



Michael Cruickshank

May 23, 1954 - February 7, 2022

On Monday morning, February 7th, Mike was victorious and took God's hand and left his earthly body to join God in his heavenly kingdom. Mike's pain and suffering had ended. He is standing tall and whole and walking the streets of gold in Heaven with our Father at his side. Services will be held at the St. Rose Catholic Church with Father Ray Moss officiating, Saturday, February 19th at 10:00 a.m. A Rosary will be recited prior to the service at 9:30 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

He lived his life filled with character and strength. Mike had no fear of earthly things. He loved with all his heart and soul and was not afraid to express this to anyone that knew him. Mike was compassionate and caring. Even as Mike fought through his struggles, he never lost sight of who he was; who and what were important to him, and his faith.

Mike is the son of the late James and Catherine Cruickshank. As a young boy Mike was already developing his passion for athleticism. He trained his entire life and was successful in football, boxing, wrestling, weight lifting and track. Mike competed on semi-pro football teams in Nebraska, California, the Quad Cities in Iowa and Canada. Mike also traveled to Europe, where two semi-pro teams toured and performed exhibition games to European spectators for 6 weeks. Mike was a Golden Gloves champion. In his first match, he beat an undefeated contender. This was a very prideful moment for Mike and his family that is still talked about today. Mike was a collegiate competitor in

wrestling national finals and continued to wrestle in tournaments once he graduated from Chadron State College. Mike never lost his passion to be the best that he could be – a star athlete.

After graduating college, Mike taught school in Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas. He mentored students and student athletes. He coached football, wrestling and track. He always had a smile and encouraging words for his student athletes, nieces and nephews. If they sought advice, Mike was always there for them.

Mike was a champion, a fighter, a mentor and a great person of whom many were very lucky to have been able to share time with.

Mike and Deb met 37 years ago and in 1988 Mike and Deb were married. Their marriage was filled with love, kindness, respect, NE Cornhusker football, South Dakota pheasant hunting trips, and the dog & cats that were adopted into their family. After they were married, they moved and resided in Kansas for 4 years where Mike founded Cruickshank Construction. In 1992 Mike and Deb moved back to Wyoming and made their home in Torrington. Mike was so many things to so many people, loving, caring husband; hard-working entrepreneur; athlete; artist; and tenacious brother.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Deb; sister, Barb (Ken) Kern, Rapid City, SD; brother, Dave (Janet) Cruickshank, Colorado Springs, CO; sister, Jackie (Rick) Cohen, Brevard, NC; sister and brother-in-law, Deanna (John) Wilber, Woodbine, IA; brother-in-law, Ted Newell, Sioux Falls, SD; two aunts, one uncle and nieces and nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his father and mother; brother, Steve and great nephew, Zach Tuma.

Mike, you are missed deeply - until we meet again our peace is knowing that unending grief is also endless love.

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB **19**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Rose Catholic Church
605 E. 22nd Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-5556

Memorial services

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mike..... He was to all of my kid's "THAT" Uncle. The Uncle, that did things that made him amazing in the eyes of three little boy's and their sister. He was Their " STAR" the Uncle that they had stories to share with anyone that would listen. Football was the best, all of my kid's lined up on the sideline yelling and screaming like maniac's "Mike, Mike, Mike, Mike " while they glanced back to make sure the other spectators enjoying the game knew which football player "BELONGED TO THEM!"

After a football game Nebraska Storm vs Colorado that was being played near our home in Denver, Mike stayed at our house. I will never forget after he had showered and changed and headed to the living room to sit on the couch(he took up about 1/3 of the seat) all 4 kid's and myself rushed over to be the one that got the spot closest to Mike. Bailey made it, we all squished together and within a few seconds Bailey, drawing in a big lung full of air said " You smell him? Guys do you smell him?" After taking a whiff myself, Amanda said " Uncle Mike, you did use my soap!" Followed by Zach remarking "wow that's you scent!"

Mike, tough, unstoppable Uncle Mike, smelled of peaches and pear soap from Bath and Body Works! They all giggled and laughed that their super hero turned into a sweet giant Teddy Bear right before their eyes 😊 you will forever be a part of our memories and stories. I wonder if Zach was waiting for "your Scent" peaches and pear's as you made your way to Heaven? I'm sure he was excited to have his hero all to himself. You 2 take care of each other and watch over our families. What lucky people we are to have two of the most beautiful angels watching over us.

Lisa Tuma - February 17, 2022 at 10:54 AM

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“ Mike wanted to be known as a tough guy, which he was; but more importantly, he was a kind, big-hearted man. Once Mike became your friend, he was your friend for life! We were both Blazers and Eagles in our youth. Rest in Peace, Mike!

Mike Mitchell

Mike Mitchell - February 16, 2022 at 10:17 AM

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“ Mike was the true definition of a “man’s man” and proved it up until he took his last breath. Some of the tales and sagas has made him a bit of a legend. Mike was and will continue to be an inspiration to many, including myself. Mike was a champion, a fighter, and someone who had a work ethic unmatched. Above all Mike was a great person, caring, compassionate, and loving and someone whom I feel so lucky to have been able to know and share precious time with.

Cory Tuma - February 15, 2022 at 08:35 AM

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“ Deb,

I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers my friend.

Tonya Roschewski

Tonya Roschewski - February 14, 2022 at 06:21 PM