



## Michael A. Heberlein

June 19, 2013

Michael A. Heberlein of Lancaster passed away in his home on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, after a long battle with cancer. He was 63.

Michael was born in Hanover on July 14, 1949. He was the son of the late Herbert L. and Madeline B. Heberlein of Bausman, Pennsylvania.

He attended Penn Manor High School, and went on to graduate from Millersville University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in painting.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, of 37 years, their two sons: Nikolaus Heberlein of Richmond, Virginia, and William Heberlein of Lancaster, as well as his daughter, Katherine, wife of Brandon Henry, of Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his brother Thomas Heberlein, husband of Joyce E., of Lancaster; his sister Mary Sahd, wife of Michael, of Lancaster; his brother James Heberlein, husband of Mary Ann, of Willow Street; and his sister Anne Heberlein, wife of Brian Adams, of Lancaster. He was preceded in death by his brother Richard Heberlein, husband of Diane, of Lancaster, and his brother Robert Heberlein, husband of Jean Marie, of Lancaster. Many nieces and nephews called him "Uncle Mike."

Michael was a well-known artist who was very active in Lancaster's art community. His paintings have appeared in numerous venues throughout the region. In 1984, he founded Lancaster Galleries, which he operated with his

wife, Joyce, and which specializes in fine art, framing, and restoration services. He also founded the art appraisal business Art Services and was a certified art appraiser. He was a member of the Appraisers Association of America, the Professional Picture Framers Association, and the Society of Gilders. He served on the board of directors for both the Charles Demuth Museum Foundation and the David Brumbach Trust, and was actively involved in Destination Downtown, now known as Lancaster Arts.

A gathering in honor of his life and accomplishments will be held on Monday, June 24th 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Services, 528 West Orange Street (corner of W. Orange and Pine Sts.) Lancaster, PA. Please omit flowers; those wishing may make contributions to the Demuth Foundation, 120 East King Street, Lancaster PA 17602, or to Lancaster LEADS, 53 North Duke Street, Suite 317, Lancaster PA 17602.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael A. Heberlein*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Joyce,*  
*Dale and are extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*  
*We have precious, wonderful memories from the days of us living*  
*together around that one amazing city block area, Triangle Park.*

*Please know that we grieve with you and hope you feel the love and*  
*support from your close and distant friends to carry you during this*  
*difficult time of adjustment to a new normal.*

*Sincerely, Cindy and Dale Wittenberg*

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**Dale and Cindy Wittenberg** - July 04, 2013 at 10:14 AM



“ *Joyce, I was saddened to hear about Mike's death. He will always*  
*be remembered by me from our fitness class at CVCC. I hope that*  
*you find comfort in God during this difficult time.*

*Phil J.*

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**Phil Jaquith** - June 27, 2013 at 08:23 AM

DS

“ Dear Joyce, Nick, and Katie,  
We all (including our kids BJ aka Ben and Liz) are so sorry for your loss of your husband and dad. We can only imagine how you feel and how difficult the next few weeks and months will be. We are praying that God will be near to you and comfort you. May you treasure the memories you have and may they grow sweeter each year and may your feelings of loss diminish and soften as you recall the prior good times.

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**Deb and Ken Strubel** - June 26, 2013 at 12:40 PM

MW

“ dearest joyce, i was so saddened to hear about mike. we talked about art all the time and he graciously loaned me books to read. really enjoyed working with him all these years. i will always remember his kindness, smile and humor. my thoughts are with you and your family. merle

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**merle weismer** - June 25, 2013 at 08:33 PM

DK

“ Dear Joyce and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was certainly a great friend to the art community in Lancaster, and will be missed. Donna

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**Donna Kilgore** - June 25, 2013 at 01:50 PM

BS

“ Dear Joyce and Family,  
Mark and I were so sad to hear about Mike's passing. We regret we will be unable to attend his memorial service. He was truly one of the most talented, generous and kind persons we were privileged to know. He will be missed and we send love, prayers and hope that you and your family will find peace through all of the wonderful memories you have shared.  
With Love and Sympathy,  
Becky and Mark Simeral

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**Becky and Mark Simeral** - June 24, 2013 at 07:38 PM

DG

“ Dear Joyce & family,  
Norm & I send our deepest, heartfelt sympathies on hearing of Mike's passing. You two were such great team. Mike was a friend for more years than I can count; a kind gentle, talented man. He is missed.

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**Diane Grinager** - June 24, 2013 at 05:42 PM

BT

“ Dear Joyce,  
We are so sorry to learn of Michael's passing.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
In sympathy,  
Bruce and Leslie Tahsler

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**Bruce and Leslie Tahsler** - June 24, 2013 at 08:03 AM

DG

“ I was saddened to here of Mike's passing. As I cycle past your art gallery almost every day, I think of Mike's commitment to downtown Lancaster. Although many years have gone by, I remember our conversations about our common interest in biking.

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**Daniel Gingrich** - June 24, 2013 at 07:42 AM

KT

“ Joyce,

*I am very sad for your loss. I have very fond memories of time spent with both you and Mike and have often thought of you over the years. Jennifer, Matthew and Nathaniel send their condolences to you and your family.*

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**Karen Todd** - June 24, 2013 at 03:42 AM

NS

“ To the Heberlein family,  
Although we didn't know Mike and his family, we do know his sister Mary as well as having known their parents and Msgr.Heberlein, and we wish to send our sincerest sympathy upon Mike's passing. It was always interesting to read of Mike's great contributions to the Lancaster art community. I'm sure he will be missed by all those who knew him and of him.  
With sincerest sympathy,  
Nancy and John Straw

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**Nancy and John Straw** - June 22, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CG

“ Dear Joyce and family. I am so very sad to learn about Mike's illness and passing. I simply cannot find words to express how much I will miss Michael. Joyce, please call on me when you feel up to it. Let's just go for a walk. My heart sends love to yours.

*Eternity*

*This noon,  
high upon a hill,  
the earth between two large boulders moved,  
a small white flower sprang from the dark crevice  
We don't know how, or why,  
but we are sure this small breath of life will change us all forever.*

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**Claire Giblin** - June 21, 2013 at 03:27 PM

CG

“ This is my second attempt to send this note....not that computer savvy. I apologize if this comes through twice.

*I'm so saddened to learn of Mike's passing. I've known Mike since I moved here 33 years ago!!! Then Joyce entered my life....two beautiful people. I have loved you both. You both showed much respect for artists. You both made me feel very important. The team will be missed. Michael, you will be missed!!! May you rest in peace, dear one....that is, until I get there too!!! My prayers go out to Michael. Joyce, can you hear me say, "My heart is with you and your family."*

*Carol Galligan*

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**Carol Galligan** - June 21, 2013 at 12:39 PM

BG

“ Dear Joyce, I extend my deepest personal sympathy on Michael's death. I hope that you and your children will draw closer as you experience your shared memories. Bob Groff

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**Bob Groff** - June 21, 2013 at 09:59 AM

TS

“ Our deepest sympathies for you all. I remember Mr. Heberlein's sharp wit, dry humor, and passion for experiencing life (especially swimming in the James river). He definitely left his mark on the world and a lasting legacy through his 3 wonderful children, that I am so privileged to know. Your in our thoughts.

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**Todd Pierce and Megan Stoiber** - June 21, 2013 at 09:04 AM

CS

“ Joyce: I am saddened by the news of Michael's passing. I knew him and you but briefly, but Will Rutt kept me informed over the years. My thoughts are with you and your family. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the 'gathering' on Monday but my spirit will be there.  
Carl

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**Carl (Ernie) Smartschan** - June 20, 2013 at 09:32 PM

AD

“ So sorry to read of Mike's passing.

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**Andersons from Orchard Dr.** - June 20, 2013 at 04:56 PM

GB

“ Saddened at the loss of a neat guy. Gil Benson

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**Gil Benson** - June 20, 2013 at 03:30 PM

LH

“ *Joyce, Shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you, Lois*

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**Lois Herr** - June 20, 2013 at 01:15 PM

DG

“ *Mary & Mike,  
I was so sorry to ready of your brothers passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.*

*Sincerest Sympathies,  
Denise Amico Glatfelter  
LCHS Class of 71*

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**Denise Amico Glatfelter** - June 20, 2013 at 10:15 AM

TD

“ *Joyce,  
I'm deeply saddened to learn of Mike's passing! I have many happy memories of our childhood adventures growing up together. Mike was a man I looked up to and respected. I love you both very much and am sorry I can't attend the service. I will hold you in my prayers and know that The Lord will guide and comfort you.*

*Love you , Tom*

*P.S. living in N Ft Myers Florida, will be staying at Muddy Run RV Park the month of July.*

*Would love to see you if you find it in your heart. My cell 717-885-3994*

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**Tom Dinges** - June 20, 2013 at 09:22 AM

PB

“ Dear Joyce:

*How very sad to read of Michael's passing. What a wonderful, talented fellow who pursued "the arts" with a passion, and who hosted, along with yourself, many a fine artist exhibition. I was also pleased to help him out, on occasion, with appraisal work involving antiquarian books. He always gave a friendly greeting and he will be greatly missed. My condolences to you, your children, and the rest of his family.*

*Phil*

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**Philip R. Bishop** - June 20, 2013 at 08:09 AM

JC

“ Mike, it was such a shock to hear you'd left us. There was still so much to do, but I'm glad I knew you long enough to enjoy your company. Your quiet humor, warm smile and impish look was enough to make my day. You had the best advice; always suitable for the moment, always in the best of taste. Your Gallery has been a wonderful place to visit; understated, interesting, and representing the best artists. You made a great choice in Joyce as your companion; a true complement to a successful marriage with great and interesting kids.

*We'll all miss you, and I hope we can continue the solid artistic tradition you've created. Your efforts will not go unnoticed or forgotten.*

*Our best wishes to your wonderful family.*

*John Couch and Ellen Smith.*

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**John Couch** - June 20, 2013 at 06:34 AM

SG

“ *A great loss of a friend whose creativity, knowledge, and spirit will be missed by all who knew him. He was a beacon whose contributions to the local art community cannot be overestimated. Our heartfelt sympathy to Joyce and his family. Nancy and Stanley*

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**Stanley I Grand** - June 19, 2013 at 05:34 PM