



Michael Dean Espenlaub

January 4, 1961 - February 18, 2024

MICHAEL D. ESPENLAUB
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

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Michael Dean Espenlaub, 63, of New Harmony, Indiana, born January 4, 1961 to Larry and Patricia (Robb) Espenlaub in Evansville, Indiana, passed away, Sunday, February 18, 2024 in Evansville, Indiana at the Linda E. White Hospice House.

He was a graduate of North Posey High School. After graduating, he started logistics brokering and owned several logistics companies, his most recent, S&S Express in Evansville. Michael sold the company and retired in 2022.

Michael was very involved in the American Quarter Horse Association in both showing and training. He won the All American Quarter Horse Congress Championship and the All American World Show in Western Pleasure in 1979.

Surviving are his parents; wife: Jennifer O'Brien Espenlaub; children: Whitney Martin (Tyson), Shane Espenlaub (Kamryn) and Taylor Esser (Kelly); sister: Deborah Espenlaub Roberts (Jeff) and his grandchildren: Teagan, Talen Daxton and Cruz.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Friday, February 23, 2024 at the Werry Funeral Home in New Harmony, Indiana with burial in the Poseyville Cemetery in Poseyville, Indiana.

Visitation will be 3-7 p.m., Thursday February 22, 2024 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: New Life Rescue, 6500 Leonard Road N, Mount Vernon, Indiana 47620 or online at: www.newliferescues.org.

Cemetery Details

Poseyville Cemetery

1 Lockwood Street
Poseyville, IN 47633

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (New Harmony)
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Service

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Werry Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Dean Espenlaub



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - February 21, 2024 at 03:16 PM

P(

*I will always remember you from 4-H.
Miss you Patty Axton(Bundy)*

Patty Axton (Bundy) - March 02, 2024 at 08:30 PM

GP

“ *I worked for Mike at S and S for 5 years. He was a great man and a great boss. I just learned of his death. I am so sorry. Condolences for the family.*



Geoff Pugh - May 27, 2024 at 02:14 PM

DU

“ *I am sorry and deeply saddened by your family's tremendous loss. My heart aches by the news of Mike's passing. He was a long-time friend and fellow competitor in AQHA horse shows, dating back to when both of us were riding in the youth division; that was nearly 50-years ago. It has been a pleasure to remain in touch with Mike over the years. I feel confident his precious mare, Skips Hi Bonnie, was waiting for him at heaven's gate. They are together again reminiscing about their awesome winning ride in the Western Pleasure at the All American Quarter Horse Congress many years ago. Mike will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by everyone who loved him. Please know each of you is being held close in thought and prayer during this painfully difficult time. Sending my heartfelt condolences and many hugs for all.*



Debra Jo Endres-Ard | Lizton, IN USA - March 08, 2024 at 07:05 PM

SG

“ Michael was such a nice guy. I will always remember his big smile and great personality. Lots of great memories with Laura & Nick, Leslie, Bill Harrison, etc. my deepest condolences to his family 🙏
Rest In Peace Michael 🙏
Sally Gerard

Sally Gerard - February 22, 2024 at 07:08 PM

SS

“ Jennifer, Whitney, Taylor, and Shane, I am so very sorry for Mike's passing. Mike was a mentor to me during our 6 years of working together. I learned the business and more importantly I learned what it took to be a good father. I even picked up a few coaching pointers....the kind that don't get you technicals. I hope you find peace and love in the memories you have shared.

SCOTT SCHELLER - February 22, 2024 at 10:29 AM

DW

“ Very few memories of the first half of my life don't include Mike. I can't remember what I did yesterday but I can remember Mike trying to teach me how to ride a horse at a pace faster than walk. I never got it. But boy did he try. That memory plus 35 years of more just like it.
My deepest condolences go out to Larry and Pat, Whitney, Shane and Taylor. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

David Wilder - February 22, 2024 at 06:08 AM

LW

“ 1 file added to the album Horse Friends



Lisa Wentworth - February 21, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - February 21, 2024 at 03:09 PM

SS

“ Suzanne Phillips Seaton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Dean Espenlaub.

Suzanne Phillips Seaton - February 21, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Espenlaub.



February 21, 2024 at 02:25 PM

BE

“ Bob & Jill Esser purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Michael Dean Espenlaub.



Bob & Jill Esser - February 20, 2024 at 06:57 PM

SP

“ So saddened to hear of Mike's death, but I have many fond memories of the fun times we shared at Petro Union. Prayers for his family.💙 RIP

Sherryl Noble, Secretary at PUI - February 20, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Espenlaub.*



February 20, 2024 at 01:18 PM

YF

“ *Your Bobcat Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Dean Espenlaub.*



Your Bobcat Family - February 20, 2024 at 09:56 AM

GS

“ *Words cannot express the sadness this news brings to our whole family. Years ago are families had what I believed was a very close tie. Mike was a big part of that tie he will be sorely missed by us. Are prayers are with Pat and Larry, I cannot imagine the grief that they are having. May God hold you in his mighty hands and give you the peace that he alone can give.... Gil Stock*

Gil Stock - February 20, 2024 at 09:46 AM

DS

“ *Dawn Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Dean Espenlaub.*



Dawn Smith - February 20, 2024 at 09:30 AM

SK

“ *Scott Thompson, David Hayes, & D. King purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Dean Espenlaub.*



Scott Thompson, David Hayes, & D. King - February 19, 2024 at 10:38 PM