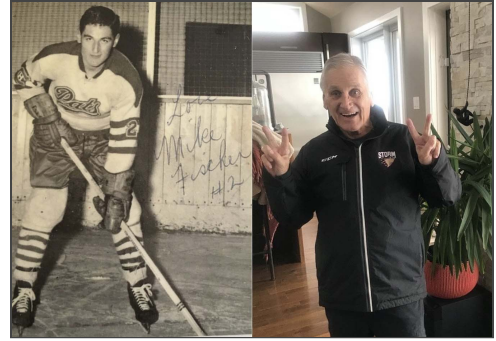


# Michael John Fischer

MARCH 4, 2022



Michael John Fischer, late of Lumsden, Saskatchewan, son of Scotty (Isabella McFarland) and Mike Fischer, went home to God and grandson Tyie on Friday, March 4, 2022 at the age of 77. Mike “Boppy” passed peacefully having had the opportunity to share loving words and his final moments with his family.

Fondly remembering Mike is his wife of 55 years Donna (Brhelle); son Michael (Lizette) and their children Bella and Ben Fischer of Gibsons, B.C.; daughter Jody (Rob) and their son Josh (Avery Schulz) Beaudry; son Matt (Shelly) and their children Siarah (Jon and Bohen Douglas Tyie Barber), Myiah (Ryan Murray), Kian and Tyie (in Heaven) Fischer; daughter Amy (Dylan) and their children Kale and Sage Johns; daughter Becky (Evan) and their children Luke, Layne, Lyla, and Liviana McKechnie all from the Lumsden area; also the Brhelle, Fischer and McFarland in-laws and families. Though he was an only child, God blessed Mike with a large and loving family, as well as a widespread connection to countless co-workers and friends of all ages.

Although death is a part of life, we never get used to it. Our last chapter was spent under the guidance of health care professionals. God's amazing grace seemed ever more evident and we experienced loving care from all.

Mike was quick to accept the return of esophageal cancer, as he recognized that he had lived a full and extraordinary life. Mike was a gifted athlete and a rough hockey player. Even at a dance, with his young girlfriend on the sidelines, he might often be found busy defending a friend. High spirited? There is a saying, "Half

measures availed us nothing." which described Mike's life before attending treatment for alcoholism in 1985. Thereafter, both family and career improved. He used to tease that he no longer had fun, but in fact, only his sense of fun had changed.

Mike sold cars with his friend Bruce prior to a very successful and satisfying career with Enbridge and ran concessions at different times in his life. He enjoyed giving and the people in his life benefitted in countless ways. When heading out on a road trip or simply going to school or work, his family and friends could be sure that a stack of delicious Boppy sandwiches would be prepared and delivered before setting out. Generous to a fault, if there is such a thing, and very uncomfortable being on the receiving end.

It was very important to Mike to attend his children's and grandchildren's sporting events, even practices if possible. His chauffeuring service and love of shopping was so appreciated. Though often met with a degree of eye-rolling by his kids and grandkids, he was vigilantly dependable and fiercely protective of his loved ones. His infamous "Boppy drive-bys," the slow roll past his family's various homes will surely be missed. We surely won't forget his continual weather and road condition updates.

At Mike's request, a private family gathering to rest his ashes under "Tyie's Tree" will take place at a later date. Love you and miss you, Boppy. Give our Tyie a big hug.

## Messages of Condolence

I am so sad to hear the news about my favourite big cousin, Mike's passing. My earliest memories of Mike are at our Grandma and Grandpa McFarland's house on Retallack St at Christmas time. I was 8 and Mike was 16 and he was so much fun to be around!

I always loved hearing about his hockey and then later about Donna and his wonderful five kids! My sisters and I always looked forward to our yearly visit with Scotty and the Fischer's. Such an amazing family! And a true legacy to Mike! He was one lucky guy to have all those awesome kids and grandchildren! And amazing wife of 55 yrs, Donna!

I will miss you Mike ☐ and your wonderful sense of humor!

My condolences to Donna and her beautiful Family ☐

Patti xo

— **Patti Doody**

We are all so proud of our dad (aka Mike or Boppy)!! He knew how to make everyone feel special and he was always there for us no matter what!! One of my dads best buddies always said “he’s the toughest guy I know and he’s also the biggest cry baby I know”. It is so true! I never had any fear around that man!! He was the ultimate protector and a bit of a sh\*\* disturber one moment and then the next he would show so much love that you felt like you were the most important person in the world!! It didn’t matter who you were, over the years I’ve seen him do some amazing things for our whole family, my friends, my kids friends, people in our community, my co-workers and anyone who he had a connection too. Even the last hours of his life, watching him connect with nurses and doctors that he had just met was truly special!! He wanted to get to know them and you could see in their eyes that they knew this man was special and that if he is showing interest in their life at this moment then he must have been one of the most caring and generous souls ever and he was all of that x 10!! He taught me many things over the years but the one thing that I will cherish and practice the most is to treat people like they are the most important person in the world and no matter what, ask people about themselves!! The simple acts of kindness make a difference!! It seems like someone else needed their Boppy more then us and called for him! Tyie loves his Boppy so much and he was always laughing at Bops crazy stories! Tyie was very proud of him and the feeling was mutual!! It brings peace to our hearts knowing that Bop is with Tyie!! I can just see them both smiling and laughing hysterically! Thanks for everything Boppy and give Tyie a big hug for us!! We are definitely going to miss you & we are so glad that you got to meet your new Great Grandson Bohem!

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— **Matt Fischer**

We we're so saddened to read this news today. Our deepest condolences to you Donna and all of your family. I hope that you all can be together to share the many memories of Mike and that will help bring you all a little comfort at this difficult time.

— **Darrell and Pamela Brandt**

Jody and family ,

I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing wishing love and hugs , comforting times as we guide ourselves through this thing called Life. Praying for healing spirits.

Love Jody

— **Jody Lang Rathgeber**

Hugs to the whole Fischer family. I am deeply saddened about the loss of my man Mike. My chats with him were often the highlight of my day. Rest easy Boppy. You are loved.

Abigail Casey, Kelly Reid & Ellis Mieyette

— **Abigail Casey**

Sorry for the families loss! Wanted to share a little story! Our son played hockey with Mikes grandson. Marcel walked away from each game with a couple bucks as Mike would pay him for his great goal tending! Lol

— **Donna, Preston, mason, marcel**

Dear Donna and family,

Our thought and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Our sincere sympathy to you all. Joan and Henry.

— **Joan and Henry**

Donna and Family. Susan and I were saddened to hear of Mike's passing. We have many fond memories of Mike during our Enbridge days. He was truly one of a kind and his working relationships with landowners throughout Saskatchewan and Manitoba was second to none. He actually was able to call almost all of them friend. We will always remember Mike as a kind hearted man who would do anything for everybody. We are truly sorry for your loss. Mike will be missed.

— **Brian and Susan Kefford**

Our deepest condolences to Donna & the families! You have beautiful memories to remind him. He will always be in your hearts. It was a pleasure for us to know him. ☐

— **Darlene & Ron Slobodian**

We are saddened to hear of the Fischer family's loss.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike Chelsea Makayla and Marshall Aleksich

— **Mike and Chelsea ALEKSICH**

Donna and family, sorry to hear of the news of Mike's passing. Great memories of Mike of the time we spent at the old Eureka Club on Arthur Street. We will be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit until we meet again.

— **Foster Monson**

So sorry to hear of Mikes Passing, I always enjoyed working with Mike or just talking with him at the old Arena during a game. He was also a great provider of Company Coffee mugs which I somehow always lost.

Our Condolences to Mikes Family. Dave and Judy Quick

— **Dave Quick**

Donna, we are very sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. I know you and your large family will be of comfort to each other through this difficult time. You are in our thoughts.

Lee and Bob Rea (Thomson)

— **Lee Rea**

My heart goes out to all of you. I hope the happy memories will help to override the sadness of his loss.

My fondest memory. Mike loved the heat and could hardly wait for summer. I will surely miss teasing him from the shade as he sat out front of the condo in his shorts and roasted in full sun.

— **Liz Cameron**

Our condolences to the Fischer family. We have such great memories of our many visits with Mike sitting at Subway. Mike always took the time to ask how Riley was and tell a funny story or joke.

— **Debbie & Blaine Schick**

Deepest condolences to Donna, their children and grandchildren. Fond memories of Donna & Mike in our younger years.

Fred Music

— **Fred Music**

Sorry for the passing of Mike he will be missed. I am 4 years younger than Mike. Growing up I went to the Pat games and got to watch Mike play for the Pats. He was one of my favorite players. He could skate backwards being a defenceman as fast as other guys could skate forwards. When he worked at Enbridge he would come into our office to pickup stuff he had ordered. I always looked forward to him coming in as he was so funny he made me laugh all the time. God Bless and and peace be with you.

— **Tom G. McNall**

Our condolences to all of the Fischer family. Sorry to hear that sad news.

Keep all your memories.

Our sincere sympathy to all of you.

— **Patricia & Rainer Myshrall**

Donna and family, so sorry to hear about Mike. I was just reading about what Matt had to say about his dad, and that is exactly how one felt when they met Mike.

What a gift to leave your kids.

Les was in B.C. years ago and because of his Sask license plate a guy says Your from Saskatchewan do you know Mike Fischer? I think his name was Doug Damon and he said he played hockey with Mike and drove Donna when she was pregnant with her first child to the hospital. Once you've met Mike Fischer, you don't forget him. Thinking of you Donna, take care

— **Margaret and Les Matts and family**

Donna and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Never knew Mike personally but, he would come to the nursing home to pick Josh up for a game when Jody had to work. A few years later Matt & Shelly lived across the St. and he would be there for their children as well. Keep all those good memories close. Edna & Willie

— **Edna & Willie Boehmer**

Sending love and light to you Donna and the family. It was such a pleasure to know Mike all these years and my fondest memories will be of Regina Beach. He was never too busy to sit and talk and share his stories. He will be missed. □ Ray and Lynn, Sherwood Park, AB

— **Lynn and Ray Davis**

Our deepest condolences to Donna and the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in the love and memories you all share.

— **Ernie, Barb Hicke and family**

We are sending all of our fiercest love to the whole Fischer Clan as you weather this tearing loss together. May the beauty and love you have all spread with such generosity and care return to you tenfold to hold you as you walk this path and find peace knowing your angels are watching over you all with so much eternal and unwavering love. Peace, love and comfort to you all from the Mansbridge-Fafard Clan

— **Megan Mansbridge**

Donna and family,my prayers are with all of you. I spent the better part of sixty five years with Mike,he was my best friend and a brother to me,we shared so much together and had a beautiful life together,I as all of you will miss him but we have so many beautiful memories to hold on to I am so grateful that I was his friend.He was the strongest supportive person to me and everyone who knew him,God Bless all of you!

— **Bob Walker**

Donna and family...Our deepest condolences are extended to you and yours during these difficult times. Words alone cannot express the loss of a loved one...words can, however, express the legacy that Mike has provided during his lifetime. Mike was a devoted family man, doting grandpa, and larger than life and better than most athlete. He laughed easily and often and wasn't afraid to laugh at himself. So many people have so many memories of good times shared with Mike. If you were a friend of Mike, you were a friend forever...From the day we met in the mid 50's to our last visit earlier this year, sharing time and space with Mike was always time well spent and the older we got the better the stories. Stay strong Donna, and remember the good times...With great respect...Dave and Pat Taylor99

— **Dave and Pat Taylor**

Sending our love and condolences to the entire Fischer family. Growing up in Lumsden was the most wonderful experience. The community, the sports, the friends, the Fischer family! They all go hand in hand. I always remember Mike Sr. Being at hockey, baseball, volleyball, basketball. Wherever the kids were, he was there mentoring, cheering, supporting. Such a wonderful, amazing man. Wishing you strength, love, and amazing memories, during your time of sorrow. □

— **Lesley Eistetter Jimmo**

Love and hugs to you Donna and family. We are so sorry to hear about Mikes passing. So glad we had the chance to visit you last fall. Take care of yourselves and each other. Our prayers are with you. Love,, Jill & Jim

— **Jill Powell**

Dear Donna and family. We will miss Mike's humour and smiles, his waves from the driveway or when driving by. Mike always had time to chat. We will miss Mike sitting in his favourite lawn chair enjoying the warmth of the hot summer sun! He was one of a kind and will be deeply missed. Our prayers and sincere condolences to you all.

— **Gary and Joy Strong**

My most sincere condolences to the Fischer family. I will always remember Mike as fiercely loyal and proud of his family and his community. Many of my encounters with Mike occurred at the Lumsden rink where he could be found watching his kids or working and volunteering. When I think of Mike I think of the old saying 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Well Mike helped raise many of us kids in Lumsden during my years there and I can only imagine how many kids he influenced over his life. He was very kind to me and I was always happy to be cheering for the same side! RIP and rest easy Mike

— **Rich Sutcliffe**

I'm very sad to hear of Mike's passing. I have many great memories of working with Mike during his career at Enbridge. Mike was always very professional, friendly and courteous in dealing with people over the years despite any situation. His negotiation skills were certainly put to the test many times with some of his favourite Manitoba landowners, but he always found a way to come to terms at the end. I know Mike will be missed by family and friends alike as he certainly had a remarkable personality and character.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Fischer family

Eldon Strachan

— **Eldon Strachan**

Donna and family,

Sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Mike was a great man with a personality second to none, " a giant teddy bear " who will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in piece.

— **Gord & Karen Haverstock**

My deepest sympathies go out to the Fischer family. Our hearts are heavy for you in this difficult year. Beautiful words about your dad Matt! My gosh, what a great man! Always, always greeted me with huge smile! His love and devotion to his family was always on display!

Scott Goldie, Kaylee Mansbridge and family

— **Scott Goldie**

I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I have not been around for many years, but I do remember Mike's larger than life presence and his involvement in everything. He will be missed.

— **Todd Eistetter**

Sending condolences to Donna and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

— **Patty Schmidt (Shirley Gilbertson's neice)**

Dearest Donna and family. Our hearts are so very heavy learning of Mike's passing. May all the wonderful memories warm your heart and help make this time a bit easier to bear. You are all such a strong close family so lean on each other when needed. Matt and Beckie you have said such beautiful words about your dad and boy are they true. You are all such a special family to us for many reasons so if there is anything that is needed or help please call and ask, even just to chat. Take care of each other. Sending all our prayers

— **Holly and John Antonick**

Jody and family so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I always loved to hear stories of your Dad and see your face light up at Three in Lumsden talking about him. Take comfort in knowing he is at peace and no longer in pain. May all the beautiful memories of your Dad help you and your family through this difficult time. Sending love and prayers your way. Jen

— **Jennifer Chekay**

Mike was a great man, father, son, husband, friend, grandfather, great grandfather. He will be missed, along with his huge heart and personality. He and his family have always been a part of our family and always will be. Condolences and hugs to the entire family.

— **Andrea Axelson**

I played hockey with Mike for the Regina Caps many years ago, he was a great teammate both on and off the ice. Years later I would run into him occasionally and he would always stop and we would have good laugh about our time on the bus going to games.

Our deepest sympathy to Donna and family for the loss of such a dynamic and loving husband & father.

Doug & Wenda Cross

**— Douglas Cross**

We are so saddened to hear of Mike's passing. Mike and I grew up together and spent a lot of time together when we were young. We both played in the Pats organization and shared many special moments. As we grew older, we never saw each other much, but when we did we had such good conversations, lots of laughs, and it felt like we were back in our youth once again. Mike was a gentleman, a very loving family man, and had a wonderful sense of humour. I can see how close he was to his family and that is very special. He will be greatly missed by his family and everyone who knew him. Donna, remember all the good times and you are blessed to have such a wonderful large family and you will all take care of each other and cherish Mike's memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time.

**— LORNE AND CHERYL LEADER**

Donna and family, Reg and I and the kids are so sad to hear of Mike's passing, we always enjoyed Mike during our time in Lumsden, such a special guy, a real loss to your family and Lumsden, but great memories to cherish, sincerely Reg and Marilyn Howard

**— Marilyn Howard**

I will miss Mike's smiling face. He was a friend to all and will definitely be missed.  
Big hugs to all the Fischer family. Karen Goldie

— **Karen Goldie**

DEAR DONNA AND FAMILY: WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF MIKES  
PASSING. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND OVER THE YEARS AND WE WILL MISS  
HIM DEARLY. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES. PAT AND  
LORRIE DONNELLY

— **PAT DONNELLY**

To Donna and family. We just heard of Mike's passing as we are out of the country.  
We are so deeply saddened to hear this news. Golfing with Mike was always a  
treat...and his expertise in the land department with Enbridge helped me a lot with  
my job at TransGas. A better guy you will never find...he will surely be missed by  
so many of us!!! Our deepest condolences to all of you.

— **Roger & Joanne Aldag**

We are sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the whole Fischer family,  
our deepest sympathy and love to you. We have always admired how Mike's love  
for his beautiful family was simply shown in everything he did, the community was  
truly blessed to feel this love also. What a true and beautiful example for all.  
Treasure all the precious memories, sending lots of love to you all.

— **Miranda, Rory, Ben and Wil Norton**

To Donna, family as well as Mike's closest friends, my condolences. Mike came from the same neighbourhood (Windsor Park) in Regina, public school, high school as I did. And as kids we saw each other every day. There were many sporting events that attracted youngsters of the day and Mike's love of sports was evident to everyone that knew him. His warm friendship, personality and beautiful smile was center field to those of us near him. Belated my sympathies are as I just learned of the sad news. To end things, I wish you all well. May all your cherished memories repeat themselves. RIP old friend.

— **Allan McDowell**

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