



## Michael Kim McNelly

January 3, 1985 - September 12, 2019

Michael Kim McNelly was born January 3rd 1985 in Seoul, South Korea, and adopted by his parents at the age of 5, before passing away on September 12th, 2019. He is survived by his parents Rick and Ellen McNelly, siblings David McNelly, Christine (Corey) McNelly-Bradham, Tyson McNelly, Joe (Kristen) McNelly, and Tracy McNelly, as well as his dog Ginger. He is also survived by his Aunt and Uncles Sharon (Gary) Cooper, Brent (Fran) McNelly, Rob (Beverly) Tessler, Kathy (Harry) Tessler-Krausman, and his nieces Georganna and Louisa McNelly, and cousins Michelle, Chris, Matt, John, Crystal, Charla, Josh, Max, Rachel, and Rebecca. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Dale and Phyllis McNelly and Tom and Sandy Tessler.

Michael was very well loved by his family and friends. He loved being outdoors in nature, gardening, doing crossword puzzles, traveling to national parks, ordering multiple meals at restaurants and eating every last bite left on the table, and he believed in always being able to fit all of his belongings into his car so he could move to a new place when he wanted. He lived in Western Massachusetts, Chicago, IL, Portland, OR, and Providence RI, after growing up in Jackson, OH and returning back many times in between. He often lived with his friends: Sea, Drift, and Hope, who were like a second family to him. He could still do a standing back flip upon request.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Gallia Jackson Meigs Board of Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (specify for Suicide Awareness Coalition) at 53 Shawnee Lane, Gallipolis, OH 45631.

# Comments

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“ My best Memory of Micheal is Marching Band under the direction of Dick Berry. Michael was a very talented he could play many instruments. Michael was a cheerleader who could do many back flips. I graduated with Michael he was a good person always in a good mood. He was a good friend too many. It saddens my heart to hear that Michael past. Sending love, hugs, and prayers to Michael's family.



**jennifer leonard** - October 12 at 05:13 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



**Drift Mavyn** - October 06 at 09:08 PM

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“ My heart breaks for you, Rick and family, in hearing of the death of Michael. Please know that my prayers are going up for you all to be comforted by a friend who does not see you very often, but thinks of you often. God's peace to you, my brother.

**Fred Williams** - September 23 at 01:06 PM

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“ I knew Michael as Nova. They were one of kindest souls I've ever met. A deep listener, who wanted nothing more than to connect with nature and discover beauty in the world around them. Their favorite thing was to go to a park, or on a hike, journal or draw, and find peace. They will be dearly missed and always loved.

**Kyle Odell** - September 16 at 05:53 PM

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“ Rick, Elen and family. I pray that our Heavenly Father relieves the anguish of your bereavement and leave you with only the cherished memories of a much loved son.

**Kim Turck** - September 16 at 08:46 AM

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“ He was such an amazing person and friend. The world was a little brighter with him in it. I am so sorry for your loss. I'm completely heartbroken.

**Stacey Hollingshead** - September 14 at 10:44 PM



“ I've known Michael since he came here in Kindergarden he was one of my best friends all through grade school I remember coming to his house for a pool party in Elementary School he was a amazing person and a great friend he will be missed dearly I'm so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Shawna Massie Reed!

**Shawna Massie Reed** - September 16 at 07:23 AM

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“ He was a good friend. He always made me smile. Loved seeing him do the back tucks. Praying for your family.

**Deanna Barney** - September 14 at 09:21 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. He was a sweetheart.

**Wesley Frye-Evans** - September 14 at 09:06 PM

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“ So sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you

**Kris Carter** - September 14 at 08:50 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you! Eileen Rupert WCS.

**Eileen Reynolds Rupert** - September 14 at 08:23 PM

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“ He was always an amazing friend to me. He was an amazing person in general. I am heartbroken.

**Cindy Morris ( Butts)** - September 14 at 06:03 PM

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“ So very, very sorry. I remember when you adopted him! I know he was loved. I hate that you are going through this. Prayers for you all.

**Majel Keairns** - September 14 at 05:45 PM

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“ Rick, Ellen and family...so sorry for your loss, no words can express...Peace, Love & Understanding...

**Deanna Bragg** - September 14 at 02:04 PM

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“ Keeping your family in prayer at this difficult time. My heart breaks for you. I have such wonderful memories of Michael and Kyle during their elementary school years. May God bless you and bring you comfort.

**Bernie Cutlip** - September 14 at 12:56 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss

**KIRT WARD** - September 14 at 09:17 AM



“ Rick, Ellen and Family,  
Please accept my condolences. Michael was a great young man.

**Gina Lawson** - September 14 at 10:31 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family for peace and comfort

**Joy Williams** - September 14 at 11:23 AM



“ Rick, Ellen and family. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish all of our memories of Michael. Love, Hugs, & Prayers, Wayne and Karla (Days) Jayne

**Karla (Days) Jayne** - September 17 at 12:19 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Rick and your family~ Mona Zinn-Arbaugh...

**Mona Zinn-Arbaugh** - September 18 at 12:25 PM