



Michael "Mike" Bowersock

March 13, 2016

Michael G. Bowersock, age 56, of Dublin, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Loyola Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. Born in Lima, Ohio, Mike was a graduate of Lima Central Catholic High School, Class of 1977. He received his B.A., Journalism degree from The Ohio State University and his M.B.A., Finance degree from Franklin University. Mike enjoyed a 32 year career in broadcasting with television stations in Lima, Toledo, Detroit, MI and Columbus. Most recently, he served as a Public Information Officer with the Ohio National Guard. Mike was a devoted family man who adored his wife, four children and countless close friends. He loved broadcasting, but reporting was much more than just a job. It was about connecting with people, listening to and telling their stories. He was compassionate and genuine with everyone he met and spent much of his free time volunteering to make a difference in others' lives. He won numerous awards for reporting, was a talented chef and musician and loved playing with the Gladden Strummers. He was a man of faith who grew up in the Catholic Church and was a member of the United Church of Christ for 30 years. His spirit will live on in all the lives he touched. Mike was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Ida Bowersock, his brother Bobby Bowersock and his sister-in-law Mary Lou Bowersock. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 30 years, Lisa Winegardner Bowersock, his children Clinton Michael Bowersock of Oakland, CA, Thomas Ray Bowersock, James Davis Bowersock and Grace Margaret Bowersock, all of Dublin; his brother Bill Bowersock of Tampa, FL; the extended Bowersock, Winegardner and Paxton Families; and his many colleagues and friends. Mike and Lisa are faithful members of Dublin Community Church, United Church of Christ where Lisa serves as the Associate Minister. Family will receive friends from 2:00-8:00p.m. FRIDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 14 mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) A Celebration of Life Service for Mike will be held at 2:00p.m. SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 at DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC, 81 West Bridge Street, Dublin, OH 43017 with Reverend Robert Tussing, officiating. Graveside burial services will be held 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2016 at Memorial Park Cemetery, 3000 Harding Highway, Lima, OH 45804. In lieu of flowers, Rev. Robert Tussing and Dublin Community Church requests that

memorial contributions may be made to either: The Mike Bowersock Memorial Account at any Fifth/Third Bank in Central Ohio, Lima or Detroit or Dublin Community Church Abiding Memorials Fund www.DublinCommunityChurch.org. (Memorial donation envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church.)

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

Lima, OH

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Celebration of Life

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Dublin Community Church
81 West Bridge Street
Dublin, OH 43017
<http://www.dublincommunitychurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael "Mike" Bowersock*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - March 18, 2016 at 12:17 PM



“ *Michael "Mike" Bowersock*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Great story teller and all around nice man. Mike will be missed.*

Kyle Pigman - March 21, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ *Dear Lisa, Clinton, Thomas, James, Grace and other Bowersock family members, A friend of mine sent news of Michael's passing to North Congregational Church. I was so sorry to hear about that sad news. Like many other persons I didn't know Michael personally but often heard him reporting news stories on NBC 4 TV. Michael's obituary was well written and quite informative. Certainly he had a fulfilling and meaningful life with many wonderful achievements.*

I want to extend my sincerest sympathy to everyone. Memories of Michael will live on and sustain you.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward R. Snively
Columbus, Ohio*

Edward R. Snively - March 19, 2016 at 02:49 PM

AC

“ I met "famous Mike" at the Dublin Irish Festival last year as he was parking his bicycle. We struck up a conversation and discovered that we both went to St Gerard and LCC! I was in brother Bill's class. We had quite the laughs talking about Lima days, and the transition to other cities.

I say "famous Mike" because I knew him from his broadcasts; always sincerely delivered and factual. The stories that were probably stories he dug up and nobody else wanted. He came across as a kind person.....and he was!

Condolences to your family.....

Annie Munger Curran
LCC '71

Annie Curran - March 19, 2016 at 12:57 PM

SP

“ Lisa and family: Please accept my heartfelt condolences and know that you are all in my prayers. Mike was a special guy and excellent journalist. But he was also a caring friend and gave back to the community. Tomorrow we will have a moment of silence at Kickbutt Columbus...an event he supported and brought the boys and Grace out to help. I will miss his calls and stories. But, I know he is with my Jack and they will be having fun. God Bless you. Sherri Palmer, Keep Columbus Beautiful

Sherri Palmer - March 18, 2016 at 05:30 PM

BM

“ To Lisa and all of Mike and Lisa's children,

I went to high school with Mike. I remember him as funny, witty, sweet and always made you feel that you were a part of the group. And Lisa, I lived a couple doors down from you on Nixon when we were growing up. It was sweet to see the tribute video on this website and see the life that you and Mike made together. What a beautiful family you have! I am so sad for all of you to have lost him. My heart goes out to you and I am praying for your family.

Beth Vonderembse Mathews

Beth Mathews - March 18, 2016 at 04:04 PM

SD

“ Mike was always one of my favorite people to work with. He would always greet me by saying, "Seth! My friend, how are ya?" I can't remember a bad day while working with Mike, and traveling with him to Richmond for the Media General award we won was one of my best memories while working at NBC 4. Mike always knew the value of good work, a good joke, and the occasional after-live shot beer. He also knew not to take life too seriously. I'll never forget the sound of his infectious laughter. Long after I left the tv station for other opportunities, I always missed working with him. Unfortunately I'm working too far away to make the service, but Mike will always have a special place in my heart and memories.

Seth Distelzweig - March 18, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Bowersock.



March 18, 2016 at 11:40 AM

RI

“ Therese and I were deeply saddened to hear of Mike's passing. Although did not see Mike much over the years since High School and college, when we did reconnect at reunions conversations took up where they left off as if no time had passed at all. He had that gift. I am hopeful that all of the words, thoughts, and prayers bring some small comfort to your family at this difficult time. Soxie will be missed.

With Deepest Sympathy

Rick Contini

Rick - March 18, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Bowersock.



March 18, 2016 at 10:08 AM

LJ

“ *Laura & Jake purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael "Mike" Bowersock.*



Laura & Jake - March 17, 2016 at 11:00 PM

EL

“ *Dear Lisa and family,
I want you to know how much our family admired and looked up to Mike. I will treasure the years we enjoyed together in the Gladden Strummers. His wit, humor, and enthusiasm influenced all of us. Amy and I loved to watching his stories on NBC4. His genuine concern for others showed in everything he did. Please know we are praying for and thinking about you and your family daily.
Eric, Amy and Sophie Lane*

Eric Lane - March 17, 2016 at 08:18 PM

MG

“ *We send our sympathy and prayers of comfort for the family, and want to thank them for all the years they shared Michael with us through his work in broadcasting in Columbus. It was always a pleasure to watch the way Michael treated every story with compassion, humor and intelligence. We will miss him.
Dave and Marie Gulish
Pataskala, Ohio*

Marie Gulish - March 17, 2016 at 08:11 PM

PG

“ *I was very sad to hear about Mike's passing. As a classmate of his at LCC, I will always think of him with a smile, remembering how he loved to laugh. I was also fortunate to know Lisa from our days at WLIO-TV so I hope that the happy memories of your life together and with the kids will bring you comfort at this most difficult time. Know that my family is keeping you and your family in our prayers.
PJ & Theresa Garlock*

PJ Garlock - March 17, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ Clara Newsom Castle lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Bowersock



Clara Newsom Castle - March 17, 2016 at 05:31 PM



I never knew him personally but watched him for yrs on the news RIP Mike God bless his family

Clara Newsom Castle - March 17, 2016 at 05:32 PM

LZ

My deepest sympathies to you and your family, Lisa. I enjoyed working with Mike so much at NBC 4 and I'll never forget how much pride he took in his reporting and "getting it right" each and every story and broadcast. I will miss him dearly, Leslie Zuk

Leslie Zuk - March 20, 2016 at 12:15 AM

JS

“ Thank God for people like Mike Bowersock and for the families that he loved unconditionally, from his own dearly cherished family circle, to his circle of family & work friends, and the biggest circle of all, those of us that knew him through his reporting with compassion and total kindness. Like many others posting entries here, I never met Mike "in person," but certainly felt he was a friend that I could invite into my home via television, one that knew how to report facts in a way that gave more than just a cut-and-dried story. His heart showed in his work, and it was clear that he was dedicated to doing it well. God loaned us one of His very best, in Mike, and I pray this comforts his family & friends at this time. He will truly be always remembered by many, with love! - Julie Kay Smithson, London, Ohio.

Julie Kay Smithson - March 17, 2016 at 01:26 PM

JT

“ James and Grace's Dublin Jerome Teachers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael "Mike" Bowersock.



James and Grace's Dublin Jerome Teachers - March 17, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ Dear Lisa,

Gracie and I were so shocked to hear this. We remember getting to know you and Mike at North Church on Henderson Road. May you find strength in the Lord. May God Bless you and your family.

John & Gracie Heer

John Heer - March 17, 2016 at 08:17 AM

MC

“ We are sad to hear of Mike's passing. Our Family's prayers go out to Mike, his family and friends. The Campolito Family of Dublin, Ohio

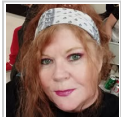
Mark P. Campolito - March 16, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ Judi Rhoades sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael "Mike" Bowersock



Judi Rhoades - March 16, 2016 at 09:19 PM



His memory will live on through his good deeds. Condolences to the family.

Judi Rhoades - March 16, 2016 at 09:21 PM

PR

Dear Lisa, I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of your husband, Mike. We send our deepest condolences and prayers to you and your family from WPB.

Your cousins.

Patti Jean Winegardner Ragsdale

Bobby Winegardner

Patricia Winegardner Ragsdale - March 17, 2016 at 05:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Bowersock.



March 16, 2016 at 08:20 PM

JD

“ *John Develvis lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Bowersock*



John Develvis - March 16, 2016 at 05:28 PM

JD

“ *My wife and I would like to express our sincere condolences for your loss. We met Mike when he was interviewing us after my wife was struck by a bullet on a Cota bus three years ago. His compassion and professionalism made doing the interviews so much easier. We kept in contact and would run into him from time to time. He was an amazing person. Take care and God Bless. John and Amy Develvis*

John Develvis - March 16, 2016 at 05:27 PM

CW

“ *My sympathy goes out to the Bowersock family. I never met Mike in person but met him through his television reports. He is sadly missed.*

Cindy Weaver - March 16, 2016 at 04:42 PM

AP

“ *To Lisa and family
Mike was loved and respected as a journalist and, more importantly, as a person. I'm among those honored to have had the chance to work with him. Know that you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers.
Angela Pace*

Angela Lynne Pace - March 16, 2016 at 04:14 PM

FO

“ *From your sister stations: WKBN/WYFX/WYTV in Youngstown, OH purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael "Mike" Bowersock.*



From your sister stations: WKBN/WYFX/WYTV in Youngstown, OH - March 16, 2016 at 11:21 AM

TD

“ Met Mike a long time ago as a Deputy. The guy was the type who never knew a stranger and just great to have a conversation with. He was fair in his reporting and not afraid to ask tough questions. It was very saddening to hear the world lost tis great guy.



Terry & Barbara Dountz - March 16, 2016 at 11:12 AM

RR

“ Roberta Reed lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Bowersock



Roberta Reed - March 16, 2016 at 09:31 AM

RR

Condolences to your family. Enjoyed his presence in our community as a reporter and all around good guy.

Roberta Reed - March 16, 2016 at 09:32 AM

CS

“ Cathy Sankey lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Bowersock



Cathy Sankey - March 16, 2016 at 08:31 AM

CS

I will always remember Mike Bowersock, a dedicated father, husband and good friend to all. As principal of Jerome, I saw Mike at a lot of school events and it was clear that relationships were so important to Mike. Proud of his family, Mike was one of our most supportive parents and also a friend of Dublin City Schools. My favorite memory is he and his son James anchoring the news desk on our Broadcast Video morning show. Mike was just beaming with pride! Our thoughts and prayers are with Lisa, Clint, Tommy, James and Grace and his entire family. All of our hearts are saddened by Mike's passing.

Cathy Sankey - March 16, 2016 at 08:37 AM

GK

“ *I have always watched NBC 4.....and Mike Bowersock was a very special guy and news reporter as well !*



Gary L. Kirkpatrick - March 15, 2016 at 09:27 PM

GK

My Deepest Sympathy to his wife and children.

Gary L. Kirkpatrick - March 15, 2016 at 09:28 PM

BS

Our hearts go out to Lisa and the Bowersock children. Mike was beloved by the masses. He will be missed. Betsy and Jeff Smith

Betsy and Jeff Smith - March 16, 2016 at 07:14 AM

RC

“ *So sorry to hear this. He was a great and cherished person.*



Rev. Kathy Carter - March 15, 2016 at 05:32 PM

RC

*A great friend.
A great journalist.
And will be greatly missed by those who knew him.
Sincere condolences to the Bowersock family and the wish of peace to you in this time of emotional turmoil.*

Rich Cupp - March 16, 2016 at 05:41 PM

PH

Condolences to the Bowersock Family. While we never met we enjoyed his reporting on NBC4 throughout the years. He was a great reporter and will be missed by the community.

The Holderness Family

Phyllis Holderness - March 17, 2016 at 03:24 PM