

Michael John Foti

MAY 24, 2019

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of Michael John Foti who died on Friday, May 24, 2019 after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was predeceased by his parents Russel and Audrey Foti; his brother Len Foti; nephew Ryan Foti; brother-in-law Walter Shynkaruk; as well as sisters-in-law Anne Foti and Jeanne Hryniuk. Left to mourn his passing

are his loving wife of 40 years Debra Foti; daughter Lindsay Foti (Everett); son Steven Foti (Craig); grandson Mason Chadney; his siblings Sandie (Brian) Thompson, Cathy (Gary) Lister, Bev Carnegie (Tim), Phyllis (Don) Galandie, Ray Foti (Steve), and Bill Foti; numerous nieces and nephews; as well as his amazing friends.

Mike Foti was born on October 29, 1955 in Regina, SK and was the fourth of eight children. Mike was born and raised in east end Regina, attended Glen Elm and then Haultain elementary schools where he met his second family, the Anderson's. Further through the years Mike attended and graduated from Balfour Collegiate. Mike met his wife Debra in the small town of Wakaw, SK. Mike moved to Wakaw with his mother Audrey and her common-law partner Nick to open a butcher shop. During the set-up of the butcher shop, Mike met Debra who was working in the kitchen for the Wakaw Hotel at the time. Audrey set things in motion by introducing them and they fell in love spending time together cleaning and setting up the new butcher shop. Mike began working as a butcher's assistant, learning the secrets of the family business. After moving to Regina, he traded in his



butcher's knife and took a position at the Pasqua Hospital in the linen room. Soon thereafter Mike and Debra were married in the Wakaw United Church on July 15, 1978. Mike later took a better paying position working security at the Hospital. Finally, Mike took a job as the shipper receiver of the hospital where he finished his 35 year career before retiring in July of 2011.

The most important job Mike had in his life was the job of being a father. He shared a generational passion for gardening and landscaping with both his kids. Mike always put his family above everything else; he was the definition of family man. Once he had a family of his own, he became heavily involved in Steven and Lindsay's activities. From early Saturday mornings at bowling to three nights a week at Ukrainian Dance practices, Mike showed up every day proud of his children. Once the children were in school, Mike signed up to be on the Home and School Association without hesitation where he spent years volunteering for hot dog sales, car washes and everything in between. Both Steven and Lindsay started Ukrainian dancing and Mike served many terms on the board of the Regina Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and always volunteered at the Kyiv Pavilion during Mosaic. As the years progressed and Mike became retired he spent his time in the garden and with his friends and family, until a miracle came to light in May of 2016 when he became a Papa to his one and only grandson Mason Chadney. For the next three years, Mike devoted all of his time and energy to creating a unbreakable bond between him and Mason and it was very apparent the family man he grew up to be continued onto his last days. Mason was the light of his Papa's life.

Mike had a precious soul, a heart of gold, had a gentleness and capacity for unconditional love that made you feel safe no matter what. He touched so many lives in so many ways and because of that he will be dearly missed by many. Mike lived a life full of passion and joy and to honor this the family will be holding a celebration of his life. Mike's Celebration of Life will be held in the G. Marconi

Italian Club, 2148 Connaught Street, Regina, SK on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. This celebration is open to the public and everyone who wants to come celebrate the life of this remarkable man is welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks that you donate to the Allan Blair Cancer Centre or Regina Wascana Grace Hospice. Debra, Steven and Lindsay would like to extend their most heartfelt thank you to the Allan Blair Cancer Centre and Wascana Grace Hospice, especially to the nurse Trish at Grace Hospice for the amazing care Mike received during his long battle of cancer and in his final days. Your love, support and hard work does not go unnoticed.

Messages of Condolence

Forever in our hearts old friend. Sending love and hugs to
Deb, Steven, Craig, Lindsay, Everett and little buddy Mason ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

— **Allan and Moni Snell**

Dear Deb, Lindsay & Mason my heart is so broken for you and your family, Mason will never forget his Papa who loved him so much remember all the good memories

— **Penny DaCosta**

Debra and family We are saddened to hear of Mikes passing. Will miss his waves of hello. May you find strength and courage for the days ahead. Gone much too young. Our sympathy Harvey and Judy Temple

— **mike foti**

We would like to extend our Deepest Condolences to Mikes family. Everyone who knew Mike will have a heavy heart at this time as he was such a great & kind man. We always enjoyed our visits with him in Arizona.

— **Judy & Ed Marchtaler**

DEAR DEBRA STEVEN AND LINDSAY. IT BREAKS OUR HEART TO HEAR OUR MIC HAS PASSED AWAY. CHARLENE AND I AND OUR CHILDREN DARBY AND DAKOTA SPENT MANY NIGHTS PLAYING CARDS AT YOUR PLACE BEING FRIENDS. IT IS TIMES LIKE THAT THE GOOD TIMES WE REMEMBER. MICHEAL WAS A VERY GOOD MAN AND LOVED HIS FAMILY VERY MUCH HE WAS LIKE A BROTHER TO US. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONDOLENCES FROM US TOM CHARLENE DAKOTA AND DARBY CROSBY. You are IN OUR PRAYERS THE CROSBYS

— **tom crosby**

We at the Pasqua Hospital Gift Shop, got to know Mike quite well from delivering our many boxes of goods over the years. He was very kind, had a warm smile and always made time to have a friendly chat with us. After his retirement and when at the hospital, he would always stop in for a visit and "mostly talked" about his grandson Mason whom he was so very proud of and who will miss his Papa deeply. Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Mike's family, may you find comfort and strength in the many memories you shared together, his lasting legacy, and the love and support of family and friends during this very difficult time and in the days ahead. Joy, Alice and Pat

— **Joy Strong**

Our thoughts are with you at this time. We remember Mike's infectious smile, warmth and caring personality. He will be missed by many.

— **Larry & Marylee Howlett**

Debbie, Linzie, Steven, Mason & families.

Our deepest sympathy to each & every one of you.

Mike was such a special man in so many ways and the best friend I could ever have asked for.

I feel so blessed not only to have had him in my life but the memories we have all made together.

RIP my dear friend. ☐

— **Butch & Colleen Orell**

Mike's laugh and wonderful outlook on life will be missed by everyone. Our deepest sympathy to the whole family - Mike was a truly wonderful man.

— **The Andersens**

Dear Foti Family, so sorry to hear about Mike, our thoughts and condolences, are with you all, Lottie Bamford & family.

— **Susan Bamford**

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Mike had a “loving heart and was a special person.” I remember when my husband and I contacted him in Regina (1985), to tell him he had a cousin “Robert Wayne” to whom Mike never knew about. It was his Aunt Vicky’s first child that had been adopted. Mike was so warm and compassionate, and accepting of his new cousin. Mike will last forever be in ALL our hearts.

— **Donna Schneider & Ernie Millar**

I remember Mike, as a small boy going to visit Grandma Julia in Invermay. The best part was - Mike would make a huge amount of popcorn, so large, none of us could eat it all. Next morning, I can still visualize Mike eating popcorn for breakfast from this big bowl. Mike was fun! I loved Mike!

To Debbie, Stephen and Lindsay, Mason -

Remember - "Treasured moments last forever."

— **Megan and Robert Schneider (Daphne & Hugo)**

So Long Mikie, My old pal from receiving. Many a day we chatted while getting or sending out things through your department. Knew you for many many years at our old hospital. R.I.P My Friend and will Miss You,

— **Conrad J. Seesequasis**

Dear Debbie and family:

Words can't wipe away your tears

Hugs won't ease your pain

But hold on to your memories

Forever they'll remain.

Friendship and laughter with Mike was effortless. Those moments are cherished forever.

— **Dale and Joanne Hildebrandt**

Deepest sympathy to Debbie, Lindsay and Steven. I am so sorry for your loss.

— **Jean Van Nus**

Mike was a great guy he will be missed

— **Brian and Candace Anderson**

Dear Foti Family. So sorry for you loss. I remember Mike very well back in the day of Glen Elm. He would take a group of us kids cruising around in the back of his truck. He always had a smile on his face. May all of you know that your Mike is in the Arms of the Angels and overlooking you all. Our condolences.

— **Caroline & Doug Reid**

My sincere condolences to you Deb and family sending you prayers

— **Marie (Shimko) Klym**



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