



Michael Ryan Bond

September 28, 1971 - August 12, 2024

Michael Ryan Bond, 52, of Augusta, Montana, passed away on Monday, August 12, 2024, at his mother and stepfather's home – enveloped in the love of his mom, sister and cousin – following a valiant battle with cancer.

Mike was born in Missoula, Montana, on September 28, 1971, the son of William “Bill” Bond and Carol (Hanson) Troy. In 1972 Bill and Carol moved to Iron Mountain, Michigan, where Bill went to work in the family-owned business, “Bond Decorating,” which was established by Mike's great-grandfather. Mike was raised in Iron Mountain and was fortunate to grow up in a tight-knit Italian family.

A proud Yooper, Mike graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1990. While in high school, he played football and wrestled and was known to his friends and community as “Bondo,” “#73” and “The Avalanche.” Sports played an important role in his life, and Mike was very proud of being named the U.P. Michigan Athlete of the Year and Iron Mountain's Lineman of the Year Award. Mike earned a full-ride football scholarship to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where he played for the Titans as #73. While he was there – after a notable six years – he also earned a bachelor's degree in biology.

After college Mike worked in construction for many years, from the high rises of Chicago to the forested terrain of western Montana. In 2009 he made the

move back to Montana, where he was on the Bridge Division for Sletten Construction with projects that took him throughout the Big Sky State. He was a proud member of the Laborers' International Union of North America.

Affectionately known in Montana as "Big Mike," Mike was a loyal and true friend. He excelled at building relationships and cherished his friendships. Mike had a quick sense of humor, a kind heart and a boisterous laugh. He valued family, both his immediate and extended, and always made it a priority to be present, from game nights to weddings and holidays.

While his life was shorter than we would have liked, he filled it with work, play, road trips and more. Mike enjoyed hunting, telling stories, eating good food (and had a sweet tooth that was unrivaled), going to the family cottage, enjoying the water and helping at his stepdad's farm and ranch. When he wasn't working his day job, he could be seen cruising the farm in a truck or side-by-side, feeding cows, helping with calving and soaking up life along the Rocky Mountain Front.

Mike lived his life to the fullest and had no regrets. A committed and proud Catholic, he was content with a life well lived and considered every day a blessing. He was at peace at the end of his earthly journey and looked forward to seeing Jesus again.

Mike is survived by his mother Carol and stepfather Pat Troy; his father Bill and stepmother Rita Bond; sister Stayce and brother-in-law Adam Rhodes; niece Keona and nephew Gavin; stepsiblings Patty Troy Howland, Tia Troy, Nick Troy, Angela Rhodes and David Peterson; as well as beloved step-nephews and step-nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 9-10:45 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services

will be held immediately following at 11 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Fr. Mark McQuesten will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will take place at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to Gift of Life Housing in Great Falls, Montana. <https://www.benefis.org/benefis-foundation/support-a-cause/gift-of-life-housing/>

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
408 Prospect Ave,
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

KS

“ So very sorry to about the loss of Bondo!! He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My thoughts are will his family during this difficult time.*Kristi Gill Solda--Class of 90*

kristi solda - August 31, 2024 at 01:26 PM

DG

To Rita, Bill and family....our sincere sympathy for your loss. Sending love and prayers your way! Debbie and Tom Gursky

Debbie and Tom Gursky - August 31, 2024 at 01:34 PM

GS

“ So sorry to hear of Bondo's passing. He was a great young man. I coached him at UWO and he was great player and good person. My prayers are with his family and friends. *Gary Simonsen*

Gary Simonsen - August 30, 2024 at 11:05 AM

JS

“ Thank you big Mike for the wonderful time you and I spent packing out your loin. Also all the time we chewed the fat over all the different calibers we like and all the football stats you knew. I am beyond words of what to say. Rest in piece my friend.

JR Schneider - August 21, 2024 at 09:47 AM

CP

“ Richard and I are so sorry for the loss of your dear son. What a comfort that you were able to have him home with the family before his passing. May the Holy Spirit console you during this time of grieving.

Carla L Perea - August 20, 2024 at 08:08 AM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. Bondo was and always will be remembered as Bondo. Our prayers are with you and your entire family 🙏🙏🙏. Cheryl and John Fuse

John Fuse - August 19, 2024 at 08:49 PM

MA

“ My heartfelt condolences to Mike’s extended family. I got to know Big Mike through his work with the Sletten Bridge Division in Montana. Big Mike stood out through his leadership, intelligence, attitude and work ethic. I count Big Mike among my friends and know he will be missed.



Mike Anderson - August 19, 2024 at 05:26 PM

CT

Thank you so much for the pictures and your thoughts on Mike!❤️. He loved working with Sletten and made so many friends with the people that he worked with. Many of you kept in touch with him throughout his 4+ years battle with cancer even though he could no longer work with you guys. He talked fondly of so many of you and I hope that some of you can make it to Augusta on Saturday to help share memories and say goodbye.

carol troy - August 19, 2024 at 07:39 PM

RT

“ Bill and Rita, Rich and I were shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of your son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this tragic time. May God be with you and bless you always.

Rich and Judy Titus - August 19, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Ryan Bond.*



August 18, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *Sarax2, Shareen, Shelly, Sandy, Cath, Kirt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Ryan Bond.*

Sarax2, Shareen, Shelly, Sandy, Cath, Kirt - August 18, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *Bill and Rita. I am so sorry for the loss of your son. May he rest in peace. 🙏*



Mary Jo Trepanier - August 17, 2024 at 12:17 PM

CT

“ 6 files added to the album Montana



carol Troy - August 17, 2024 at 01:14 AM

VH

“ I'm going to miss you so much❤️. Three summers ago when you were two years into your cancer journey, and I believe your spiritual journey, you shared with me your confidence in your salvation and your faith in what Jesus had actually done for us on the cross. Your testimony is helping me now get through your leaving us too soon as I am sure others as well. You were a free spirit here, but now I see you free from all human limitations dwelling in your 'new place'. You were a man of love, unfailing hope, Compassion, persistence and joy. I'm so proud to have been your auntie.



V hanson - August 16, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Ryan Bond.



August 16, 2024 at 06:56 PM

FD

“ *From Kari and Kurt Dabb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Ryan Bond.*

From Kari and Kurt Dabb - August 16, 2024 at 06:56 PM