



Michael R. Deatherage

March 10, 1944 - August 29, 2008

Deatherage

Michael R. Deatherage, 64, born March 10, 1944 in Columbia, Missouri, passed away Friday, August 29, 2008, at his residence in San Antonio. Mike and his wife Donna were married for 45 years and have one daughter, Jennifer, of Katy, Texas.

Mike retired from Union Pacific Railroad after 30 years of service and later worked for Railtex Service Co./RailAmerica in San Antonio, Texas. He was a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the National Association of Railroad Safety Consultants and Investigators. He was also a past member of the Board of Directors and Vice Chairman of the Texas Safety Association, and a key member of Operation Lifesaver. Mike was an avid reader, especially of the Civil War era. He also loved to write, and authored books of beautiful poems that usually revolved around Donna and Jennifer.

Mike is survived by his wife, Donna, and daughter, Jennifer, and by his mother Brooksie Deatherage of Marine, Illinois, brothers John and Barry also of Marine, sisters, Nancy Geoppo of St. Jacob, Illinois, Kathy Serrano, Ft. Worth, Texas, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Deatherage, and one sister, Phyllis Wild. Also preceding him in death were his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lee and Helen Smothers.

The family will receive visitors at the Mission Park Funeral Chapel, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, Texas, Tuesday, September 2, 2008, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Services will be at 11:00 a.m., September 3, 2008, at the Chapel with internment following at Mission Park Cemetery, I-10 West Service Road.

Tribute Wall

HR

“ Donna, we are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was such a great guy. I hope you will understand that we would have been there if we had been in town. We will have you in our prayers.
Herb and Carol Rippa

Herb and Carol Rippa - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Big Brother - In dedication to your tender heart, your many words of wisdom and your kind smile for everyone.

Kathy and Rich Serrano - September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Donna & Jennifer,
Please accept our sincerest condolences on the loss of Mike. We saw the obit when we returned from a long weekend with Brian and his family. During the weekend, Brian saw a corvette and said "whatever happened to the Deatherages".

Shirley & Ron Priest - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Mike was loved, respected, admired, and appreciated by all. He was a fine man and will be greatly missed. Much love to you Donna & Jennifer.
I remember Mike playing the National Anthem from the tower over the loudspeakers at 23rd Street at daylight ever

Barry April & Anna Deatherage - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Gone, but not forgotten by your friends and former co-workers in st louis. God bless*

Jim Sullivan - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

Ralf Sternberg - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Ed and Kathleen Jones*

Ed and Kathleen - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Dear Donna & Jennifer: We were so very sorry to hear that Mike had left us. What a pleasure to have worked with him for so many years. We are now remembering our last visit with the three of you and thankful that we attended the MoPac annual party and g*

Roger & Sharon Holmes - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *I've known Mike since I came to Saint Louis from Cheyenne, WY in 1990.
My sincere condolences to Mike's family.*

Dan Haus - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ You will be missed greatly Mike. Thank you for the wonderful work you did on behalf of railroad crossing victims. You helped make the world a safer place for others.

Doug Martin - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My heart goes out to your family and friends of the loss of a good man and friend I only knew Mike and brothers from working with them, and they are some of the best people I've ever know. My prayers are with you.

D.C. Price - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our sincerest sympathies in your loss. Mike was a wonderful man who will live on forever in our memories. I have always felt he was like another parent to me. I know I will never forget the love, laughter and hearing aid squealing hugs we shared.

My

Andy & Tiffany Long - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ You and your family are in our prayers. We will miss Mike and will always fondly remember our times up at the lease. All of our hearts are hurting, but in the midst of all that hurt, we can't keep from smiling everytime we think about him, and his wonde

Melissa and Craig Pickering - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ DONNA,
YOU AND MICHAEL HAVE BLESSED OUR LIVES BY LETTING
US BE A PART OF YOUR LIFE. MICHAEL WILL ALWAYS BE IN
OUR HEARTS AND AS HALLOWEEN APPROACHES AGAIN
SOON WE WILL REMEMBER HIM DRESSED AS G.W. BUSH!
OUR TEARS WILL BE SHED FOR THE GREAT MAN WE HAV

RUDY & SYLVIA VASQUEZ - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Mike was always a friend. His stories are legend and his kindness
was great. He will be missed.

We love you
Bob & Carol Pickering

Bob & Carol Pickering - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Donna, Jen-D
Our Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. May
you have some comforting times from all the wonderful memories
that you have
of Michael, I know he meant so much to our family, we loved him
and all the wonderful times we all

Connie Pagan - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I have many fond memories of working with Mike and John and Barry in our very early days on the MOP and the UP. We had fun and got a way with a lot until Mike took a promotion and worse than that moved away from St. Louis. You were missed.
You and M

Mike & Pat Riegelsberger - September 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I have many fun and happy childhood memories of Mike and could not bear to see him in pain. The best memory and vision I have, is seeing him in that white corvette in Arkansas smiling from ear to ear! He was a wonderful man and will always be remembered

Lorri Gillis - September 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I send my deepest sympathy and love to Donna and Jennifer and family. He was a great friend, and we all have shared a lot of laughter and wonderful times together. He will be missed greatly by all. Treasure the love and good memories!
With Love, Deloris

Deloris Gillis Schroeder - September 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ as I slide down the long banister of life I have always considered Mike a well sanded spot

John Allen - August 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Our Uncle Mike will be sadly missed. I will forever remember when Uncle Mike and Aunt Donna would come to town, to visit. We could not wait for them to arrive! They never left without saying " Come to Texas and visit". All the great memories will be cheris

Kyle & Sarah Deatherage - August 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ We will never forget the love and the lasting memories that will forever be etched in our hearts. Eventhough hard to grasp right now, Uncle Mike is in a much better place where we will all meet again one day. We Love You!

Kenny & Ashleigh Deatherage - August 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Mike,
May your trainride to Heaven have all clear signals. I'll miss you Brother. You taught me a lot and have forever been a good friend. I'll always remember you, and your e-mails. I always checked for them as soon as I got home. May you be at Peace no

Ray Birch - August 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Donna and Family,
My heart is so heavy for the sadness you must be feeling right now. Mike was a good man, husband and father, and always had a very kind way about him. He will be missed I know, but memories will keep him close. My Mom died in De

Lindsay Wehlage - August 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Aunt Donna,

Im so sorry for your loss, but I am glad that I could come see you both this last summer. I will forever remember and cherish the memories of you both. I will always love you both and I love you. Take care Aunt Donna.

Michael Deatherage - August 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *I am comforted knowing that Mike is no longer suffering. My brother will forever be in my heart. My love to both Donna and Jennifer.*

Nancy Geoppo - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *Mike's kindness and generosity of spirit was shown in his poetry. He will be sadly missed by those who knew him. My prayers are with his wife and daughter*

Georgia F. Kent - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM