



## Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell

December 1, 1952 - January 10, 2015

Michael A. "Heavy" "Kess" Kessell, 62, of St. Albans passed away Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston.

He was born December 1, 1952 at Charleston to the late Robert H. and Mary "Tatter" Harrison Kessell. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Charles Bonnet, Bill Kessell and Terry Kessell.

Mike was retired from the Insulators Union # 80, Winfield, where he was loved by brotherly union members who supported him to the end. He was also a graduate of Sissonville High School.

Surviving is his wife: Tami L. Price Kessell; sister, Karen Bryan (Sonny) of Townsend, GA; step-children, Joshua Harrison of Chincoteague Island, VA, Larissa Sauvageot of Hurricane, Chris and Donnie Sauvageot both of Tornado. Also he is survived by 4 grandchildren.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the Calvary Church of the Nazarene, 1113 Lakewood Drive, Sissonville, with Pastor Kevin Walker officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 at the church prior to the memorial service.

You may share memories or condolences with the family at [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Kessell family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Church of the Nazarene  
1113 Lakewood Drive  
Sissonvile, WV 25177  
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## Memorial Service

JAN 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

GS

“ I don't know who might read this 9 years later but Mike was an excellent trumpet player and singer. I played trombone with him in a band called Clear back in the early 70's. I was honored to perform with him he was a great showman. I live in Lexington Ky and did not know of his passing until i googled his name. Very big loss. I regret not trying to find him sooner. Prayers.

**Gary Seckman** - January 16, 2024 at 01:06 PM

TK

Gary,  
Thank you so much for taking time 9 years later. I was with Mike for 15 years. He was A-Unique person. I miss him terribly. He spoke of the band Clear many times and he enjoyed playing. He ended up getting liver cancer and we got the best Dr's or so we were told in the east and we traveled back and forth to Pittsburgh for his treatments and Dr's but it didn't work. So many of the men he worked with through the years came to hospice after the last trip to PA inwhich we were up PA for 3 weeks and then another 4 at hospice here in Charleston. Was so happy they would come to see him but was so awfully sad to see big old boys...some of them rough, with tears coming down their cheeks. He definitely was loved by his many friends. They cried and I bawled seeing them so sad. They knew him well and his shenanigans and his tales, he loved pacing the floor, talking of his earlier days. We had many memories of he and I together and we had lots to laugh about. How i miss him. I have never dated nor remarried because no one could compare to him. I am so glad to have seen that you wrote. I am on Facebook and you are welcome to friend me. My name is Tami Price Sauvageot Kessell on there. Thank you so much. Tami

**Tami Kessell** - July 24, 2024 at 03:34 AM



“ *Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM

KB

“ *"Sonny" Boles (my husband deceased 12/02/02). Was a friend to Mike and I want to say I feel your loss, and I am keeping your family in my prayers!*  
*Peace & Blessings!*

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**karen Boles** - January 17, 2015 at 09:27 PM

AB

“ *Andrea Billups lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell*



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**Andrea Billups** - January 15, 2015 at 04:35 PM

CP

“ *Connie Pitman lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell*



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**Connie Pitman** - January 14, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ *Sydell Scott lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell*



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**Sydell Scott** - January 14, 2015 at 02:47 PM



“ *Misty Bryant Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell*



**Misty Bryant Wilkinson** - January 14, 2015 at 08:25 AM



*Wonderful Memories of Mike, Heavy has we called him. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with your Family. Tami we'll keep you in Our Prayers. Much Love!*

**Misty Bryant Wilkinson** - January 14, 2015 at 08:27 AM



*Thinking of your family Mike and God bless you for the strong battle you fought. I'm sure you held on as long as you could for Tami's sake. Now you can rest peacefully and pain free, as you await the day Tami will follow you home. Meanwhile we shall watch over her for you Mike.*



**Sydell Scott** - January 14, 2015 at 02:52 PM

AB

*Sending love to Mike's family. xo*

**Andrea Billups** - January 15, 2015 at 05:16 PM

CP

“ *Prayers and loving thoughts to all of you.*

*Cookie Van Pelt*



**C L Van Pelt** - January 13, 2015 at 08:05 PM

RP

“ Another classmate has passed....thoughts & prayers for the families. Rest in Heaven, Mike.



Rosemarie Taylor Page - January 13, 2015 at 07:50 AM

CJ

“ Candice Joyce-Brewer lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell



Candice Joyce-Brewer - January 13, 2015 at 06:58 AM

Donna Smith

“ Donna Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell



Donna Smith - January 13, 2015 at 01:36 AM

 Donna Smith

“ I did not really know until these past three weeks the strength and toughness my brother-in-law Mike had in him. He fought a long hard battle with cancer for eight months. But, he never gave up until the very end. I was blessed to witness his passing with my sister Tami in the manner God planned. As the days passed we were able to see him laugh, to cry and even saw that crooked ornery smile of his a few more times. I learned he was not only treasured by us his family members but also union brothers, co-workers and multiple friends. I know that heaven gained a special person the morning God called my "Buddy" home.

Donna Smith - January 13, 2015 at 01:33 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell.



January 12, 2015 at 09:27 PM



“ God Bless Mike! Love you Tami! Sending sympathy, Prayers and Love!

Tina Tye - January 12, 2015 at 08:09 PM



“ Tina Tye lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Allen Kessell



Tina Tye - January 12, 2015 at 08:06 PM

TK

“ Terry and Mike together in the flesh for the last time...Oct 31, 2014 and Nov. 1, 2014. Spending time with family and watching the West Virginia game...Now they are arguing over the football games in Heaven....<3



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terry kessell - January 12, 2015 at 07:15 PM