



## Michael Cades

May 29, 1980 - July 6, 2021

With great sorrow, Steven and Linda Cades announce the death of their son Michael Cades, who died unexpectedly on July 6, 2021 in Chestertown, MD. Born on May 29, 1980 in Easton, MD, Michael was raised in Kent County, MD and lived in New York, Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, pursuing a career as an audio and video producer and editor.

Always creative, Michael enjoyed acting in school and community theater productions. He was Mozart in a Washington College production of Amadeus and acted in a Garfield Theater Short Attention Span production.

Michael's great love was music; he played guitar, bass, piano, and drums. He wrote music for and performed with a number of bands most of which he led including Uncle Lucky's Revenge, the Neverhome and the Argentine.

Beginning his education in the Kent County public schools, Michael graduated from Westtown School, In Westtown Pennsylvania, and from Washington College. More recently, he was preparing to return to school to become a clinical social worker.

Michael's family and friends found him always ready to lend an ear or a helping hand. A devoted son and a generous friend, he gave the best of himself to those he loved. From age five, Michael thought of himself as the

“big brother” of Aaron, who is two years older but developmentally delayed.

Michael is survived by his parents, Steven and Linda (Towne) Cades, his brother Aaron, his Aunt Joanna Horowitz, Aunt Carolyn and Uncle Daniel Engel, his Aunt Deborah and Uncle Frank Lonergan and his cousins Naomi Woldemar, Jon Bendiner, and David Lonergan and his beloved cat Roebles. He was predeceased by his grandparents Joseph and Arline Towne and Daniel and Louise Cades and his cousin Sarah.

Michael’s family and friends are planning a celebration of life this fall. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Kent County Humane Society or Kent Center in Chestertown or the Sassafras Natural Resources Management Area in Kennedyville, MD.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Cades* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Michael Cades* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Michael Cades* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Christie Casselring lit a candle in memory of Michael Cades* ”



**Christie Casselring** - January 25, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Heather Cox lit a candle in memory of Michael Cades* ”



**Heather Cox** - July 30, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *There were countless hours spent in school talking, loving music, and friendship. I'm just in total shock.* ”



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**Lisa Timberlake** - July 28, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *As a high school student, I always felt that Mike personified kindness, sensitivity, and curiosity. I'm happy and not at all surprised to read that he continued to live a life based on sharing these gifts with others. I hope it is a comfort for those closest to Mike to know how many people have gained something from knowing him, even if it was for a short time.* ”

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**Alec Spangler** - July 22, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael Cades.* ”



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July 20, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ *Kims Family lit a candle in memory of Michael Cades* ”



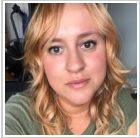
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**Kims Family** - July 20, 2021 at 07:36 PM

CT

“ I’m so sorry to hear this. I didn’t know Michael too well while at Westtown, but he was always kind and inclusive. My thoughts are with his family. 🙏



Clariluz Tapia - July 20, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ Faye Gardner lit a candle in memory of Michael Cades



Faye Gardner - July 20, 2021 at 05:37 PM

BC

“ I am so sad to hear the news of Mike's passing. I had only seen him infrequently since befriending him at Westtown but it had always been so great to run in to him again. The last time we met I was collaborating with him in a recoding studio on a horn arrangement for an album he was recording in Philly. I so wish I had found time to see him more often over the years. Mike was always so open and friendly. He had a quirky sense of humor, a sly smile and a big heart.

Brendan Cooney - July 20, 2021 at 04:41 PM

ST

“ *Sheik Trivette lit a candle in memory of Michael Cades*



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**Sheik Trivette** - July 20, 2021 at 01:22 PM

LM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and send all my love. Mike was such a kind, funny and talented person. He was also so accepting and the type of person you could be yourself around. I looked up to Mike ever since he and Robin had bicycles I couldn't keep up with them with my training wheels. As we got older Mike was there for me, even when I was at my worst. He will always hold a special place in my heart.*

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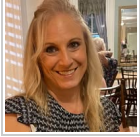
**lexie melo** - July 20, 2021 at 12:44 PM

SB

“ *For 27 years, Mike was my constant. When I left Kent County, I disappeared from most. But Mike was the one friend who always knew where to find me. He knew all iterations of me, on the path to becoming who I am, and was a dear and loving friend to all of them. Even the ones he didn't necessarily agree with. We wove in and out of one another's stories, through Kent County, Westtown, New York, Philly. But no matter how much time had passed, we always fell right back in to step, and I feel we both took solace in the knowledge that the other was out there, just a call away. I think he knew me better than anyone and there is an incredible void in me, in his absence. My heart goes out to Mike's family and all the other lives he touched. He was a true and loyal friend. We are all so lucky to have known that type of friendship.*

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**Sarah Berry** - July 20, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Traci Lyn Stanley - July 18, 2021 at 10:54 PM

SB

“ *Mike and I were friends for 20 years. We dipped in and out of each other's lives but every time we saw each other it was like no time had passed at all. I will miss him for the rest of my life. People like him are rare in the world. May his memory be a blessing. It will be for me.*

Sarah Blackman - July 18, 2021 at 09:19 AM

MG

“ *Thinking of the Cades family during this difficult time.*

Misty Davis Glorioso - July 18, 2021 at 09:05 AM

KD

“ *He was such a talented, interesting, funny person. I'm glad I got to meet him at WAC. Sending love to Dr. & Mrs. Cades and family.*

Kate Dowling - July 18, 2021 at 08:20 AM

TM

“ *Terrence Moody lit a candle in memory of Michael Cades*



Terrence Moody - July 16, 2021 at 04:21 PM

LH

“ Thinking of your family during these times. Prayers 🤍🙏  
Lucie Hughes

Lucie Hughes - July 16, 2021 at 03:25 PM

TM

“ Holding your family in the light during this  
difficult time. Andrew, Tori, and Moses Myers



Tori Myers - July 16, 2021 at 03:07 PM

SQ

“ SaraBeth & David Quinn lit a candle in  
memory of Michael Cades



SaraBeth & David Quinn - July 16, 2021 at 08:50 AM

CT

“ I only knew Michael for a short time, but he left a lingering  
impression on me and I join the ranks of those who find the world a  
dimmer without him in it.  
Deepest condolences from me and my staff.  
Dr Turner

Christina Turner - July 15, 2021 at 11:12 AM

HJ

“ *Sending you our love in this difficult time.  
Mike and Holly Johnson*

Holly Johnson - July 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CL

“ *My sincerest sympathies to the Cades family.  
Such a loss of a good and talented human  
being. My thoughts are with you during this  
time of sadness. Love and hugs to you all.*



Cindy Licata - July 14, 2021 at 10:08 AM

HF

“ *Michael's many talents and passions are beautifully reflected in the  
tribute to his life. Sending heartfelt love, The Hicks*

Hicks Family - July 14, 2021 at 07:31 AM

KS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire  
family.*

*Ken and Louise Stonesifer*



Ken and Louise Stonesifer - July 13, 2021 at 05:33 PM