



David Michael Stertz

July 12, 1964 - January 8, 2021

David Michael “Mike” Stertz, 56, of Barhamsville, went peacefully to be with the Lord January 8, 2021.

Mike was always active; he enjoyed mountain biking, he loved life, and loved Jesus. Mike was a “jack of all trades”. He worked for Estes for 37 and a half years. Mike was very much a people person who loved everything life had to offer.

Mike was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Stertz Gatewood; and his father, Wayne Stertz.

Mike is survived by his wife of 25 years, Kathy Stertz; his brother, Wayne “Rusty” Stertz (Sandra); sister-in-law, Donna Garner (Harvey); nieces, Jessica Morrison, Tamara Galloway (Ronald), Amanda Beamon (Stanley), Kaysey, Chelsey Mix (Brandon); nephew, Taylor Morrison; and his beloved furbabies, two cats: Sam and Tiger; and three dogs: Pearl, Rowdy, and Stubby.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I am his cousin and him and his brother didn't know it until I met them at Skateland about 42 years ago. Rusty asked me to skate and asked if I would be back the following Saturday. I was and then Rusty had me skate with Michael. They were both nice, and I remember Michael had braces and looked like the photo someone posted of him sitting on the sofa. Michael told me his last name was Stertz, and we remained friends. He was my cousin. His Aunt Shirley Stertz Hawn was the half sister of my Grandfather. So technically Michael and Rusty were my half cousins. Nice people. I spoke with Shirley Stertz Hawn in the last 2 years. Her mother was my Great Grandmother. My sincerest and deepest condolences to the entire family. 🙏



Jane Marie - March 26, 2022 at 04:49 PM

KW

“ Kevin Webb lit a candle in memory of David Michael Stertz

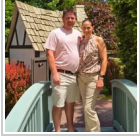


Kevin Webb - February 18, 2021 at 09:41 AM

DH

“ Rusty and family, Deb and I are very sorry for your loss. Dee and Deb

Dee and Deb Hockaday - January 26, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Holly Newman - January 17, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *I met Mike about 5 years ago. I had just started working for Estes, I got the honor of sharing the shop office with him. He was always having fun, but he would do anything for anybody. If I was having a bad day, he found a way to make me feel better. I will forever miss Taco Tuesdays and being asked have you ever been_____and did you like it, and the response if you said yes. I will miss you my brother! You are an angel and the world was a better place with you in it. GOD SPEED my brother.*

Billy & Barbara Moore - January 15, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. This will probably be the hardest time in your life. Always hold on to all you memories and know that he is in heaven with the Lord and he is pain free. He will always be watching over you. He was your soulmate and some never find that. If there is anything I can do please let me know! Love you!*

Karen Fischer

Karen Fischer - January 15, 2021 at 11:16 AM

EC

“ Everett L Carter lit a candle in memory of David Michael Stertz



Everett L Carter - January 15, 2021 at 09:54 AM

EC

Rusty and family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God's peace be with you.

Everett L Carter - January 15, 2021 at 09:56 AM

RC

“ R.T. And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of David Michael Stertz



R.T. and Donna Croswell - January 14, 2021 at 07:26 AM

GH

Thoughts and prayers! So sorry for your loss. Stertz will surely be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him. 🙏🙏🙏

Garry Helms - January 18, 2021 at 07:04 AM

TB

“ Mike, 'my brother from another mother'. 10 years of dealing with your antics. Joking, laughing and picking on your lil sis. You are missed. Thanks for the memories! Prayers for Kathy and the family. So sorry for your loss. Rest in peace ol friend 🙏 Tina Berkley

Tina Berkley - January 13, 2021 at 11:01 PM

AS

“ I’m sorry to hear about the passing of Mike. My prayers go out to Rusty and the rest of the family. We grew up together in the Wedgewood subdivision in Barhamsville, it’s probably been over 35 years since I’ve seen him but we shared some good memories growing up. May you rest in peace Mike.

Angie Patterson Sternberg - January 13, 2021 at 10:25 PM

SH

“ A good man has been taken too early! I got to know Mike when he came to pick up Kathy from work at Trolley House. He would help her load the truck or plop down in my office to shoot the bull. Mike was never at a loss for words or jokes, and I enjoyed his company. I am better from knowing him! Kathy, so very sorry for your loss, we will do everything we can to support you going forward.

Mike,

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

*May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.*

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Scott Halloran - January 13, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ I first met Mike in 1999. He was a jokester and a clown. Always picking on everyone. I came back to Estes 2 years ago and he hadn't changed a bit. I will miss him coming in every morning and asking me if I've ever been beat with a clipboard. Mike was truly one of a kind. He would give you the shirt off his back and not think twice about it. It was an honor and a privilege to have known him. My prayers are with his family.

Jason Curl - January 13, 2021 at 09:08 PM

DS

“ I work with Mike 14 years at Estes We got even closer over fish tacos for lunch many days at his desk awesome awesome guy glad I got to know him gonna be missed

Dionisio Spencer - January 13, 2021 at 08:08 PM

CM

“ *The Polish Redneck: 15 years ago “This Guy” set foot in the office of Mike Stertz looking for employment during the interview all I could think is this guy runs the shop! My first week he told me a ridiculous redneck saying so in grand New Englander fashion I asked if he was retarded or something(sorry not pc). From that moment on a bromance began between two idiots that loved to mess with each other and everybody else. I could always count on him to go on any crazy adventure I could come up with and even got him to go camping which he hated with a passion, may have made it worse by packing wrong tent, pitching it on a hill and rolling over him the whole time. We laughed about it and went on to have an amazing time doing what we loved to do which is mountain bike. Countless adventures later we’ve been cut a bit short for now! Gonna miss our obsession with tacos and him constantly asking when we gonna fill “bessy”(his belly). So many stories to tell! Although I’m thoroughly heartbroken, I was blessed to have such a close relationship with a man that was by far one of a kind! Bye for now, love ya, and you’ll always be a legend in my family! Heaven got one of the best*



Christian Martel - January 13, 2021 at 07:59 PM

KD

“ *Dear Rusty and Family,
Thinking of you all during this difficult time. We are praying for you.
May God bring peace, comfort, and warm memories.*

Boe and Robin Davis

Kenneth R Davis - January 13, 2021 at 07:25 PM

LM

“ I got to work with Mike Stertz for the last 10 years. He always said I was his Secretary, but I always corrected him and said I'm a Fleet Service Clerk. He loved signing Void on everyone's time off request forms or balling them up, making them fill out another one. Some made extra copies instead. Mike was a great boss and friend. He will be missed by so many.

Lori Madison - January 13, 2021 at 07:16 PM

TJ

“ Pollock was like a brother to me...he picked on me like a brother...but he was always there for me like a brother too. We tackled lots of projects together in our 30 year friendship; the bar in my kitchen, helped each other build our garages, put on lots of roofs, LOTS of roofs, and we built lots of truck shelves. If we ran into a snag, we'd each blame the other one for messing up. Every morning as we would start a project the first thing Po wanted to know is what we were having for lunch.

This picture is how I will remember him in my garage when we were building some truck shelves; always joking and laughing. Kathy please let me know if you need anything. We're praying for you.

Terry Jones



Terry Jones - January 13, 2021 at 06:42 PM

BM

“ I’ve known Mike for about 2 years. I’m jealous of the people who have known him longer because he was a great guy and a lot of fun to work with. I have a brother who died of cancer and Mike’s personality was a lot like his. If I had a question he always had the answer. He was one of the most down to earth, honest people I’ve ever met. I work right next to his office and every day he would say “Billy May! You’re fired!” Mike was a Christian and I have no doubt I will see him again one day. He’ll probably come up behind me in heaven and say “Have you ever been smacked upside the head with a clipboard?” He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Billy May - January 13, 2021 at 06:16 PM

DK

“ I worked with Mike for 19 years. I will never forget we had feral cats at the shop we had to get rid of. I had named one of them Tiger and he really liked Mike. Mike decided to take him home. Mike would come in and give me updates and show me the latest in pictures. I will miss him and will not forget his kindness. Kathy my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dana

Dana Keane - January 13, 2021 at 05:35 PM



TE

“ Terri lit a candle in memory of David Michael Stertz



Terri - January 13, 2021 at 04:46 PM

TE

“ Mike will be greatly missed. He was always so friendly and easy going. I am so sorry for your loss.

Terri

Terri - January 13, 2021 at 04:46 PM

CH

“ For the short period of time that I knew Mike, he was always a free-spirited guy. Always ready to crack a joke and make a person smile just because. One of the first things he said to me is "I hope that big gut of yours is empty, because its Taco Tuesday!" He had to send me paperwork for a while, and he would always have a little stick figure drawing of how he's doing just. That would make me laugh so much every day he send paperwork. Mike was a good man. He will be truly missed. I'm truly sorry for your loss and my thoughts, love, prayers, and condolences to you and your family.



Chaz Hagans - January 13, 2021 at 03:40 PM

JC

“ Mike was full of life always cutting up with everyone. He will truly be missed. Kathy it is hard sometimes to find the words to comfort but i believe Mike will always be looking out for you until you meet again. Please call if you need anything

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James Cliborne - January 13, 2021 at 02:53 PM

BV

“ Mike was a bright ray of sunshine in this world. Every time we saw him, he had a smile on his face and was quick to laugh. He brightened countless work day afternoons when he came into the Trolley office, always reliable for a joke or some friendly banter. We're so sorry to hear of his passing and are sending all of our love to Kathy and his family.

Brianna & Joshua Vetrano - January 13, 2021 at 02:48 PM

BE

“ I have known and grew up with Mike since we were in high school. He and my brother were best friends and now are back together running wild. Mike and I became best friends and hung out water skiing fishing going everywhere together. We talked on the phone and I was planning to meet back after he felt better. Mike I will always remember the good times. You will always be my brother and will always be remembered. Kathy you had the best husband and friend anyone could ever ask for. I'm so sorry and you are in my prayers. Mike I love you as a brother and rest in peace. Please tell Bobby Evans hi for me and I will see you again. RIP Billy

Billy Evans - January 13, 2021 at 01:30 PM

RW

“ Prayers for the family and his work family at Estes

Ray Williams - January 13, 2021 at 10:20 AM

RV

“ Rik Vincent lit a candle in memory of David Michael Stertz



Rik Vincent - January 13, 2021 at 06:58 AM

KA

“ *KATRINA lit a candle in memory of David Michael Stertz*



KATRINA - January 13, 2021 at 06:29 AM

CB

“ *I've know Mike for about 18 years i have a lot of great memories of him he was a fun guy to be around he could make almost anyone laugh. Mike was one of a kind he had a heart gold and he would help anyone at the drop of a hat. He was a good friend and he will be greatly missed*

Chris Bareford - January 12, 2021 at 11:28 PM

CJ

“ *28 years of working with mike the shop is never gonna be the same. Were not gonna have mike going from one side of the shop to the other making noises like he's gone crazy. Mike was a good boss to me always letting me take off whenever little or big things needed to be taken care of. Especially whenever I wanted to go camping for the weekend. I'm gonna hold on to that last laugh we had mike right before you left out. Who would ever thought you wouldn't come back. Cathy God is our refuge and our strength. Hold on to the memories you and mike had. I'm gonna miss him but I do know I will see his crazy tail again in those pearly gates.*

Chris jefferson - January 12, 2021 at 09:24 PM

CM

“ I first met Mike in 97 when I came to work at Estes. I said hi Mike, my name is Scooter. He said please, call me Polack. I knew right then I liked this guy. We would start every morning with a " I hate your guts" and end each day with see you tomorrow. Kathy had to be called in on some our arguments and somehow he always seemed surprised when she asked him what he had done to me. I will miss you dearly my friend, I learned so much from you and I thank God that he gave us you.

Clay Montgomery - January 12, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ Ryan Brooks lit a candle in memory of David Michael Stertz



Ryan Brooks - January 12, 2021 at 08:19 PM

JV

“ My friend Mike. Was quite a guy. I worked him as one of his vendors. Our friendship grew through the years and became friends. I think he love to pick on me because I was short. And I always give it back to him. Took off shore fishing one time. And I'm sure it was a trip he never would forget. To my friend. I will never forget the joys you brought and the smile on your face when we would it sushi. And how you would tell the waitress you wanted the crunchy money instead of the munchies. Your soul was pure my friend and god has taken an angel from this earth and brought him to heaven. Rest In Peace my friend until we see each other again my friend.

john votano - January 12, 2021 at 07:38 PM

MI

“ I came to know Mike when I started working with him back in 1997. He always had a smile on his face, and we always making everyone laugh. Mike would give you the shirt off his back. He was the first one to say he would help if you needed it, although he may give you a hard time about it joking with you. I am glad I got to call him a friend. Not too often you could say you liked your boss..lol...but we all loved him. No doubt about it. I will miss you Mikey. Till we meet again on the other side brother.



Mike isbell - January 12, 2021 at 07:26 PM

CM

“ I first met Mike nine years ago when he interviewed me for my current job at Estes. I knew during the interview when I said that the only thing I wouldn't do is walk on trailer roofs due to me being too fat and he responded with "well I guess you better get on a diet then" that he would be a ton of fun to work for. Low and behold he gave me the job and he did not disappoint! I will miss him giving me crap about different things, especially me being married to a woman on the opposite side of the political aisle. Mike was always willing to help and even when I screwed up and he had to talk to me about it it never felt like he was talking down to me. The shop hasn't felt the same since we got news of his passing on Friday and he will definitely be missed. Mrs Stertz I can't even begin to imagine what you're going through right now, but I will be praying for you.

Chris McIntosh - January 12, 2021 at 07:04 PM

CR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Caroline Chittenden Rigby - January 12, 2021 at 05:45 PM

KD

“ *Mikey has been a dear friend and part of my family for almost all my life. So many family get togethers, so many memories, I am trying to remember him with smiles instead of tears. Kathy and Rusty, no words could ever heal your heartache at this time, but he was loved beyond measure by all who knew him. You will be dearly missed my brother.*



Karen P. Disse - January 12, 2021 at 05:15 PM

AS

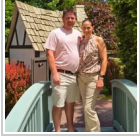
Wow... this brings back a lot of memories. This is the time frame that I knew Mike. May he rest in peace.

Angie Patterson Sternberg - January 13, 2021 at 10:21 PM

CR

“ *Mike was there for everyone. I remember when he helped us build a swing set for our daughter. The many moves he helped us with. Mike you were a angel here on earth and now you are one in haven. You will be missed by us. RIP*

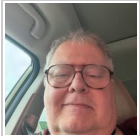
Carolyn and James Rigby - January 12, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ I only knew Mike for 5 years. He was a beautiful soul with a heart of gold. Mike was always willing to lend a hand to a friend in need and would give you the shirt off of his back if you were cold. I will deeply miss his uplifting words, kind smile and hearing him holler hey woman when he'd see me on the Trolley House dock. I will do everything in my power to bring peace and comfort to Kathy during this difficult time. Fly high my friend.



Holly Newman - January 12, 2021 at 03:49 PM



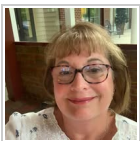
“ A brother in law with a smile and a helping hand whenever you needed it. Just a great man that heaven has gain.

Michael Chittenden - January 12, 2021 at 03:47 PM

CA

He was like everybody's big brother. We are all gonna miss him alot .
Cathy

Cathy - January 12, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ Mike will be missed words cannot express the sorrow
RIP Mike your an angel now

Brenda Ramsey - January 12, 2021 at 03:40 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dzula lit a candle in memory of David Michael Stertz*



Debbie Dzula - January 12, 2021 at 02:47 PM

KA

Debbie Thank you so much Kathy Stertz

Kathy - January 12, 2021 at 03:32 PM

TJ

I am so sorry for your lost , Mike was a good man, always easy to talk too like a brother we dealt with same issue as shop managers he would help me out and I would help him when I could. i know with talking with mike he love his family. so find peace in knowing that some day we all if we know the lord will meet aging until them hold on to your memories. If the family needs anything just call Estes shop 03

Terry Johnson - January 14, 2021 at 04:13 PM