



## Michael Joseph Struski

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Michael J. Struski was born on March 22, 1949 in Sayre, PA. Michael left his family and friends to be with God and his heavenly family on February 18, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife Patsy Bauche Struski; parents Michael J. Struski, Jr. and Marion Lepkoske; and brother Joseph Struski. Michael is survived by his wife Diana L. Struski; son Ryan M. Struski; stepdaughter Shelley D. Dixon; stepsons Mikel H. Warren and Kelim J. Warren; and step-grandson Shayne W. Dixon. He is also survived by his two sisters Sonja Haggerty and Sandra Struski as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Michael served honorably in the Army Reserves for 36 years. He is a Vietnam combat-veteran and Operation Enduring Freedom veteran. He also had 38 years of dedicated service with the Department of Veterans Affairs at Dallas, Sacramento, San Antonio, Martinez, CA, Wichita, KS, Houston, Miami, Syracuse, NY, and San Francisco. Michael, you touched so many lives in your travels. Your love and memories will live on with your family and friends.

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Diana,  
*I think of you often and continue to keep you in my prayers. You have no idea how many lives you've touched by your gentle demeanor and kind words. May Christ's peace bring you comfort.*

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**Barbie Christian** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Diana, it has taken a long time to come to grips with this incredible tragedy. As you know I have worked with Mike for more than 25 years at both Martinez and Sacramento. I remember his 40th BD party, I remember when he left VAMC Martinez to work for an

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**Brian O'Neill** - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Diana and Family,

*I first met Mike when he was at Wichita, I was AD in Muskogee and he was interviewing for the chief HR position. He was hired in Muskogee, I left after several months to be AD at Martinez. He later followed me there as Chief HR w*

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**Wayne and Deanna Tippets** - March 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Family and Friends ~ *During my weakest moments, I read your cards and online messages and they fill my heart with comfort, joy and smiles. Our sons, Ryan, Mikel and Kelim have told me that they are reading your messages and memories of Mike, and your pra*

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**Diana Struski** - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Diana and family:  
My deepest condolences to you all in your loss of Mike. I know you  
will miss him, but his memory will live on on your hearts.*

*I pray for the comfort of our Lord Jesus Christ to touch each of you  
and heal your hearts. He is the gr*

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**Deb Meyer** - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Diane our prayers are with you and your family, Mike will be truly  
missed. We are just a call away if you need us.*

*Terence & Lula and Family*

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**Terence & Lula Crear and Family** - March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Diana*

*We have so many heartfelt memories of time spent with Mike and  
with the two of you over the years - a lot of laughter, joy and  
friendship. I hope our collective memories sustain you over the days  
and months to come. Mike was such a compassionat*

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**joni rubin** - February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Mike: You were such a great individual, so full of life and ambition,  
and too young to die. I enjoyed my working career with you at  
Martinez. You will be greatly missed by all who knew you. May you  
rest in peace.*

*To Diana and family: I feel your p*

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**Rebeca Drummond** - February 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ *Diana, my heart goes out to you and your family. I wish I could say it will get easier with time but 11 months certainly has not been enough time for me. God bless you and stay close to family, if possible. Good luck and give me a call sometime when yo*

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**Iva Jo Hanslik** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Diane and family,*

*Please accept my condolences on your tragic loss. Know that thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*"The will of God will never lead you, where the grace of God cannot keep you."*

*Jim Benson  
VA Public Affairs*

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**Jim Benson** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Dear Diana and family  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and keep you. Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

*With deepest regards  
Sandy Franks*

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**Sandy Franks** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ As a disabled veteran, and as a brother to all those who have served so honorably, I extend my deepest condolences to you, Mrs. Struski, and to the family of this patriot.

*My thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

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**Victor E. Martinez** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ A great neighbor full of happiness and laughter. He will be missed...prayers to the family. Diana the community loves you and are here if you need anything!!

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**Deon Collins** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Diana, my prayers are with you & your family. For the short I have known Mike was a joy for me. May God bless you all. Your neighbor on Molly Court.

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**Lula Means** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Struski Family,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Although I've only had the chance to meet Michael once or twice, he seemed to be very pleasant. Diana, we will be praying for you and the entire family.*

*Your Neighbors,*

*Jarron and Dana Holden*

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**Jarron and Dana Holden** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Diana,*

*We are deeply sorry for your loss.*

*May you find comfort in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ and find peace in knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 2 Cor. 5:8*

*Your friend and neighbor,*

*Brian & Erica Robinson*

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**Erica & Brian Robinson** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Michael was one of the most charming and warmest men we have ever known. He will be greatly missed by all, and that we all share in your sadness.*

*With sympathy, The Fields Family*

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**Earnestine Fields** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *To the family of Mike Struski you have our deepest sympathy. May Mike soul rest in peace. You all are in our prayers always God bless you all.*

*The Lara's family*

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**Jose & Mary Lara and family** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God bless you all.

*From the Lara's family*

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**Jose A Lara** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Diana,  
We offer our deepest sympathies to you and your family during this time of loss. Mike was a wonderful neighbor and all around good person. We pray that God continues to sustain you and if there is anything you need, our family will be here to assi

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**Elisia Wilkerson** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Hi Diana. I don't even know what to say other than my heart goes out to you and your boys. I can only hope that your grief can be lessened with the knowledge that you and Mike built so many friendships over the years and I pray for your strength in the

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**Laura Kelly** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Diana, boys and family - Our deepest sympathy to all of you. We have wonderful memories of Mike being our HRO at Northern California HCS as well as our Associate Director. Sal and Mike were both activated from Camp Parks in 2003 so he had the pleasure o

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**Louise and Sal Garcia** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Diana and Family: You know how much we adored Mike and the two of you together, not to mention those three wonderful sons! Mike hired me into the VA over 25 years ago in Martinez, CA where we had a very special staff and shared lasting friendships. Mik*

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**Marty and Jim Akrop** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Diana,  
You and your family are in our prayers. May God comfort you during this difficult time and may God give you the strength of faith to go on.*

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**Ludi and Danny McAuley** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. Take comfort in your beloved memories. God is there with you in your sorrow and your pain. God Bless you all!*

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**Sherry Spence** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Diana - you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I hope your memories of joy and love will be of great comfort to you in the days ahead.*

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**Cindy Godbey** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Dear Diana & Family,

*I was very saddened by Mike's passing. While I know that words are only a small gesture of support and inadequate at a time like this ... just know you are loved and supported by many. Mike was well-respected and I've only he*

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**Gary & Lois Johnson** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Diana, we are so sorry for yall's loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and yours and give you the strength you need in this time of deep sorrow.

*Lynette and Jim*

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**Lynette and Jim Urquhart** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Diana,

*I met Mike a little over a year ago and I felt as though I had known him a great deal longer. I am sorry for you and your family's loss. You all are in my prayers and I pray that God's ever loving grace abounds you. Hebrews 13:5 says, "He wil*

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**Rikkita Hughes and Family** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Diana,

*God Bless you and your family during this difficult time. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.*

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**Susan Redmond** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Diana, all of your PAO friends are just heartbroken and you have not left our thoughts since we heard the sad, sad news. I called your Mom's house and talked with her for a while and sent my love. I remember meeting your husband when you guys came to John

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**Judy Fowler-Argo** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Diana,

*I am so sorry for your loss and you are in my prayers. I remember you always talking about when Michael worked at the Miami VA and how he enjoyed life. I am glad you visited the Miami VA a few years ago, our special times serving together on t*

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**Susan E. Ward** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Diana;

*Please know that you are surrounded by colleageus and friends who care deeply about you. Your husband is to be acknowledged for his military and VA service to his county and to his fellow Veterans. My heart goes out to you and your family. I will*

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**Jeri Rowe-Curtis** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ May God bless you and your family during this time of loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Nita*

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**Nita Shirley McClellan** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Diana, We are so sorry for your loss.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
I have so many good memories working with Mike at Audie.*

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**Cliff & Annette Elrod** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Dear Diana and Struski Family,*

*Please accept our sincere condolences over the loss of your husband and loved one. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Diana, you're such a wonderful person and inspiration to all who know you -- M*

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**Barbie and David Christian** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Our deepest sympathies are with you and your family during your time of loss.*

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**Staff of VA Center of Excellence, Waco, TX** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Diana*

*I am sorry to hear about Michael. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Ame Callahan, Northern AZ VA Health Care System, Prescott, AZ*

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**Ame Callahan** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God provide comfort in your time of sorrow.*

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**TERESA LIGON** - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *May God strengthen you all during this most difficult time. Keeping your family in our prayers. Please let us know if we can do anything. Mike will definitely be missed!*

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**Ka Coben** - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Dear Diana and family,*

*I worked for Mike many years at the VA Martinez and he became a good friend and mentor. I have to say he was very special and the best boss one could ever have.*

*Every time you would see Mike, no matter how far apart the time*

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**Bonnie & Fred Wyneken** - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM