



# James "Mike" Ambbs

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## J ames Michael Ambs

"Mike"

Age 59, of Summit Township, passed away at his home on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. He will be dearly missed by his family, his companion of 33 years and wife of 23, Libie; daughter, Mallore Ambs (Adam LaRoe); mother, Cathy Ambs; mother-in-law, Juanita Shaw; siblings, Pam Ambs (Denny Aikins), Renne Foster, Pete (Sandra) Ambs and David (Sherry) Ambs; many adored nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; close cousin and buddy, Gerald Ambs "Jr"; good friends, David and Holly Phelps; many cousins, friends and co-workers.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Thomas E. Ambs Sr. in 1994; brother, Thomas E. Ambs Jr. "Otis" in 2011; and uncles, James Ambs and Gerald Ambs Sr.

At the age of 14, Mike started working for Jim Phelps at his service station on Page Avenue in Michigan Center and worked with the Phelps family ever since. He was a driver for Phelps Towing for over 40 years, working faithfully with Jim and David Phelps. His work ethic is something he took great pride in every day.

The most important thing in Mike's life was his family. He adored his daughter and enjoyed following her bowling career from youth to high school to college and beyond. Spending time with his nieces and nephews and their children was always a highlight in his day as well. In his spare time, he enjoyed euchre at the Three Horse Club with family and friends.

To honor Mike's life, visitation will be held at Arthur-Day Funeral Home on Monday, January 31, 2022 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm. Cremation will follow the visitation period. For those who wish, contributions in Mike's memory may be given to his family.



## Tribute Wall

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NF

**Nancy Frelin** posted:

We would like to extend our condolences and love to Libie and Mallory as we as the extended family in the passing of such a wonderful soul as Mike! We are all heartbroken at this time, and open our arms and hearts to you all in every aspect. We are available for you always!!! 🥹❤️

January 27 at 8:00 PM

CM

**Caron Mroz** posted:

Dear Ambs family, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. This is so sad. I am sorry Cathy that you have lost yet another son. Growing up and watching your six kids will always be some of my favorite memories. God Be With you Cathy, Pam, Renee, Pete and David and families. Rest In Peace, Mike.

January 26 at 8:00 PM

RA

**Ronald Allen** posted:

I'm so sorry for yr loss of a good man, everytime i would see Mike rather it was on scene or just in public.. he was always a great guy made you laugh.....lots of memories r.i.p my friend yr truely missed by me and many others gone to soon

January 26 at 8:00 PM

SA

**Stan Foor 4 Sure Automotive** posted:

I first met Mike when I came back to Michigan and was working for Hometown auto repair through the years we became friends ! I have used Phelps towing for years and always liked when mike came in to pick up or drop off vehicles he always had a smile on his face and made you feel good just talking about whatever was happening ! I am going to miss him stopping at my shop and getting after me about my posts on facebook but I will never forget him ! to all the Family and friends from myself and my mechanics at 4 Sure Automotive please know you are in our thoughts and prayers ! we are here if you need us always !

January 26 at 8:00 PM

TD

**Terri Dermeyer** posted:

Growing up next door to you was one of the best things. You were there to help me but you always told on me too. You were a big brother that I never had. Going to miss you and you smiling face. You made this world a better place. Rest in peace. Loved by many.

January 26 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James "Mike" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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