

Michael Shawn Wells (commonly referred to as “Mikey”, “Mike”, “Spanky” and, “Wells”) was born to Tim and Donna Wells on February 15th, 1983, in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Mike graduated High School in Osakis, Minnesota, and graduated from Alexandria Technical College with a welding degree. Mike pursued his passion in creative arts, which were expressed most beautifully with his guitar, songwriting, and painting. Mike got his first fender Stratocaster guitar at 11 years old as a Christmas present from his Mom and Dad. Mike’s parents were always supportive and so proud of Mike for his ability to create art and music from his own vision.

Mike was blessed with a family. Mike and his girlfriend, Kirsten Webb, have a beautiful son, Brekken – 7-years old, and a daughter, Leila, who will be born in June 2022. Mike often said, “Brekken is my heart”, and he was so happy to have another baby on the way. Some of Brekken’s favorite times with his dad are riding dirt bike, playing guitar, snuggling, going to the beach, Brophy Park, and flying kites. Brekken shared that he especially liked when “My kite got stuck. Dad jumped a fence and landed on a rock to get it back.” One of Brekken’s favorite memories is when his dad would pretend to be a goat. His dad would make goat sounds and eat his mommy’s hair.

Mike was an artist at heart and could find a connection with anyone who enjoyed music and creativity. He loved painting, going to concerts, jamming around a fire, camping, riding dirt bike, and 4-wheeling. Mike had innate raw talent. Much of Mike’s passion was also stemmed from our parent's love for music across many genres, and also the freedom you feel from a motorcycle hitting the open road. Mike was goofy, quick-witted, impulsive, and he loved deeply.

Mike passed away on March 20th, 2022, at his home from cardiac arrest. He had an enlarged heart and narrowing of the vessels that supplied the heart.

Mike is survived by his son Brekken, his daughter Leila, his mother Donna Wells, his father Tim Wells, his sister Jayme Bratsch, brother-in-law Jeremy Bratsch, niece Lakeyn Bratsch, Nephew Colt Bratsch, his Grandmothers Kathy Wells, Nan Jones, and Laura Schinabarger, along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mike is preceded in death by grandmother Geri Schmitz, and grandfathers Carl Wells, Jr., John. A Davis, Cyril M Schmitz, Don Ebel, and Fred Jones.

In Loving Memory



Michael Shawn Wells

1983 ~ 2022

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



In Memory of

Michael Shawn Wells

February 15, 1983



March 20, 2022

Celebration of Life

Anderson Funeral Home Chapel

Alexandria, Minnesota

Friday, March 25, 2022

11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Jay Jenson

Speakers

Jessica Bratsch

Eric Holthusen

Jayne Bratsch - sister

Special Songs

"I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe

"Dancing In The Sky" by Dan & Lizzy

"So Far Away" by Avenged Sevenfold

"One Day" by Matisyahu

Flower Bearers

Leila Wells-Webb

Kirsten Webb

Jayne Bratsch

Jessica Bratsch

Marissa Bratsch

Alex Foreman

Kate Kennedy

Amy Cunningham

Amanda Kelly

Sabrina Nichole

Urn Bearers

Brekken Wells-Webb

Jeremy Bratsch

Jeff Higgins

Morgan Foster

Alan Braatz

*Michael's entire family would like to thank you for your prayers
and for joining us today to share in the celebration of his life.*