



Pastor Michael "Mike" L. Sabin

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Sabin, Michael L. "Mike", 69, of Dayton, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at his home.

Mike is preceded in death by his daughter Erin Sabin, parents Leroy and Shirley Sabin, brother Robert Sabin, brothers-in-law Richard A. Schulte, Michael Schulte, and Jeff Havard, nephew Nathan Schulte, father-in-law Richard L. Schulte, mother-in-law Honor Schulte, and grandmother Charlene Oren.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years and high school sweetheart, Heather Sabin, daughters Julie Sabin, Sarah (Jedfrey) Tudor, and Emily (Jason) Thompson, grandchildren Luke Sabin Barker, Elliot, Kenai, and Ziva Tudor, and Simon and Liam Thompson, brother Brent Sabin, sisters Cynthia Borchard and Debby Terrian, special loved ones Ed (Michelle) Nienaber, and many numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike wore many hats in his 69 years, literally and figuratively.

He was a devoted husband, a loving dad, an adoring grandpa, but above all things, a follower of Jesus. He was licensed through DOVE Ministries and became cofounder and pastor of WINGS Christian Fellowship in Bellbrook.

Mike cultivated a life long love of the great outdoors. As the "rock" of the Sabin family, he used his passion to spend quality time with all of his favorite people. He loved biking and kayaking with Heather, fishing with his brothers, and creeking with his grandkids who he always called his "smile makers". He wrote his best sermons in deer stands or while cutting the grass. Mike was an avid camper as a Silver Star Boy Scout and more recently at the family's annual B.S. Fest and throughout Ohio State Parks with Heather.



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An anointed worship leader, Mike surrounded himself with music. His family often felt they were living in a musical. His daughter Erin was especially comforted by his singing. His music was an integral part of BellHOP Cafe where he served coffee, people, and Jesus.

Following a 20 year career in investment property management, Mike poured himself into Bellbrook and its citizens. A proud American, he wanted to "Keep America Great" and make Bellbrook better. He was an integral part of the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Ministerial Association, Optimist Club, Avenue of Flags, National Day of Prayer, and the Cross Walk every Easter season.

As befitting a man that has lived well, Mike leaves his community and family with good memories of his servant heart. His girls will surely miss the blue eyed guy that got them flowers for any occasion, dropped everything when they needed him, and prayed a blessing over them every night, "May the Lord God bless you with His peace and with His rest."

To help the family celebrate his life, you are invited to share your memories, sympathies, and hugs during the Life Celebration Memorial Service at Emmanuel Baptist Church (2928 Wilmington Dayton Rd, Bellbrook, OH 45305) on Tuesday, Feb. 18th at 6 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to BellHOP Mission Outreach and Miami Valley Women's Center.

If you would like to sign up to provide a meal for the Sabin family, please use this link <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yo6o3l>

You are welcome to share your thoughts, prayers, and stories on Mike's Book of Memories at www.ConnerAndKoch.com by clicking on his name.



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JM

Jim & Kathy Martin posted:

Kathy and I are stunned at Mike's passing. He was a genuine Christian in life, not just in word. His devotion to serving God was obvious, as was his love for his family. Psalm 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." The word "precious" comes from the Greek word "yaqar" and in this verse, it means "costly." Mike's passing was not an act of God, for his passing is costly to God's Kingdom work on Earth. It is also costly to all those who knew and loved Mike. Yet God has made His peace available to us all to strengthen and comfort. Our prayers have gone forth for Heather, the family, the staff at BellHop, and Mike's friends. We will see him again and join him in worshipping before the throne of Jesus.

February 18 at 8:08 AM

RA

Richard D'Alessandro posted:

I met Mike over 30 years ago through his sister Cindy. At the time I thought it was very unusual to leave a good job as an investment property manager. A decade later I learned about how God calls and how true believers respond. Mike was a kind guy with a lot of common sense and wisdom and I am sure he set an example for many around him. He deserves his place in eternity. Richard D\2019A

February 17 at 3:07 PM

AJ

Adriane Jett posted:

Mike and Heather were a big part of our family in the early 90s we started a restaurant in Bellbrook and they both help us and there kids to help And worked for us for years and helped make it successful.. We fellowshipped together at church and have known each other for a long time, Mike was one of the sweetest men I have ever met and Heather was always such a good friend to me. I am so sad and so sorry for your loss and thanking and praying for the whole family. love you \u2764\ufe0f

February 17 at 2:44 PM

AJ

Adriane Jett posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to have forever in your hearts. Love Adriane & Jay Jett

February 17 at 2:01 PM



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VR

Vista H. Richey posted:

Rich & I -- Karen (Sabin) Richey -- offer our love & deepest sympathy to Heather & all the Sabin family. We pray all will feel God's Presence & Comfort today & in the days to come. I have known Mike since 1963 when I met his dad, Roy, & we were married in 1964. So... I have literally seen Mike "grow up" & have been a part of his life. I totally agree with the statement "Mike has been the 'rock' of the Sabin family". When Roy passed on to Eternal Life in 2001, Mike was a tremendous help to me in helping with the funeral arrangements for his dad. He also used his beautiful gift of singing at the funeral service. Later he helped me with doing my taxes for several years. I will miss his great smile & hugs, & there is no one who can sing "Oh Holy Night" like Mike. I have many memories of the early years of going fishing, ice skating, picnicking at Houston Woods & of course, Christmas time, birthdays, & weekends. I re-married in 2004 & introduced Rich to the Sabin family. He immediately felt accepted & at home with them & they with him. Rich & Mike enjoyed each other's company & liked to exchange stories & jokes. We both will miss Mike very much. I do know if anyone is ready to meet his Heavenly Father face-to-face, it was Mike. When he did, I know he heard the words, "Well done, good & faithful Servant"!! Now we'll look forward to being reunited in our "Permanent Home". With Love & Prayers, Rich & Karen

February 17 at 12:36 PM

ES

Eileen Sullivan posted:

Mike was a Kingdom guy, ready to meet the needs of the body. You continue to be an example for us, good and faithful servant.

February 17 at 7:54 AM

AC

Angela Kae Cooper posted:

My heart breaks for you Heather and I'm sending so many prayers of strength, comfort & peace along with big hugs!! Although someone special has been lost here, heaven has gained an amazing warrior! Much love! Angela Kae Cooper

February 16 at 6:17 PM

TP

Ted Pearce posted:

I am so sorry to hear this news, and sure it must be a terrible shock to everyone. I met Mike at Bellhop Cafe several years ago, and would play there about once a year. Mike was always ready to talk about Jesus, always giving a good report, always exhibiting generous fruit of the Spirit. Now that he has been promoted we can be assured that the coffee in heaven will be good. I'll miss you, Mike.

February 16 at 5:08 PM



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BM

Bethan Miller posted:

While growing up I always remember Mike and Heather, mostly from Family Reunions. I adored Mike and always thought he was so fun. He would play with all the kids and he was very outgoing. I always felt important when he was around. I haven't had much interaction with him as an adult but my mom loved her cousin Mike so much. When she was diagnosed with cancer, he was there, when she passed, he was there. There were always memories of playing together as children being shared when they were together. I'm very grateful for their connection and the love they shared and for Mike's willingness to always be there for her. He spoke at her funeral and I will forever be grateful for that. Heather, Julie, Sarah and Emily, thank you all for being so supportive of his desires to reach out to others in their times of need. I truly understand how hard things are for you right now and I pray that you will be able to find the comfort and peace that Mike would want you to have.

February 16 at 3:49 PM

GS

Gary Sargent posted:

Heather and the rest of Mike's expanded family ... so sorry to see of Mike's passing. I did not know Mike well but his obituary paints a very nice picture of his full life and his impact on his family, friends and the community. A great testimony! Best wishes as you come to terms with this sad event.

February 16 at 3:29 PM

SK

Skip posted:

"Get the winders painted" he used to tell me, that was a little joke between us, Mike's passing will leave a void, but it will also leave a legacy of faith, family and friends. My love goes out to Heather, Julie, Emily and Sarah and the rest of the Saban family. Rest in peace brother Mike. ~Skip~

February 16 at 3:21 PM

ME

Mark & Joan Eilers posted:

We were stunned to hear of Mike's homegoing - unexpectedly early for everyone here but perfectly timed by his Abba. Our hearts mourn the loss you are experiencing, Heather, along with your beautiful family and all the brothers, sisters, and friends you have served and blessed over the years. Mike's joyful heart for his ministry of worship and service blessed countless folks, including our family. We so appreciated the investment of both Mike and Heather in our sons' lives back in their high school years and the love and care they have consistently manifest in the Bellbrook community. May the Lord bless and comfort you all. Mark & Joan

February 15 at 3:28 PM



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SL

Susan Lopez posted:

It is so difficult leaving \u201ca memory\u201d. I will remember Mike firmly knowing he and Heather were led to serve in Bellbrook and the faithfulness even in hardship remaining steadfast. Praying and listening to many in need. My heart aches for you, Heather. Thank you for both being there during a very trying time in my life and praying with me. God has gained a heavenly singer.

February 15 at 2:20 PM

NI

Nina posted:

Heather, my heart is aching for you and your family. May God give you the grace and shalom needed to get through the coming waves of grief. \u2019m praying...

February 15 at 12:29 PM

GF

Ginny Fowler posted:

Mike was a very important part of our community. Our prayers and thoughts are with Heather and the family during this time and in days to come. Darryl & Ginny Fowler

February 14 at 8:02 PM

KK

Kathy Kappeler posted:

So many memories of Mike, from Emmanuel Lutheran to Church of Messiah, and Pastor Mike at the Bell Hop. We shared a lot of worship experiences over the years. He lead music to many banner processions, and "The David Company" dance ministry. He wrote a beautiful song that so mirrored one of our banners. Whenever I see the Messiah banner, I think of Mike's song "The River Flows." Mike encouraged me to exhibit my art, and I finally got it together and was his first artist to show at the Bell Hop. My husband and I so enjoyed the times we spent with Mike and Heather over a good sandwich and their milkshakes! I love this family and the faith an spirit that has been shared with so many. We will miss you, Love, Kathy and David Johanson

February 14 at 7:43 PM

Jl

John And Irmgard posted:

We were in shock when learning of Mike\u2019s passing and will really miss him. Heather, we grieve with you and pray God\u2019s comfort and mercy for you and the family.

February 14 at 1:19 PM



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TH

Terry Heck posted:

Mike was always so kind and so devoted to working ecumenically and in service to the community. God bless you all and my deepest sympathy Terry Heck

February 14 at 12:04 PM

JH

Jason H posted:

Michael Sabin was such a good man and has touched so many lives in Bellbrook. He always greeted everyone with a smile and made you feel welcome like family. He will be missed and remembered. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. Rest In Peace sir.

February 14 at 11:41 AM

RJ

Roberta Jacobs posted:

Mike was a great boss, a loving parent, and a good friend. Will never forget his laugh. Our thoughts, love, and prayers are with his family. Tom & I love you all so much.

February 14 at 11:14 AM

RM

Raynna Myers posted:

There's no way I could describe what Mike & Heather's influence has been on our life, I have to try even a little though. To Heather, love of his life, (and everybody knew it!) his dear daughters and family know we are both grieving and giving deepest thanks to God, with you, for the gift of his life and how he chose to give it to so many. We will carry his light and influence and love with us, ALWAYS. He was among the very first to welcome me (Raynna) to CoM, to pray over me, continuously speak life and courage over me, welcome and invest in my future husband, his discipleship and education, sing at our wedding, show up for birthday parties, give marriage advice, we felt so loved, always. Even after years of living far away, he reached out to and loved on my family in my absence, he would be among the first to encourage our ministry to persecuted believers, sending emails that started with, "I want to affirm you!" He did and he did and he did, right up to Wednesday morning responding to a Facebook post I shared, waving to me a hand of encouragement and companionship all the way from Ohio to Washington State. We love you Mike!! We are so thankful for you. We'll see you again our brother, but so miss knowing you are here now, terribly. We love you Heather! All our love and prayers for you and your dear girls, family & grandkids Jay & Raynna

February 14 at 10:51 AM



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SS

Steve Sullivan posted:

I always have great admiration for Mike and Heather Sabin. For Mike as former Administrator, Worship Leader and together with Heather as the Youth Group Leaders at COM for about a decade. They were the Heart of COM. Also in their service to the local community and the Body of Messiah through BellHop Cafe. Condolences and Shalom to Heather and their family. We can all look forward to Worshiping the LORD together with Mike in the future. Hallelujah.

February 14 at 10:04 AM

LD

Love, Brent, Cindy And Debby posted:

We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief. With loving memories of our dear brother Mike.

February 14 at 8:59 AM

KP

Keren Pryor posted:

What a shock to hear of Mike's sudden graduation to the heavenly realms! I have such fond memories of the joy in which he lead worship while still at COM, and the warm smile that always accompanied his greeting. Sending my love and deep condolences to Heather and all the family and trusting you will be filled with the peace that passes understanding. Keren (Pryor)

February 14 at 6:34 AM

BC

Bonnie Conner posted:

I treasure memories of Mike. especially his heart for worship through music, for the support he and Heather were to our family when we became part of the same worship community, including our daughter who as a teenager was part of the youth group Mike and Heather led, and for the on-going support they continued to be to her and her husband and children over the years they have been serving as missionaries overseas. My heartfelt condolences and love to Heather and the family along with my prayers. Bonnie Conner

February 13 at 6:19 PM



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JW

Jana Walker posted:

Dear Heather I am so heartbroken over your great loss. It's just not sinking in right now and I know you must be lost on how to get through the day. Please know we are praying for you and your precious family. Michael touched our lives in a profound way. He will be so missed on this earth. Love you friend.

February 13 at 5:47 PM

MG

Mary C Graves posted:

Mike was one of the nicest and kindest people I have met in my life. I am in shock that he is gone, but I know he is in Heaven with God and Jesus. The people of Bellbrook were lucky to have him as a member of our community. My condolences to his wife and family. My prayers are with you. Mary C. Graves Bellbrook

February 13 at 2:43 PM

RW

Rob & Lupe Wilson posted:

Mike was one of my best friends in the world for many years. We had differences, but they never got in the way of our being Brothers. Our deepest condolences to family and all of Mike & Heather's friends. Rob & Lupe Wilson

February 13 at 1:43 PM

KL

Karen Long posted:

Without hesitation Mike and Heather volunteered with our Sensory Santa event this Christmas. He didn't really know me and welcomed us into his shop and offered help and supplies. He will be greatly missed.

February 13 at 1:42 PM



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CS

Christopher Spivey posted:

Mike was the kind of guy that loved to know everybody, and even if you didn't agree on everything with him he wasn't the type of person to hold it against you. A couple of weeks ago, he asked me to help him with carrying the softener pellets to the basement and that I loved every second of it because it was my chance to serve him after he had done so for everybody in the community. I am still shocked and in disbelief that he is gone, but I know that he is at peace and was loved by everyone. You will be greatly missed Mike.

February 13 at 1:09 PM

JS

John C Stewart posted:

To Heather and Family from your British Cousins. Please accept our sincere condolences xxx

February 13 at 12:29 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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