



## Michael James Vincent

November 16, 1963 - September 18, 2021

Michael James Vincent, 57, of Fairfax, Virginia passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Mike was born in Salisbury, MD, to parents Lee and Elaine Vincent on Nov. 16, 1963. A 1981 Wicomico Senior High School graduate, Mike worked at United Business Technologies as a color specialist until his sudden heart failure in January. He became a heart transplant patient on Feb. 19, 2021, at Inova Fairfax Heart Institute. After 117 days in the hospital, Mike moved to Salisbury in June to be with family as he recovered. Although he fought a valiant fight, Mike survived just 7 months post-transplant.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Warden and Florence Horsman, and paternal grandparents, Bud Vincent and Myrtle Shockley.

He is survived by his son, Zachary Vincent of Towson; sister, Kris Gosnell (Lee) of Salisbury; niece, Karli Gosnell; uncle, Buddy Vincent (Claudette) of Salisbury; aunt, Diane Hammond of Salisbury; mother, Elaine Vincent of Salisbury; father, Lee Vincent of Salisbury; and dear family friend, Diane Powell. Mike is also survived by the light of his life, his Golden Retriever, Shelby.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Inova Fairfax Hospital and the anonymous heart donor family for enabling Mike to have a transplant and a chance to extend his life. They would also like to share a special thank you to Mike's friends for their support, visitations and prayers.

If you are not already, please consider being an organ donor in honor of Mike.

A Celebration of Mike's Life will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 10:00 am to Noon at Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street, Delmar, DE. Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **2**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 East Grove Street  
Delmar, DE 19940  
(302) 846-2525  
[info@shortfh.com](mailto:info@shortfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

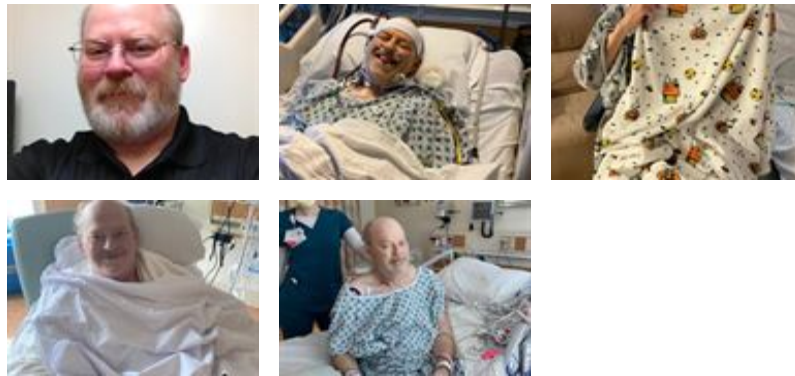
SS

“ *Wish we could have made the trip to be there for you all - Wishing you smiles through the tears as we all recall the many fond memories from our family reunions and childhood together - Mike will forever be in my mind daring us cousins to run across the Shockley hog patch with a priceless smirk !*  
*love: Sonja, Lisa, Roger, and Aunt Betty*

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**Sonja Perdue Stern** - October 01, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *50 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Short Funeral Home** - October 01, 2021 at 12:11 PM

GT

“ *Gene Thomas and Janice Thomas purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Michael James Vincent.*



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**Gene Thomas and Janice Thomas** - September 30, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ Mike was a close friend to me here at UBT. He always had time to teach, as I learned so much from him. He was also just a great guy to chat with. We had just discovered our mutual interest in hiking and camping. I was considering talking to him about planning a local camping and hiking trip. His soft spoken sense of humor will not be forgotten.

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**John Dayton** - September 30, 2021 at 10:35 AM

MF

“ Mike's UBT Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Michael James Vincent.



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**Mike's UBT Family** - September 30, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael James Vincent.



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September 29, 2021 at 01:15 PM

DT

“ What do you say about a guy that you loved to spend time with. Mike and I would kid around and pick at each other like brothers and sisters do. I snapped this pic of him at one of our training sessions, that was the look I got when I said , SMILE. I will miss the photos you would email me laying on the floor or inside the machine trying to reach something and busting on me about it. Prayers to all the family and friends. Until we meet again  
your favorite CHICKNICIAN



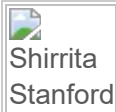
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**D'Anne Twinam** - September 24, 2021 at 03:48 PM

HG

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and Kris (you were the only 3 in Mike's world during my time of knowing your son/brother) and to all who became part of Mike's world after that, I am truly sorry for the hole that has been left in your lives. Mike filled the very important role, in any teenage girls life, as my first "real" boyfriend. I have memories filled with such emotion that they have carved deep grooves in my mind. Which I suppose is why I feel such sorrow over a man who was really just a boy the last time I saw him 40 years ago. My how time does fly. One memory that came to me was how you would include me in your dinners out at the Fenwick Inn rooftop restaurant. For this I owe you an apology. I believe I ordered surf and turf every single time! And yet you were so gracious, you kept inviting me. Can we just blame the poor judgement of ordering the most expensive item on the menu to being a clueless teenager? Your family, your son, was foundational in making me (Heidi) who I grew up to become. I'm grateful that Mike was a part of my story and that I was able to be a small part of his story that ended way too soon. I am praying for you as you grieve a loss that I cannot imagine, but God does.

Heidi (Lewis) Galloway - September 24, 2021 at 08:47 AM



Kris, Lee and family I want to issue you my sincerest condolences. May God be with you all. Sending out prayers for you all.

Shirrita Stanford - September 27, 2021 at 09:52 AM

GB

“ My friend Mike. We played hard and dangerous when we were young. You were still my friend after all the years. I am sad that these days have gone. I knew you. You only had one heart and I remember when it was ruined. Miss you forever my brother till we ride again. Your bass player friend Gene

gene beauchamp - September 23, 2021 at 05:18 PM

DH

“Mike was such and wonderful Man! Humble, helpful, kind and very ,very good at what he did for UBT. Quick story that some of you may know and some may not. We started our tenure running UBT in January 2001 and Mike was already a technician at UBT ( then UBM ) Mike resigned the early spring of that year to hike the Appalachian trail from start to finish. Usually takes 5-6 months to do. Apparently in or near Acadia Nat. park he got caught above the tree line during an ice storm and in an attempt to find cover broke his leg. His "find myself" trip lasted less than 2 weeks and he was back to UBT within a couple months. I still thank God that Mike was clumsy that day or just unlucky because absent that I don't think he would have decided to come back to work at UBT. We were blessed with his skill, his always positive attitude and he became one of the core team members for technical support Group!

*From Mike's UBT Family we wish his Family and friends our deepest sympathies !*

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**dale hopkins** - September 23, 2021 at 04:02 PM

SM

“Elaine so sad to hear of our son, Mike's passing. I didn't even know about the heart transplant. He was certainly active enough to have worn his out.  
Prayers as you grieve.



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**Susan Matthews** - September 23, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Vincent.*



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September 22, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ *Dear Vincent Family, we would like to express our deepest sympathy four your loss. Our department within Canon had the pleasure of working with Mike and he was always professional, kind and and a pleasure to be around. Our thoughts are with your family. Sincerely Mary Kate Dillon*

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**Mary Kate Dillonq** - September 22, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *To Lee and his family. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences.*  
*Jeff Hart*

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**jeffrey a. hart** - September 22, 2021 at 10:29 AM



*Thank you Jeff. Certainly do appreciate your understanding*

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**Lee Vincent** - November 17, 2021 at 01:31 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael James Vincent.*



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September 22, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Michael James Vincent.



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September 22, 2021 at 06:11 AM