



J. Michael Bennett

February 11, 1947 - August 25, 2017

Dateline Jasper, IN

J. Michael Bennett, age 70, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 5:08 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Mike was born on February 11, 1947 in Oakland City, Indiana to William and Barbara Bennett. He married Ann Meyer on October 18, 2003 in Las Vegas.

Mike was a United States Air Force Veteran, and served in Vietnam during the war.

He was a graduate of the Indiana State Police Academy. He worked with the Indiana State Police for 33 years, from 1973 to 2005, where he advanced to the position of Assistant District Commander after holding positions of Trooper and Squad Sergeant. He was a parole agent for the Indiana Department of Corrections from 2008 to 2012. Since 2012 to present, he has served the City of Jasper as the Chief of Police.

Mike was also co-founder of Buffalo Rings & Wings in Jasper and Bedford.

He was a graduate of the Southern Police Institute, a member of the Fraternal

Order of Police, the Indiana Chief of Police Association, Vice President of the Southwest Indiana Law Enforcement Council, the Dubois County Community Corrections Board, Jasper Police Department Pension Board, the Dubois County Local Emergency Planning Commission, and the Jasper Indiana Freemasons - Line Lodge #743.

He enjoyed playing golf, and watching St. Louis Cardinal's Baseball, IU Basketball, and Colts Football.

Surviving are his wife, Ann Bennett, Jasper, IN, Five children; Michelle Dellion (Rob), Vincennes, Kristy Bennett, San Diego, CA, Mike Bennett, Jeffersonville, IN, Rhett Eckert Jasper, IN, Rhiley Eckert, Jasper, IN, his mother, Barbara Bennett, Princeton, IN, one sister, Connie Doyle (Al), Avon, IN, and one brother, Larry "Bones" Bennett, Hermitage, TN.

Preceding him in death was his father, William Bennett, former chief of the Princeton, IN, Police Department.

A Celebration of Life Service for J. Michael Bennett will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. Mayor Terry Seitz and Chaplain Rick Mann will officiate. The American Legion Post #147 in conjunction with the Jasper Police and Indiana State Police will conduct Military gravesite rites.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

The family requests that In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the J. Michael Bennett Endowment Fund, Dubois County Community Foundation. Proceeds from the Endowment will go towards the needs of the

Jasper Police Department.

Condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Redemption Christian Church of Jasper
1450 Energy Drive
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall



“ *J. Michael Bennett*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Ann, our deepest sympathy goes out to you. Micheal and you were a beautiful couple. I got the chance to know you both. Although you are seperated for now, he is your guardian angel... 🙏*

lora prange - September 05, 2017 at 07:38 AM



“ *Ann, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. We are so sorry for your loss.
Mark & Dana Kramer*

Dana Kramer - August 31, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ *Dear Ann and family... my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. What an incredible journey he had in life. Saying a prayer that you find peace in the memories you all shared with him.*

Brenda Stallings - August 30, 2017 at 08:52 AM



Our condolences to the Bennett Family on your loss ! Our thoughts & prayers are with you Larry& Family !

Ivan E Baker - August 31, 2017 at 01:41 PM

DW

“ Some of my fondest memories are of the family reunions each year. What fun, food and games. Those days are gone but my thoughts and love go out to everyone.
Dee Dee Killman Walker

Deloris Killman Walker - August 29, 2017 at 07:26 PM

DP

“ So sorry for your loss. May your memories give you some peace as you go through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.



Diane & John Pittenger - August 29, 2017 at 06:55 PM

TC

“ So sorry for your lost! Lots of fond memories of cousin Mike!! All of us kids have such fond memories of our childhood, when my Mom (Kathleen) and Dad (Clifford) Muncie were still living. Even though, we have not keep in touch, we are so sorry for your loss!! Love and prayers sent your way!!
Teresa Cooper (Muncie)
Sandra Griffin (Muncie)

Teresa Coopwe - August 29, 2017 at 04:41 PM

VS

“ Our deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to your family at the passing of your dear husband, father, son and brother. May your memories and the love you shared give you comfort during this difficult time.

Vincennes University Alumni and Foundation Staff

VU Alumni and Foundation Staff - August 29, 2017 at 12:16 PM

LH

“ My sympathies go out to Mike's family and friends. I've retired quite a few ISP retirees through the years and remember Mike's friendly personality at out processing. Laurie Hardin - D.R.O.P. Administrator, Indiana State Police



Laurie Hardin - August 29, 2017 at 09:06 AM

SC

“ The men and women of the South Bend Police Department extend our deepest sympathies, respect and admiration. Your family is and will be in our thoughts and prayers. God Speed Chief! Blessed are the peacemakers.

Scott Ruskowski-Police Chief/SBPD - August 29, 2017 at 06:48 AM

GB

“ Greg & Jenny Begle lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett



Greg & Jenny Begle - August 28, 2017 at 05:10 PM

JB

Ann, we are all so very sorry for your loss. You and Mike will forever have a special place in our hearts for all you did when we lost Wes. Wes now has his buddy in Heaven with him.

Love, Jen

Jenny Begle - August 28, 2017 at 05:27 PM

SL

“ *Sherri Libbert lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Sherri Libbert - August 28, 2017 at 03:32 PM

Dave
Duncan

“ *I met Chief Bennett at the swearing in ceremony for my Son Brent. Although I didn't know him very well, I was impressed by his kindness and his high moral character. He will be missed at JPD. My sincere condolences to the family. Dave Duncan*

Dave Duncan - August 28, 2017 at 02:08 PM

RM

“ *Rex & Lynne Marshall lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Rex & Lynne Marshall - August 28, 2017 at 01:54 PM

LH

“ *Lee Hall lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Lee Hall - August 28, 2017 at 01:06 PM

BJ

“ Barb, Steve and I are so very sorry for your loss. May God continue to wrap His arms around you, Connie, Larry and Mike's family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bonnie Johnson - August 28, 2017 at 12:35 PM

SB

“ Ann, you will be in my prayers. So sorry for your loss.

Sarah Bradley - August 28, 2017 at 09:56 AM

DN

“ Many many wonderful memories over the years on ISP... He ran the post operations in a most organized fashion, his uniform appearance was perfection, as was the "spit shine" appearance of his shoes. Will miss you Mike...Gone way too soon!

Dave Nugent - August 28, 2017 at 09:51 AM

CB

“ Connie Betz lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett



Connie Betz - August 28, 2017 at 09:44 AM

CB

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Connie Betz - August 28, 2017 at 09:33 AM

SK

“ *Sarah Kasprzak lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



sarah kasprzak - August 28, 2017 at 09:29 AM

SK

Ann, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

sarah kasprzak - August 28, 2017 at 09:30 AM

EG

“ *Erin Gould lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Erin Gould - August 28, 2017 at 09:16 AM

CG

“ *Clark Gramelspacher lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Clark Gramelspacher - August 28, 2017 at 08:58 AM

CG

Ann, I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Clark Gramelspacher - August 28, 2017 at 09:00 AM

RC

“ *Thanks JB for all the good times at the State Fair and 500 race. I will miss you!*

Roger Carrithers

Roger Carrithers - August 28, 2017 at 08:50 AM

MB

“ *Mike And Bridgette Bartley lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Mike and Bridgette Bartley - August 28, 2017 at 08:47 AM

KM

“ *Kelly Montgomery lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Kelly Montgomery - August 28, 2017 at 07:26 AM

CA

“ *Ann, Don and I are so very sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time! Love you, cuz!*

CONNIE ADAMS - August 28, 2017 at 07:01 AM

CB

“ *Clay And Kelley Boone lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Clay and Kelley Boone - August 28, 2017 at 05:02 AM



“ *Thoughts and Prayers to Ann and Mike's family. May he rest in peace.*

Beth Kerstiens



Beth Kerstiens - August 28, 2017 at 04:58 AM

MK

“ Chief Bennett was such a friendly man... and was always so happy. I would see him at almost every hair appointment, as he was stopping into Jagged Edge to say hello. The last time I saw him we talked about how much my husband loves Buffalo Wings and Rings - and the success of the restaurant. I can't imagine how many lives he touched just through friendly conversations. Prayers from The Keusch Family.

Michelle Keusch - August 28, 2017 at 04:18 AM

CR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Ann and all of his family and friends... Another good guy gone far too soon!

Christine Seger Rue - August 28, 2017 at 12:47 AM

HB

“ He was an amazing man, prayers for his family, friends and all of JPD family.



Heather Buechler - August 27, 2017 at 09:39 PM

HH

“ Such a great uncle. I will miss him forever.



Hannah Hochgesang - August 27, 2017 at 09:26 PM

LB

“ *Lori Betz lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Lori Betz - August 27, 2017 at 09:20 PM

BL

“ *B. Lampert lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



B. Lampert - August 27, 2017 at 09:14 PM

TW

“ *Tina And Brent Wehr sent a virtual gift in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Tina and Brent Wehr - August 27, 2017 at 08:20 PM

BW

“ *Brent /Tina Wehr lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Brent /Tina Wehr - August 27, 2017 at 08:18 PM

SH

“ Sgt. Doug Hettinger-JPD lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett



Sgt. Doug Hettinger-JPD - August 27, 2017 at 07:27 PM

SH

Mike was like a father to me. He was my leader, my mentor and my friend. I will forever be indebted to him for everything that he has been to me. I love you, Chief. May you see the face of God.

Sgt. Doug Hettinger-JPD - August 27, 2017 at 07:31 PM

JH

“ Jeff & Shirley Harter lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett



Jeff & Shirley Harter - August 27, 2017 at 07:14 PM

JH

Ann...Jeff & I are so sorry! God bless you & your family!💜Hugs

Jeff & Shirley Harter - August 27, 2017 at 07:16 PM

BH

“ Where do I start?? I will hold this memory in my heart forever. I took this picture Monday during the solar eclipse. Shenanigans at JPD as usual. Chief and Nathan are most likely "discussing" the proper way to use the glasses. lol This is Mike Bennett for me. I will miss you!



Beth Herald - August 27, 2017 at 06:21 PM

LM

Mike and I went to ISP Recruit Academy together and graduated January 28, 1973. I watched an eclipse with him behind the Jasper Post in the 1990s. We had 1000 other memories over the past 45 years! I am so happy Carol Sue and I got to visit with him at the Strassenfest earlier this month. I will forever cherish our friendship! RIP my friend!

Larry McCart - August 27, 2017 at 06:56 PM

RS

Mike and I worked a lot together in Orange Co. I was a French Lick and West Baden Policeman from 1973-1983. He was a good friend we done a lot together I will miss him a lot! R.I.P.

Richard Stackhouse - August 28, 2017 at 04:23 AM

JR

*I am sad to learn of Mike's passing! Mike was an outstanding friend, police officer & leader. An all around good guy!
I had the privilege to work with and get to know Mike when we were assigned to assist the "League Of Their Own" cast & crew during their Indiana location filming.
It was quite an experience, to say the least.
I saw first hand why Mike had the reputation for being the hardest working guy on any detail. He was tireless. He was enthusiastic and always in a good mood. And he was fun to be around.
The cast & crew enjoyed being around Mike.
On several occasions throughout the many weeks of filming, Mike was approached by members of the crew who had received speeding citations from ISP Troopers. They asked if he could help. He asked how fast they were driving before the stop. After they told Mike the speed they were charged with, Mike took a notepad from his pocket. This action seemed to provide a glimmer of hope for them. Mike recorded their speed in his notebook. He then told them how that speed compared to the speed of other crew members who had asked him to "fix" a ticket. Then he chuckled and informed them that Troopers don't fix tickets. Mike handled these requests in a good natured way. The same way he handled every problem and issue that cropped up, always helpful when possible.
Everyone liked and respected Mike.
I feel blessed to have shared this unique assignment with Mike.*

Joe R Rhodes - August 28, 2017 at 05:41 PM

RD

*Mike,
I didn't have the pleasure of meeting your dad but after reading the fond memories others have of him, I hold him in the highest esteem. What a great representative of our ISP, JPD, and U.S. Air Force...those of us still serving each of these organizations owe Mike our best...everyday, just like he would have done it. I am sure you were proud of him as he was of you...Ray D.*

Ray Dawson - August 30, 2017 at 09:27 PM

JS

I first met Mike when he was assigned to Orange County with ISP.. I was a Paoli Police Officer and later became Chief of that department. Over the years we became very close friends and shared lots of great times together. He was always so very professional and one on whom you could always depend to be by your side. May you rest in peace, my friend. Jim & Tina Smith.

Jim Smith - September 01, 2017 at 08:45 PM

CS

“ *Carol Hyatt Slinker lit a candle in memory of J. Michael Bennett*



Carol Hyatt Slinker - August 27, 2017 at 06:13 PM