



## Michael Davidson Wheeler

February 17, 1986 - April 12, 2020

Michael Davidson Wheeler

Age 34, of Park Falls, died unexpectedly on Sunday April 12, 2020. He was born on February 17, 1986 in Ashland, the son of James and Vera “Jean” (Geng) Wheeler. Michael graduated from the Phillips High School in 2004. He worked for 14 years as a Zookeeper in Melbourne, FL. He returned to Park Falls in 2018 and worked for Boyd’s Mason Lake Resort. All through school he was in wrestling, football, track, and loved choir, playing guitar and his two beloved cats.

He is survived by:

his parents James and Jean Wheeler of Park Falls

his sister Jennifer Wheeler of Phillips

his brother Jon (Courtney) Wheeler of Coon Rapids, MN

(2)nieces: Clara and Gianna

and aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday September 2, 2022 at Birch Street Funeral Service Chapel in Park Falls. Rev. Pierce Klemmt will officiate.

A visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1:00pm until the hour of the

service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service  
350 Birch Street  
Park Falls, WI 54552  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Davidson Wheeler*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Mike and I used to be sparring mates in wrestling practice. He was a great kid with unlimited energy and always brought a great attitude to practice. I wish his family the best through this difficult time.*

**Zach B** - April 20, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**Shirley Kennedy** - April 17, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ *Jim, Vera and Family*  
*i just heard the heartbreaking news that your son has passed away. Please accept my deepest condolences. Know that you have my sincere sympathies in this difficult time.*

*Love*

*Laura Tomaszewski*

**Laura Tomaszewski** - April 17, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Davidson Wheeler.*



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April 15, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ *Mikey. I can't believe he is gone. I remember coming to the zoo for my interview and meeting him. He had a sparkle in his beautiful eyes and a welcoming smile. Like someone else said, he did give the best hugs: like you were the most important person at that moment. He always made me laugh with his shenanigans, but let me see his vulnerable side at times too which were just as important. Even tho I moved away a long time ago, last time I saw him it was like it was yesterday.*

*My thoughts are with family and friends. He touched many lives. My heart has a black spot on it for the loss of his spark, but I will keep him in my memories.*

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**Kim Morrell** - April 15, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *I grew up wrestling Mike. We had many matches against each other. My heart goes out to all the Wheelers in this difficult time. Thoughts and Prayers*

*Danny Cypher, Medford*

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**Danny Cypher** - April 15, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ *Jim, Vera and family. My heart goes out to all of you. I still remember Mike and Jeff fighting over the rocking horse. Sending Love and Prayers to all.*

*Love Always  
Auntie LouAnn Blade and family*

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**LouAnn Blade** - April 15, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Thinking of your family during this sad and difficult time. Karen Voss, Andy and Amy Voss, and Patrick McManamon.*

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**Karen Voss** - April 15, 2020 at 02:22 PM



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**Michelle** - April 15, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *Michelle S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Michael Davidson Wheeler.*



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**Michelle S.** - April 15, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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**Michelle** - April 15, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Michael Davidson Wheeler.



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April 15, 2020 at 12:03 PM

BP

“ Mike trained me in the contact yard when I first arrived at the Brevard Zoo. He made love to learn about the animals in our care, and always made me laugh. He had a kind and generous heart. He was a true friend. I am sad that he is gone, but the memories of him will live on in my heart.

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**BrandiAnn Pagano** - April 14, 2020 at 07:46 PM

KS

“ Mike was a great friend and a wonderful person. He had a real passion for zookeeping, and was quick to make new friends. He'd frequently take the Errol (owl) out for walks around the zoo. My favorite story is when he had a small child come up to a crowd around him and shouted “he's not a rockstar- just a guy with a bird on his arm”. Mike had such a great sense of humor he'd retell that story all the time.

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**Kimberly Skelton** - April 14, 2020 at 03:53 PM

KW

“ Mike was a great guy and even better friend through good times and bad. He will be missed.  
RIP Mike 💖💖

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**Kathy Woods** - April 14, 2020 at 03:21 PM

RD

So sorry to hear this! My condolences go out to all!

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**Rich Draxler** - April 14, 2020 at 08:30 PM

KM

“ He always gave the BEST hugs and had this amazing way of making me smile no matter what💖

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**Kelsey Mikolajczyk** - April 14, 2020 at 02:25 PM

JC

“ I lived with mike and lance back at the house in Palm Bay after Tom moved out. There are so many things I want to say. I wish I could go back in time and relive one more night hanging out on that back porch together. He was there for me through some of my hardest moments in my life and I could never thank him enough for being such a caring person.

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**Jamie Cox** - April 14, 2020 at 02:21 PM

WD

“ My last memory of Mike was just sitting on the porch of our cabin telling stories about life and laughing our asses off. What an amazing person. Rest In Peace Mikey.

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**Wes Dawson** - April 14, 2020 at 01:13 PM

DA

“ Mike, you were like another brother to me, you were apart of my family. You were truly an amazing, genuine, caring, loving guy. Your smile and laugh was contagious. I love you & I will forever miss you.

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**Dana** - April 14, 2020 at 12:31 PM

BM

“ Mike, was dear friend and he was like a son to me. He lived with me in Melbourne, Fl and called me Mom. My family loved him. And we are just heartbroken over this! Praying for his family!

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**Brenda Muskas** - April 14, 2020 at 11:38 AM

DJ

“ It is with a broken heart that we reach out to your family. I cannot express our sympathies to your family. Please know we love you and our prayers for you all will be said for comfort we loved you always. Time may have kept us apart, but not our love for all of you. May God bless you with His mercy at this time.



David and Jeannie Campbell 🙏🙏🙏

Dave & Jeab - April 13, 2020 at 09:30 PM

KP

“ Mike was such a wonderful friend in high school and made math class fun. I always enjoyed his posts on Facebook from when he lived in Florida. I'm very happy we got sometime to visit since he's been back. I'm going to deeply miss him. I'm really going to miss asking Jenny how Mike is doing. She would light up and get a big smile when she talked about her brother. Hugs to his family.

Katie (Tyrrell) Philippon - April 13, 2020 at 08:12 PM

April Walsh

“ Kylee and Shaelynn loved Mikey. They climbed all over him every chance they could when we visited last summer. He spent hours that week showing them pictures of zoo animals on his phone. He had a big, sweet heart. So sorry for the early loss of a good soul.

April Walsh - April 13, 2020 at 05:30 PM

SS

Mike was such a good friend to our son Jeff. Always had such fun when they were together. Very kind, happy, and with a huge heart. So sorry for the loss of such a wonderful young man.

Sue Schneider - April 13, 2020 at 08:41 PM

JP

*Thoughts and Prayers to all of you! I know Jenny loved her brother very much and will miss him dearly. Prayes that God may give this family comfort and help them all find comfort through Gods love. Jenny know your brother will always be with you and watching over you from Heaven!*

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**Joyce Potter** - April 13, 2020 at 10:15 PM

GG

*Jim and family...I have no words ....God bless ..Mike Grassel*

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**Gail Grassel** - April 15, 2020 at 10:43 AM

RJ

*Our sympathy in a time of deep loss. Experienced a similar loss when our son died nearly 11 yrs ago about the same age. : ( No words can express enough compassion to heal the sorrow. rob & diane brandt*

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**rob brandt jr** - April 18, 2020 at 08:21 AM