

In Loving Memory Of *Mike Gay*

On January 17, 2016, Michael (Mike) Churchill Gay peacefully passed away at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, MT from injuries he sustained after an accident working at First Christian Church in Sheridan, WY.

Mike was born on April 14, 1959, to Andrew Hynes and Jean Elizabeth (Churchill) Gay in Helena, MT. Mike lived in Billings until age 8, and moved to Sheridan in 1967 with his family. He grew up in Sheridan graduating in 1978 from Sheridan High School.

In 1980 Mike met the love of his life, Tammy, whom he married in 1981 and continued to live in Sheridan, raising three loving children, Candice, Christopher and Nathan. Mike was very dedicated to his family being continually faced with obstacles raising his children and caring for his wife Tammy after a debilitating stroke. Mike spent his career as an independent contractor and painter. He attended Sheridan College attaining an Associate's Degree in Social Science and continuing on at the University of Wyoming/Casper graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. In 2004, Mike began working with the Wyoming Department of Corrections, Rawlins, WY as a case worker.

Mike faced the adversities of life, overcame his demons and was able to give himself to others helping them in their struggles, however he never met a stranger and always had a smile. He enjoyed watching his beloved Denver Broncos kick butt, Wyoming Cowboys, camping, fishing, and most importantly being with his grandchildren. His youngest son, Nathan, took him to the season opener for the Broncos in 2015 which was a dream he had all his life. He was able to travel to Sandpoint, ID and spend Christmas in 2015 with his middle son, Christopher and family, sharing fond memories with him attending the Wyoming Cowboy football games together. His daughter Candice and family of Ranchester, WY had weekly dinners with "Papa" sharing lots of laughter and most importantly Root Beer Floats. He was a leader and inspiration to the participants at Celebrate Recovery having continued his recovery for the past 4 ½ years. He was an amazing leader helping many others grow throughout their journey to success.

Mike was preceded in death by his loving wife, Tammy, and his parents. He is survived by his children, Candice Gay of Ranchester, WY, Christopher (Cara) Gay of Sandpoint, ID, Nathan Gay of Casper, WY, brother Andrew (Angela) Gay of South Dakota, eight grandchildren and several aunts and uncles.



April 14, 1959 - January 17, 2016



I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free*

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 1:00 pm
Cornerstone Church

OFFICIATING

Pastor Tony Forman, Tom Saur

MUSIC

A Father's Love, Song For Dad

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Nathan Gay, Chris Gay, Candice Gay
Andy Gay, Doug Schmick, Fritz Merback

Memorials can be made to
Cornerstone Church
4351 Big Horn Ave
Sheridan, WY 82801
C/O Celebrate Recovery Mike Gay

Reception to follow at the
Big Horn Eagles
1760 Commercial Ave
Sheridan, WY