



## Michael Edward Lanzer

October 2, 1953 - March 9, 2018

Michael Edward Lanzer, 64, of Cambridge, died peacefully on Friday, March 9, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family following a lengthy illness.

Born on October 2, 1953, in Dover, the son of the late Ethel Faye Lanzer and Charles E. Lanzer. Those who will miss him the most are his wife of 35 years, Ann (Douglass) Lanzer, whom he married June 26, 1982, his daughter Kellie Jo (Jason) Roffee, his son Douglas Michael (Katie) Lanzer, his two grandsons Travis Michael Roffee and Maverick Michael Lanzer, all of Cambridge.

Mike was always a hard worker and started working at the age of 12 at the neighbor's farm before and after school. He graduated from New Philadelphia High School in 1972. Most of his working career was in the oil and gas industry, where he started as a Rig Hand and worked every position before becoming Drilling Superintendent and District Manager for several different companies including Cubby Drilling, Adams Well Services, DI Industries and Grey Wolf Drilling. He later fulfilled a lifelong dream of starting a family business, Lanzer Excavating LLC, which his family will continue to operate in Cambridge. He enjoyed being a Cambridge Township Trustee. He was a member of the Ohio Oil & Gas Association and the Quaker City Masonic Lodge. He was a Methodist by faith.

Big Mike, as he was known by many, most enjoyed spending time with his

family. He enjoyed motorcycle rides with his family, highlights being trips to the Smoky Mountains and Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. He loved hosting the Valley Hog Roasts. For years, the family spent weekends travelling the state and country where he supported his kids racing quads along with being their mechanic. Mike could run/fix any piece of equipment or truck. When nothing was going right, all it needed was the "Big Mike Touch." He spent endless hours in the garage/shop hanging out with the boys and always working on a project while thinking of the next one. He enjoyed finding old cars and fixing them up. Mike and Ann enjoyed cruising in his 1965 GMC truck where a simple trip for ice cream would turn into several hours driving around the countryside.

Also surviving are his brother-in-law, Joseph Douglass of Cambridge and sister-in-law, Thelma Lanzer of New Philadelphia. Nieces and nephews, Patricia Lanzer Doby of New Philadelphia, Kathy (Keith) Lanzer of New Philadelphia, Charlie (Jamie) Lanzer of Uhrichsville, Jeffrey Lanzer Jr. of New Philadelphia and Craig and Kim Fisher; 10 great nieces and nephews, Michael, John, Aly, Desi, Logan, Charlie, Elena, Tim, Blake and Jayli; great-great niece and nephews and half-brother James (Sally) Fisher of New Philadelphia. He was also preceded in death by his younger brother, Jeffrey Lanzer, great nephew Joseph, great niece Brooke and great-great nephew Michael Jr.; half-brothers Howard and Carl Lanzer and half-sisters Betty Medley and Mary Weller.

Visitation will be on Monday, March 12, 2018 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home from 4 to 7 pm and on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 10 am to 11 am with the service at 11 am. Pastor Eddie Warne will officiate the service with burial following in Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Guernsey County Cancer Society / 927 E. Wheeling Avenue , Suite 205 / Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Mike's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Center Cemetery

St. Rt. 22 East of Cambridge (Cadiz Road)  
Center, OH 43725

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home  
120 North 11th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
(740) 432-5705  
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. Steve and Carol Best



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**Carol Best** - March 16, 2018 at 06:15 PM

LT

“ Ann, Kellie & Doug-  
I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. What a wonderful family with two great children.  
You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Lori Taylor*

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**Lori Taylor** - March 14, 2018 at 09:02 PM

CR

“ Scott and I are so sorry to hear about your sweet husband, Ann.  
Sending thoughts and prayers to you, your family, and friends.  
Cindy Ries

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**Cindy Ries** - March 14, 2018 at 06:53 PM

LK

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one.

*Larry and Carol Kotoff*



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**Larry Kotoff** - March 13, 2018 at 08:14 AM

MJ

“ Ann, Kellie and Doug and families,  
We cannot even begin to say how much you  
have all touched our lives. We are so sorry to  
hear about Mike. You are all in our thoughts  
and prayers---  
Love---Joey & Mel-Joey& Lane-Bobby & Jess--Mallory & Lee and  
IsaBella



Mel Johnston - March 12, 2018 at 08:07 PM

AS

“ Ann, So sorry for your loss. I know words can not help the sorrow.  
Just know you and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. May  
the Lord see you through your time of need. God Bless

Jeff & Amy Stevens

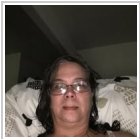
Amy Stevens - March 12, 2018 at 07:29 PM

MC

“ Mark & Robin Clark lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Edward Lanzer



Mark & Robin Clark - March 12, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ Will miss you daddo!!  
Till we meet again!! 🙏  
I know you will b shakin your head at me n Steven up there

Shari Richardson - March 12, 2018 at 03:35 PM

JT

“ My heart goes out to all of you. I will always remember sitting around the fires with Mike and Jack and the group and listening to the laughter and seeing the smiles. They were an incredible group of men that are and will be missed by so many. Until we all meet again, may the memories we hold in our hearts never fade and help carry us through the journey ahead.

Joy Tilton - March 12, 2018 at 02:30 PM

SF

“ Secret Family lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Lanzer



Secret Family - March 12, 2018 at 09:28 AM

TF

“ The Secret Family lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Lanzer



The Secret Family - March 12, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Lanzer.



March 12, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Lanzer.*



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March 12, 2018 at 09:04 AM



“ *sorry for your loss I have a lot of good memories with Mike and Jeff and Adams Well Service and and cubby lot of good memories will never forgetting him*

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**Harry slevin** - March 11, 2018 at 11:37 PM



“ *NEVER A KINDER SOUL. MIKE WILL BE FONDLY REMEMBERED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. I WILL CHERISH MY MEMORIES AS WELL. MY CONDOLENCES TO ANN, KELLIE, DOUG AND ALL THE FAMILY. MAY GOD'S WILL PROVIDE COMFORT PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING, TODAY AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD. SENDING OUR LOVE, THE TRACY FAMILY.*

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**LISA TRACY PROSSER & FAMILY** - March 11, 2018 at 11:28 PM



“ *Ann I am sending you my condolences and love. Mike was a terrific guy. May your memories be beautiful and everlasting.*



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**Teresa Brenning** - March 11, 2018 at 11:15 PM

CB

“ Ann, thinking of you and your family in this time of loss. May the treasured memories comfort you and may Mike's legacy be seen on the loving faces of your kids, and grand kids. Sending hugs to you, Crystal Brandfass

Crystal Brandfass - March 11, 2018 at 08:40 PM

JE

“ Ann and family, so sorry for your lost. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Good memories of days at the park for baseball games when the kids were growing up. May you feel God's loving arms holding you tight in the tough days ahead.

Judy Ellwood - March 11, 2018 at 08:09 PM

MM

“ Mike and Ann were like second parents to my son Tom, friend of Doug's. Lots of fun times. Good friends. Great people. The Matheson's send their prayers and love.

Melinda Matheson - March 11, 2018 at 07:04 PM

GD

“ Sorry for your loss , but he has fought a long battle will miss his laugh as young men ,he was always he was a good freind worked with him and Jeff at Adams ,Cubby Gene Deets



Gene Deets - March 11, 2018 at 04:51 PM

CB

“ Doug and Kellie— from experience-the pain of losing your father is indescribable. That hole in your heart is real and eventually the shaking in your gut goes away. You will never live a day without thinking of him and wishing for “one more day”. The peace comes in knowing that he is with you , at peace, in your soul forever and ever and you will be greeted by him again with that great “Big Mike” smile .

Ann—. I cannot begin to imagine your pain! You are surrounded by loving family and friends to hold you up during this horrific time- find peace in the arms of the angels and know that Mike is in the middle of their circle telling jokes, convincing them that he can be one of them and giving them a hard time! Hugs to all of you!!

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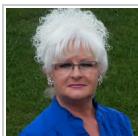
**cndy baker** - March 11, 2018 at 10:53 AM

PH

“ Ann, Kelly, and Doug:  
You and your family are in my prayers. May God give you the strength and comfort during this time.  
Peggy Harriman

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**Peggy Harriman** - March 11, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ Reva Morris Bailey lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Edward Lanzer



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**Reva Morris Bailey** - March 11, 2018 at 08:53 AM

TR

“ I will fondly remember Adam’s well service, Mike, Jeff and you Ann. Prayers your way. Tia Rex.

Tia Rex - March 11, 2018 at 08:52 AM

LD

“ Laura Dudley lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Lanzer



Laura Dudley - March 11, 2018 at 07:15 AM

CS

“ Crissy Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Lanzer



Crissy Smith - March 11, 2018 at 06:15 AM

SW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a kind man. You have an amazing family.

Sheryl Weber - March 10, 2018 at 10:35 PM

LC

“ Dear Sweet Ann and your family, I have known you all of your life and I am so very sorry that this has happened to you and your family. Mike was too young to be gone so soon. I also know you are a strong woman and you are a Survivor. God Bless you and yours. Love you, Lucille Wyscarver Christman.

Lucille Christman - March 10, 2018 at 08:28 PM

BH

Sorry I never knew Mike. He sounded like a a very nice person and so glad he had such a wonderful wife to have seen him through the rough times

Barbara Hough - March 11, 2018 at 08:36 AM

Sandy Presnell

“ Sandy Presnell lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Lanzer



Sandy Presnell - March 10, 2018 at 06:44 PM

Sandy Presnell

So sorry Ann.

Sandy Presnell - March 10, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Lanzer.



March 10, 2018 at 05:04 PM

CH

“ Have asked your Guardian Angels to keep vigil with you during your time of loss. Prayers and love sent to you.



Cheri Harding - March 10, 2018 at 01:55 PM

EK

“ Evelyn King lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Lanzer



Evelyn King - March 10, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Lanzer.



March 10, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ Karen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Lanzer



Karen Thomas - March 10, 2018 at 07:09 AM



*I am so sorry Ann and your family may you have comfort in knowing he's not in suffering and free from pain. Sincerely yours Karen Thomas*  
🙏❤️

**Karen Thomas** - March 10, 2018 at 07:10 AM



*My deepest sympathy. I worked with Mike while I was employed at Crown Drilling. He was a very kind man.*

**Shelley Walker** - March 10, 2018 at 08:16 AM



*Ann & Family, So sorry to hear of Mike's passing! God will be with you in your time of grief! Sincerely, Anita Adams, John & Shanda!*

**Anita Adams** - March 10, 2018 at 08:56 AM



*So very sad to learn of Cousin Mike's passing. Heartfelt thoughts and prayers to family during this time and to all whose lives Mike had touched. May he eternally rest in peace!*

**Lester Lute** - March 10, 2018 at 09:45 AM



*I am so sorry Ann & family, to hear of Mike's passing. May your happy memories of him bring you comfort and peace in the coming days. God Bless.*

**Evelyn King** - March 10, 2018 at 09:54 AM



*Our deepest sympathy, Gerald and Denise Denius*

**Denise Denius** - March 10, 2018 at 06:34 PM



*Ann, Kelly and Doug, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Ann I pray for peace and comfort for you and the kids.*

**Jessie Urdak Carpenter** - March 12, 2018 at 01:20 PM

MC

*Ann, I'm thinking of you and your family .my heart is with you and Jeff and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. You are a special friend and I want you to know what a wonderful family you have. God will carry you through this.love you.....*

*Jeff and Marcia carpenter*

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**Marcia carpenter** - March 16, 2018 at 12:20 AM