. He was our brother, our Dutch uncle, our secret-saver, and most of all our dear, dear friend. I loved him. I know that losing him so soon and so quickly is almost unbearable. May you feel the loving arms of the God of all comfort in this time of such great sorrow.

February 16 at 11:45 AM



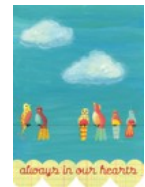
Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Swords, family.



February 16 at 10:12 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Swords, family.



February 16 at 9:39 AM



Pamela Bailey posted:

One of the most genuine people I have ever met. Always a smile and a laugh. He will be missed.

February 16 at 8:53 AM



Casey Robin posted:

An incredible person, great hunting partner and fabulous friend. We will miss him dearly.

February 16 at 8:26 AM



Barry Bagert posted:

I lost a dear friend and the district attorney's office lost a great asset. He loved to talk about his son.

February 16 at 8:11 AM



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WF

With Love, The Riecke Family sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Swords, family.



February 16 at 7:07 AM

TZ

Tara Zeller posted:

Mike's smile, friendly personality and willingness to help anyone will be greatly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him.

February 16 at 4:50 AM

DD

Delaunda Dykes posted:

Mike was always such a happy person. I never saw him when he wasn't smiling. He never told anyone No. I remember getting a bed-in- the box from Walmart for my daughter. I had NO idea or tools to put it together. I had asked Mike if he would come over and assemble it for me. He came over at my request and put the whole set together for me. It was a God send since at that time I was new in town and didn't know anyone except my co-workers. Such a little task but meant so very much to me! I think it's the little things in life that really matter!! Our family at the DA's Office will never be the same!!

February 15 at 5:13 PM

PC

Pen Clark posted:

Ruby, my thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss. Mike was someone I looked up to from a very young age and you two are a great example of a Happy/Loving Couple. Remember the Good Times ! Your Friend, Pen

February 15 at 3:58 PM



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MD

Maria Donley lit a candle in honor of Michael.



February 15 at 11:59 AM

MD

Maria Donley February 15 at 12:04 PM

Everybody who knew him loved him! I'll always remember him carrying doughnuts on Friday!

My prayers to his family

ML

Mary Lionnet lit a candle in honor of Michael.



February 15 at 6:02 AM

KH

Kathy Healy February 16 at 5:48 AM

Buster & Gayle: So sorry to hear of the loss of your son Michael. I did not have the opportunity to meet him but I am sure with you guys as parents he was a wonderful young man. It is a shame that he had to leave his family at such an early age. I will be praying for all your family. Kathy Healy

ML

Mary Lionnet February 15 at 6:05 AM

Rest in peace Mike. I will miss your calls and our little talks when I was in the DA's office picking up work. Always caring, funny and a little bit of a smart Alec. My heart felt sympathies to the Swords family. Mike will be greatly missed.

EC

Eileen Charitat posted:

Ruby my heart aches for you. Mike was such a kind and loving friend to Mac and I. He will be sorely missed. Eileen Charitat.

February 14 at 3:50 PM



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MB

Madison Bordelon posted:

Mrs Ruby Little Michael and the rest of the swords family I am so so sorry about Mike he was an amazing person. Always gave me a hard time about being a Bordelon but I know its BC he loved me. He always made me laugh smile no matter how crazy of a day it was. He had a heart of gold always there for me. He will be truly missed. I will always think of him when I am having a doughnut and remember how he would even save me one when my phone was non stop on a Friday and I couldn't make it to the break room. He was a huge asset to the DA office things won't be the same without him there. Love ya Mike. Always and forever !!! Love Madison Bordelon

February 14 at 3:41 PM

NS

Nikki Smith posted:

To the entire Swords family...Mike will be GREATLY missed. I cannot believe such a special man is no longer with us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. With much love, Nikki Smith Piliie and the Entire HJ Smith Family.

February 14 at 2:56 PM

LW

Leigh Anne Wall posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Mike was always ready to help anyone and everyone, and he did it with his ever-present smile. He was a rock, and he will be terribly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

February 14 at 2:42 PM

LS

Lori Sharp posted:

It was a true honor and privilege to know such a kind, caring, fun loving man. He always had to make you laugh or smile everyday. I will miss seeing him daily but know he will be watching over all of us. We all loved him so much. May God be with you Mrs. Ruby and Michael Jr. Mike was truly a great man and will be greatly missed. 🙏 Praying for you and your family. Lori Sharp

February 14 at 2:28 PM



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SH

Steve Holliday posted:

Ruby, what a horrible shock it was when we heard about Mike. My goodness, it was just a couple of weeks ago that we were fighting your truck! Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. He will be greatly missed. God bless you. Steve and Beverly

February 14 at 1:26 PM

DM

Darlene & Louie Monju posted:

Ruby, We just heard about Mike. What a shock! He was such a nice guy and a good friend. Louie has many good memories of the years they worked together. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you all. Louie and Darlene Monju

February 14 at 11:43 AM

JD

Julia Deal posted:

Mike always smiling, professional, kind man who loved his family. My prayers are with you and yours.

February 14 at 11:40 AM

SG

Scott Gardner posted:

Mike Swords helped more people in one day in our court system than many of us have the chance to help in a lifetime he did it without thanks, and with grace and humor. He was a great friend and the Gardners will miss him terribly. Scott and Reina

February 14 at 11:32 AM

ME

Martha Elliott posted:

Dearest Ruby and family, May God bless and keep you. Love Michael very much; is all I know to say, Martha Elliott.

February 14 at 7:01 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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