



## Michael John Bentley

January 25, 1996 - February 8, 2016

Michael John Bentley, 20 a lifelong Perry resident, died Monday February 8, 2016 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born January 25, 1996 in Cleveland.

Little Mike worked for his grandpa along with his father at D.B. Bentley Excavating in Painesville. He was a 2014 graduate of Perry High School, and attended Auburn Career Center in the Welding Program. He grew up in the Perry area playing all types of various youth sports. He enjoyed 4 wheeling, snowmobiling, and was passionate about spending time with his friends and family.

Survivors include his father: Michael J. Bentley, mother: Melissa (Dale Newman) Bentley, sister: Marissa Bentley, grandparents: Dennis (Dottie) Bentley, Gloria Devins, Gary (Debbie) Mizenko and Michael (Francis) Ebling, aunts & uncles: Ronnie (Heather) Bentley, Nick "Bubba" (Morgan) Bentley, Dorothy Bentley, Michael (Patricia) Ebling, Meredith Bennington, Jennifer (Ozzie) Mercado and Paul Mizenko, cousins: Dylan, Hannah, Josh, Sarah, Mackenzie, Joseph and Deborah.

Preceding Michael in death is his grandmother: Deborah Mizenko.

The funeral service will be 11 am Friday February 12, 2016 at Brunner

Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue,  
Mentor, OH.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 3 - 8 pm at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Perry Cemetery, Perry.

The family request contributions may be made to Perry Recreational Center in  
Michael Bentley's Memory, P.O. Box 491 Perry, OH. 44081.

Thank you to all that have prayed and thought of us; may we all find peace  
and strength in letting go. Life is a gift.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Twp. Cemetery

3840 Middle Ridge Rd.  
Perry Twp., OH 44081  
(440) 259-3963

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



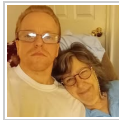
“ I'll miss you buddy well see each other again I'll always remember the times welding class ruled auburn and you tryed to hook me up with every girl during lunch hahaha God bless you buddy

**Brennen Shea** - February 16, 2016 at 01:11 PM

DB

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**dorothy bentley** - February 17, 2016 at 08:37 AM



*I am so sorry this happened. Everything is in God's hands. I have asked numerous people to pray for your family. I love you all. If I known earlier I may been able to be with you. I am with you in my prayers. Love you greatly. Aunt Dorothy*

**Dotty Simmons** - February 21, 2016 at 01:42 PM

JY

“ Dennis,  
I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and payers are with you and your family.  
Judy Yohe



**judy yohe** - February 13, 2016 at 01:29 PM

FA

“ Faith lit a candle in memory of Michael John Bentley



**Faith** - February 12, 2016 at 05:50 PM

CJ

“ You had the greatest laugh, brightest smile,  
and a sparkle in your eye always....rest  
peacefully you sweet, sweet child.



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**Chris James** - February 12, 2016 at 03:51 PM

JP

“ *Melissa: I last saw your little Mike as a toddler. My how he grew up to be a handsome young man. I've thought of your mom thru the years. I loved her dearly. She was so proud of her children and grand children. Mark (Bondurant) your schoolmate and my son, send our thoughts of sympathy to you and your family. Joan Petrus, Chardon, and Mark Bondurant, Painesville*



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**Joan Petrus** - February 11, 2016 at 11:19 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.*



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February 11, 2016 at 01:13 PM

DU

“ My heart breaks for the loss of Michael. I pray God will find a way to help Mike, Missy, and Marissa get through this time. I find comfort knowing his grandmother, Debbie, was awaiting him with open arms. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*With love,  
Aunt Darlene and Uncle Ronnie*

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**Darlene Upton** - February 11, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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February 11, 2016 at 09:40 AM

MF

“ Mike Sorine and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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**Mike Sorine and Family** - February 11, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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February 11, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.*



February 11, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.*



February 11, 2016 at 08:10 AM



“ *I was fortunate and lucky enough to have Mike as a student during his senior year. He was a total goofball and had the charisma and personality that lit up the room each and every day. He never failed at getting me to crack a smile or laugh at times when I was angry with the class (or him!) He will not be forgotten.*

*Allison Jericho*

**Allison Jericho** - February 11, 2016 at 06:50 AM



“ *Jeff and Ericka Perry purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael John Bentley.*



**Jeff and Ericka Perry** - February 11, 2016 at 06:41 AM

BT

“ So Mike asked if he could cut through our yard on his ATV and his golf cart to get to his grand parents house and friends on Evergreen. I said yes but not to use the same path and not tear the yard up.

So one summer night I hear him coming through the field hitting hard, then I hear him hit my property line and he putts his way through and soon as he is off my yard/property I her him gun it hard.

He never made a rutt or wore a path through our yard. Good kid.

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**Bryce and Sherry Tischer** - February 11, 2016 at 06:02 AM

DB

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**dorothy bentley** - February 17, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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February 11, 2016 at 04:28 AM

SV

“ Remembering the distinct smirk and smile Mike always had on his face emits a saddened warmth. When I moved in as a next door neighbor he was nothing but welcoming and enthusiastic. He took my brother and I on rides in the family golf cart in the acres of North Perry back yards. One could easily tell that Mike was raised right, he had such a charm and politeness about him from the early age of eleven when I first met him. I have fond memories of looking out my window and seeing the outdoor shenanigans that would commence next door. Many entertaining bus rides as well... His laugh will easily and endlessly echo our acoustic memories. My deepest and most sincere condolences to the Bentley family...

Shannon Vrabec - February 10, 2016 at 11:12 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.



February 10, 2016 at 10:24 PM

KF

“ Krug Family (Roger, Sharon, Roger, Ed) & Seay (Tracy) Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael John Bentley.



**Krug Family (Roger, Sharon, Roger, Ed) & Seay (Tracy) Family** - February 10, 2016 at 10:11 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.* ”



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February 10, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ *The McCallister family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael John Bentley.* ”



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**The McCallister family** - February 10, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ *Chris & Lorrie Katona purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Michael John Bentley.* ”



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**Chris & Lorrie Katona** - February 10, 2016 at 04:09 PM



“ *The Huggins and Vicini families purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Michael John Bentley.* ”



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**The Huggins and Vicini families** - February 10, 2016 at 03:13 PM

ME

“ *Melissa,  
I can remember Michael coming to the gym with you and remembering him as such a charming boy. I am so sorry to hear of this tragedy. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. God bless all of you.  
Marie Eatough*

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**Marie Eatough** - February 10, 2016 at 02:22 PM

LB

“ *Dear Michael and Missy:  
Gloria and I are shocked and saddened with the loss of Michael. Our condolence to everyone. We still recall when we visited you guys little mike was running thru the house full of energy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Aunt Gloria and Leonard*

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**leonard benden** - February 10, 2016 at 02:15 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.*



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February 10, 2016 at 01:45 PM

GF

“ Grandpa Gary, Debbie and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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**Grandpa Gary, Debbie and family** - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

KO

“ Mike was one of the craziest and sweetest guys I've ever met. One memory I will never forget was one night when I was home alone I was totally convinced that somebody had broken into my house because the power went out, so the first thing I did was call Mike to ask him to call the police (we were neighbors so I knew he could tell them my address) and probably less than two minutes later, Mike and a bunch of his friends showed up to my house with bats and other random "weapons" just to tell me that nobody was there and that the power was out on our whole street. Definitely one of the most fun and loving people I've ever met.

*My deepest condolences to your entire family. Thank you for all the crazy memories, you will never be forgotten.*

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**Katrina Osborne** - February 10, 2016 at 09:15 AM

AP

“ Melissa and Mike and family we are so deeply saddened for your loss 🙏🙏🙏 with you and your family. Love the Phelps



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**Anne Phelps** - February 10, 2016 at 09:05 AM

GF

“ Granddad and Frances purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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**Granddad and Frances** - February 10, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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February 10, 2016 at 08:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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February 10, 2016 at 07:20 AM

LS

“ Lynne Schulze purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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**Lynne Schulze** - February 10, 2016 at 07:18 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.*



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February 10, 2016 at 07:14 AM



“ *please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son. though I didn't know Michael I wanted to let you know I am thinking of your family and am so sorry for your loss. until we are all together again, never to be separated.*

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**linda zastawny** - February 10, 2016 at 07:03 AM



“ *sorry for your loss keith mccloskey and family*



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**keith mccloskey** - February 10, 2016 at 06:40 AM



“ *Tammy Palanca lit a candle in memory of Michael John Bentley*



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**Tammy Palanca** - February 10, 2016 at 06:20 AM

 Tammy Palanca

“ Mike and Melissa,  
There are no words. Sorry, isn't enough. The closest I can come to is, "We love you and are praying for you all".  
xoxox  
Tammy and Luca Palanca

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**Tammy Palanca** - February 10, 2016 at 06:16 AM

SF

“ So very very sorry for your loss! Sending all of the family and friends hugs and prayers!!!  
Leon, Joey and Katie Shirring 4H

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**Shirring Family** - February 10, 2016 at 04:29 AM

JP

“ Mike & Melissa,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine what you are going through. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.

Jim (Duke) Pauley & Family

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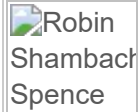
**Jim Pauley** - February 09, 2016 at 10:36 PM

NN

“ such a goofy kid always bringing the energy at the cfc b ball courts  
rip bro.

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**no name** - February 09, 2016 at 09:55 PM



“ I ran into Mike and a bunch of his buddies at the store about four years ago. I came home and told my husband Mayo what a great kid he was. He made a point to come up to me at the store (after not seeing him for a few years) and said "you're Mayo's wife right? Do you know who I'am?" I said "I sure do!" He gave me a big hug and we talked for quite a while! I only hope my boys will be that respectful at that age, with their buddies when they see their parents friends! Be proud Mike and Melissa for the kind and respectful man you raised.

To Mike, Melissa, Marissa, Dennis,  
Dottie, Ronnie, Heather, Bubba, Dorothy and the rest of the family.  
We're so incredibly sorry for your loss and our hearts ache with you.  
Please take those beautiful memories and help them guide you through this tragic time.

With Love,  
The Spences,  
Mayo, Robin, Tyler and Trevor

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**Robin Shambach Spence** - February 09, 2016 at 09:09 PM

Our prayers go out to the Bentley family! MAY YOU SOME HOW FIND PEACE GOD BLESS TIM & DEBBIE CAIN

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**Tim & Deb Cain** - February 09, 2016 at 10:54 PM

MR

“ That smile!! Driving by the house all hours blowing the horn. If we were out side, he would always stop to BS and he would always shake Ricks hand. What a young gentleman. He came over on atv's, snowmobile's, cars, trucks,even a broken down golf cart.He helped Rick and myself a lot the last couple of years. Dropping off dirt, Mike and Brett spent at least an hour getting us out of the snow last year, moving the hottub, Jarred and Mike moving our furniture. He was always willing to lend a hand. My best memory is: I was walking on Lockwood and Mike and Mason were riding toward me in a golf cart, they stopped, next thing this cart is on fire, Mike takes off his shirt and puts the fire out. Gets back on the cart and drives away. I will also miss him driving up the curb while I was walking just to say hi. Mike and Melissa you raised a fine young man who was very giving , hardworking,and respectful. Michael -I will miss you dearly. Thank you for all the memories. You will not be forgotten. Rick And Mary Ann

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Mary Ann Rideout - February 09, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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February 09, 2016 at 08:14 PM

PO

“ Michael was in elementary school and I was his bus driver. It was Halloween and I told all my students to bring me their Reese cups. I was kidding, but Michael brought me his. He must of liked me.....lol.

Then to watch him go through high school cuz I was in the lunchroom all 4 years to watch him grow from boy to man. He will always be in my memories and they are all good ones. He will be truly missed.

For his parents, Melissa and Mike, I am so very sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine what your going through. But know this, you raised a very nice young man and you should be proud of him. Good or bad, right or wrong, he was your son.

Marissa, I am so sorry for your loss of your brother, I too have lost a sibling and it tough at any age. Just know there is a bond between siblings that no one can replace or take away. Always remember the good times, the laughs, the jokes, the times you both drove your parents crazy, those are the good memories.

God bless you all. Every time you think you seen something or felt something, you probably did. Michael will be there watching over you all.

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**Paula Osborne** - February 09, 2016 at 08:00 PM

DJ

“ Denny, Tiffany, Maddie, Emmie and Justin purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Michael John Bentley.



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**Denny, Tiffany, Maddie, Emmie and Justin** - February 09, 2016 at 07:34 PM

Jamie  
Ries

“ Love you db. We are praying for your entire family. Love: Jamie, Andy, Madden, and Ryan xoxo



Jamie Ries - February 09, 2016 at 07:26 PM

BM

“ To Missy and the entire family, we are saddened by your loss. Though we did not get to spend a lot of time with Michael, every time we did, we were impressed with what a fine young man he was, and that he was a loving son. We pray that your love for him and your memories help ease your pain and that God gives you peace in the coming days. With much love,



Aunt Bonnie & Uncle George Mizenko  
Virginia Beach, VA

Bonnie Mizenko - February 09, 2016 at 07:15 PM

VA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep Michael in our prayers.

Fred and Virginia Fulton, Mentor, Ohio

virginia & Fred afulton - February 09, 2016 at 07:13 PM

TF

“ *The Hollingshead Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Michael John Bentley.*



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**The Hollingshead Family** - February 09, 2016 at 06:45 PM

MP

“ *So sorry for your lose. My thoughts are with you Dennis, Dotty, Gloria and rest of the Bentley family.*

*Marcia Pirc*

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**marcia pirc** - February 09, 2016 at 06:21 PM

JE

*Melissa and Mike our hearts are heavy with pain and disbelief. Prayers to your whole family.*

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**Jennifer Edmiston** - February 09, 2016 at 07:13 PM

JS

“ *Melissa and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I will be keeping you all up in prayers. My deepest condolences to you. I am sending you my love from Michigan.*

*Julie*

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**Julie Sanchez** - February 09, 2016 at 05:49 PM

PR

“ *So terribly sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

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**Patti Rathbun** - February 09, 2016 at 05:33 PM

LR

“ Thoughts and prayers



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**Iori Rulong** - February 09, 2016 at 05:11 PM

MK

“ Deapest sympathy to the Bentley family, particularly Michael's Mom, Melissa. Words can never be enough, but know that we are here for you if you need us. See you soon...Love, Mike & Trudy Koons

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**Mike Koons** - February 09, 2016 at 05:08 PM

AS

“ So very sorry to hear of this loss for your family..Prayers for peace in the midst. Ann Sutch

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**Ann Sutch** - February 09, 2016 at 04:52 PM

TF

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers



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**The Lawler family** - February 09, 2016 at 04:34 PM

BW

“ Good Memories with little Mike at the Bennington's farm! Ride um' Cowboy!!!! Such a wonderful boy, you will be greatly missed my friend. Sending prayers to the family, our hearts ache with you!  
Ronnie and Billee Walker



Billee Walker - February 09, 2016 at 03:37 PM

MR

“ Mindy Renick lit a candle in memory of  
Michael John Bentley



Mindy Renick - February 09, 2016 at 03:35 PM

MR

Lots of love and prayers. We are deeply saddened by your loss.  
Mindy&Pete Renick, Melody&Brad Peltoma, Nicole Barbarino

Mindy Renick - February 09, 2016 at 03:49 PM

Tim  
Mctaggart

“ The McTaggart Family sends thoughts and  
prayers.



Tim Mctaggart - February 09, 2016 at 03:27 PM

Manda  
Isabella

“ Sorry for your loss. Didnt know him very well but went to school with him and mike was an awesome kid and very nice.



Manda Isabella - February 09, 2016 at 03:11 PM

JL

“ Jonathan Leggett lit a candle in memory of Michael John Bentley



Jonathan Leggett - February 09, 2016 at 02:36 PM

DT

“ Danny, Jonathan, Dwayne & Trina lit a candle in memory of Michael John Bentley



Danny, Jonathan, Dwayne & Trina - February 09, 2016 at 02:34 PM

TB

Mike was always a joy to be around. He was truly a very nice young man. We all will miss his smile. R.I.P Mike.

Trina Brown-Zdraveff - February 09, 2016 at 02:37 PM

BW

Such a sad time, words just cannot express. Mikey was such a FINE young man with the world in his hands. God keep you safe sweet Angel. R.I.P. Keep your family under your wings. Beth Walker & family

Beth Walker - February 09, 2016 at 04:11 PM

MZ

“ *Michael was such a beautiful person. His New Jersey family always looked forward to seeing him. Our hearts are so broken. Michael, Melissa, and Merissa you and the rest of the family are in our prayers.*

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**Marylou Zimci** - February 09, 2016 at 02:21 PM

DP

*Deepest sympathy to the Bentley family, especially Dottie and Dennis. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Denise and Mike Patrick** - February 09, 2016 at 07:07 PM

BS

*SENDING OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE BENTLEY FAMILY. FROM THE SCULLY FAMILY*

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**BONNIE & RAY SCULLY** - February 09, 2016 at 10:10 PM

KW

*Dearest Dennis & Dottie and family - we are so sorry for this terrible and tragic loss - we are thinking of you with great sadness and deepest sympathy. Larry & Karen Wilson*

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**karen wilson** - February 10, 2016 at 12:54 PM

BW

*We were so sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers, now and in the days to come. Our deepest sympathy. Bob and Mimi Wilson*

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**Bob and Mimi Wilson** - February 14, 2016 at 03:05 PM