



Michael Vincent Murray

October 27, 1976 - May 9, 2018

Michael Vincent Murray, 41, died on May 9, 2018, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was born to Sharon L. Murray and the late Edward J. Murray in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

From child prodigy, playing the accordion given to him by his grandfather at the age of 4, to a brilliant adult musician with the rare gift of perfect pitch, Michael dedicated his life to sharing his talents with the world as a jazz pianist. He contributed on an album for the first time when he was just a child and released several other albums with bands he was in.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, and his grandparents Nick and Dolores Tucci. He is survived by his mother Sharon (Mike) Dufala of Easley, SC; sister Dolores (Frank) Hemrich, and brother Jeffrey Murray both of Concord, Ohio; nephew Eddie Hemrich, and his teacup Pomeranian, Juju and, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Michael's life will be 4-8 pm Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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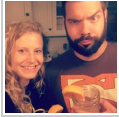
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Tribute Wall

ER

“ I miss you so much everyday. I've lost a lot, but you are the greatest lost. I think of you of you every day. Love you beek 💜🙏

Erin - April 30 at 05:11 AM



He loved you too Erin. ❤️

Scott Edward - May 06 at 08:04 PM

EB

Thank you, scott! He enjoyed the trips to Cleveland and showing you the frisbee golf!

Erin Bush - May 08 at 05:55 PM

EB

“ Happy Birthday, my beek. I love you Emmle and miss you so much everyday!

Erin Bush - October 27, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ Miss hearing you play the piano. Remember seeing you sitting under your grandfather's carport when I came over in the rain. Miss you.

K - May 05, 2021 at 03:24 PM

AS

“ Thinking about you. I hadn't talked to you in maybe a year before you passed... I always get mad I'll never have the chance to again. I miss you, Mike.

April Stacey - November 21, 2019 at 06:27 PM

AM

“ *If there is anything I regret more in this world, it's missing that phone call on 9 May. I miss you so much, Michael.*

Amy - November 15, 2019 at 12:27 AM

ER

“ *M, your birthday is coming up. My kids are both born in October, too. I miss you so much it hurts. I am trying to get by. Nothing has been the same since you left. Juju has a birthday coming up, too! She and I love you. My kids kiss my juju pawprint on my wrist. Missing you and wanted to talk to a part of you. You are always with me. Cheesy but true, emmle/beek!*

Erin - October 11, 2019 at 12:55 PM

ST

“ *Words can't describe how unfortunate this loss is. I will never forget the time Jeffrey took me to their grandparents house. Mike was there too. Grandpa brought out an accordion and then mike started playing. He was so talented. The days at molinaris listening to his music on piano. He is up there having an accordion party with a lot of wonderful people who we have lost. Dolores and Jeffrey, I love you both so very much.*

Stephanie - May 16, 2018 at 04:14 PM

KT

“ I am so saddened by this great musician my nephew passing . Michael I love you man hopefully you're in a better place now the memories of you and my dad playing together in your grandpa's basement will will be ever etched in my mind. The times I seen you play at the Bop stop , all those great memories . Hopefully you're in a better place now. The memories of you in my dad playing together in your grandpa's basement will be forever etched in my mind. The times I seen you play at the bop stop such great memories I love you man.. Rest in peace

Ken Tucci - May 16, 2018 at 01:16 PM


Jennifer
Taylor

“ When we were in second grade we both performed in a talent show in the basement of St. Paul's. Michael masterfully played a piece on his accordian and I fumbled through an acapella version of "sing a song". It may have been second or third grade when Michael sat behind me and would use his pencil to scribble on my uniform shirt. Friends!!

Jennifer Taylor - May 16, 2018 at 01:08 PM

DD

“ This is so unfortunate. I just want to say that you were kind and a great boss and a germaphobe lol. Man, you will be truly missed Michael! Still difficult to process. May you Rest In Peace. Prayers to your family and close friends.



Devante Dixon - May 15, 2018 at 10:23 PM

Max
Leake

“ *My deepest condolences to Mike's family. Mike was a very special musician and a sensitive soul, who I am glad came through my life. We didn't do gigs together since I also play piano, but I had nothing but the utmost respect for his talents. I won't be able to make the memorial service because of work, but I will be there in spirit.*

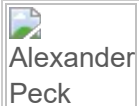
Max Leake

Max Leake - May 15, 2018 at 02:02 PM

Lo
Nichole

Thank you, Max.

Lo Nichole - May 15, 2018 at 09:56 PM

Alexander
Peck

“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss. Michael was a really special person and he made a great impact on me musically and as a friend. I had the privilege to perform with him on many occasions over the last 10 or 15 years. Michael was, and shall remain in my memory, a brilliant pianist, and a dear friend.*

*Sending peace and love to Michael's family in this dark hour,
Alexander Peck*



Alexander Peck - May 15, 2018 at 01:00 PM

Lo
Nichole

Thank you, Alexander.

Lo Nichole - May 15, 2018 at 09:56 PM

CO

“ My brother in arms, we first met in 1993 just a couple of kids really. I remember packing my 83 Cougar with your keyboard to drive you for those gigs all over Cleveland. Places like The High N Dry or The Bop Stop. I shall miss you deeply and I will never forget all of our deep conversations and adventures together. Nor our inside jokes and wild times that we shared. I am sad that we will never have those between us again. I am however, happy to have them at all. You will live on as a melody in my memory. Later man, - Corey



Corey - May 14, 2018 at 08:31 PM

Lo
Nichole

Thank you, Corey.

Lo Nichole - May 15, 2018 at 09:57 PM

 Mandy
Kivowitz-
Delfaver

“ Hello, my name is Mandee, and I used to sing with Michael. I am so sorry for your loss, please extend my deepest condolences to his mom and family members. This is a tragic loss and nothing I can say will ever ease the pain of losing him. I am holding you all in my thoughts and prayers, and I am deeply grateful for your sharing him with us as a creative being and consummate musician.

I made a youtube playlist of music I had recorded and performed with him over the years, here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoIKILam3CpIKVHbwdRD0qdAifuQF7RBr>

Here is a poem I wrote for him and gave to him via text message before it was too late... we will miss him forever.

*"Sweet soul who feels too much
Bright light in darkness touch
Loving ones to hold you
We try to console you just as much*

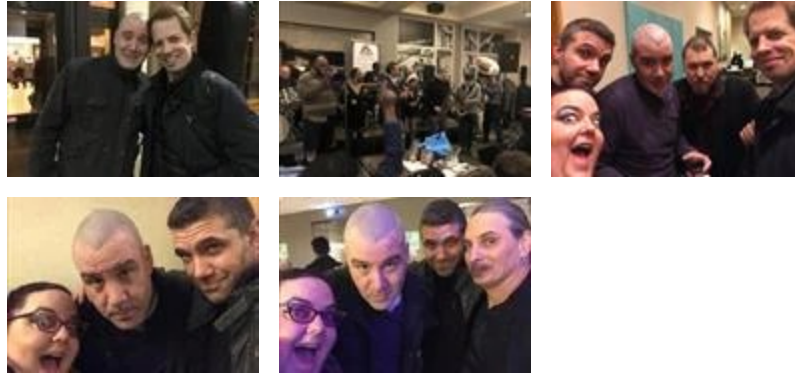
*As we can before you fly
Please don't leave us for the sky
You are needed and you are loved
Sweet misdirected man who wants to shove*

*To push away the lovers
And push away the friends
But I can push back too
And I know it's too soon to end*

*The songs been barely written
The melody as of yet unplayed
And I'm not done loving you
There are too many days*

*So please hold onto your tomorrows
And the songs they could become
Know that you're beloved
And our hearts they beat as one"*

My love to all who loved him, now and forever, Mandee



Mandy Kivowitz-Delfaver - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM



I am not really sure why the text in my post above is displaying like this, I can't seem to edit it, forgive me, love you all. I miss Mike something awful and my heart and prayers go to his family and everyone else who also loved him.

Mandy Kivowitz-Delfaver - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

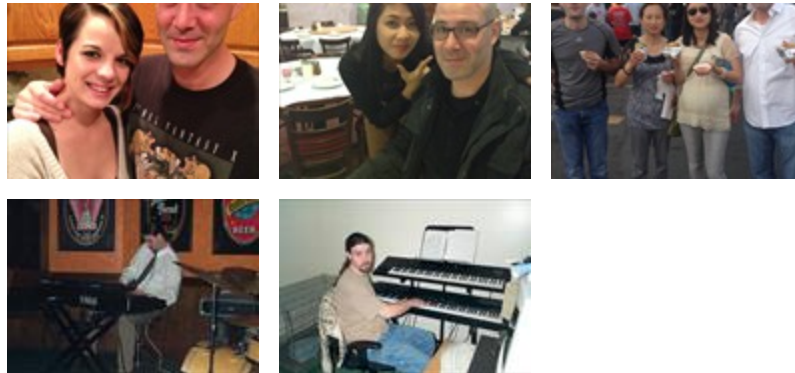


Thank you, Mandy.

Lo Nichole - May 15, 2018 at 09:58 PM

DO

“ 10 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Donnie - May 14, 2018 at 10:04 AM

JU

Donnie, thank you so much for your support to him.

Junko - May 15, 2018 at 08:47 AM

Lo
Nichole

Thank you, Donnie.

Lo Nichole - May 15, 2018 at 09:58 PM

Lo
Nichole

“ *Printed photos of my brother Michael requested for my mom... if you have them... please.*

Lo Nichole - May 13, 2018 at 06:37 PM

Mandy
Kivowitz

Hello, my name is Mandee, and I sang with your brother. I am so sorry I will print out and mail her what I have, I can't come to the memorial tomorrow. I am so sorry I really wish I could be there. I am coming to Cleveland the next day and can bring what I have, or I can mail it if you want to send me an address. Jeff has my phone number. I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. We all loved him so much.

Mandy Kivowitz-Delfaver - May 14, 2018 at 01:36 PM



Thank you so much. How sweet of you.

Lo Nichole - May 15, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathy Connor - May 13, 2018 at 02:02 AM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Erin Bush - May 12, 2018 at 11:17 PM

EB

“ To my beek and very best friend: I brought you to Pittsburgh and this is where it ended for you. But my life didn't start until I met you. You were my first love and taught me everything in life that I needed to know. I don't know how to live in a world where you're not a phone call away. You've been there for me no matter what. You found love again and happiness and that's what carried you through the years. You gave me the gift of JuJu in 2007 and she became our child and our best friend as well and I sent her to you so you would have love when I had my first child. I will never forget you and I will always love you and I wish I could tell you that one more time. You are a legend, a miracle, a gift, a fighter, a lover, a friend, a teacher... you enriched our lives. So now we live on through your music and the memories we have with you. I love you forever and ever my beek.

Erin Bush - May 12, 2018 at 11:14 PM

Lily
Murphy

“ I love you.



Lily Murphy - May 12, 2018 at 06:19 PM

Susan
Sabat
Gellner

“ I will forever love you. One of my best friends.



Susan Sabat Gellner - May 12, 2018 at 06:17 PM