



## Michael Aarssen

January 8, 2026

Michael Cyriel “Mike” Aarssen of Wallaceburg passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the CKHA in Chatham on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the age of 80. Mike was the son of the late Art and Bertha (Seys) Aarssen. Beloved husband of Linda (Lozon). Loving father of Leah McArthur (Doug), Colleen Lewis (Colin), Matthew Aarssen (Lisa Murphy), Michelle Theroux (Dan), Jackie Aarssen (Craig Schultz), and the late Jennifer and Michael Nemeth. Dear grandfather of Lucas (Kelsey), Colin (Brittany), Taylor, Avery (Jordan), Sydney, Malcolm, Shawn (Cobie), Ally, Alicia, Jacob, Drew, Carter, Meagan (Frank), Isabelle, Alexandre, and Claire. Great grandfather to Addison, Tatum, Caleb, and Beau. Brother of Jim Aarssen, Cindy Nottley (Paul), Carol Dauw (Dave), and brother-in-law to Mary Catherine Aarssen and Marg Aarssen. He is predeceased by siblings Ron Aarssen, Dick Aarssen, Marjorie Dupon (Bob), Mary Susan Bechard (Al), and Chris Aarssen. Brother-in-law of Elaine Kilbride, Kay Lozon, Jeanette Poissant and Jeff Lozon (Jennifer). Predeceased by in laws Bill and Bonnie Lozon, Ron Lozon, Bill Kilbride and Pat and Joe Turner.

Mike met the love of his life, Linda, in 1964, and the two shared their first date on New Year’s Eve — it was the beginning of a lifetime of unconditional love. They were married in 1966 and began their life together in Wallaceburg, renting an apartment next door to Dick and Marg Aarssen, where they welcomed their first daughter, Leah in 1966. Mike and Linda purchased their

first home on Dufferin Avenue. With the help of Ron Lozon and Bill Kilbride, the house was lovingly renovated, and it was here that they grew their family adding a second daughter, Jennifer in 1967 and then another daughter Colleen in 1973.

Mike began his first career as a Tool & Die Maker, first with H.E. Vannatter and later with AarKel. It was in 1974 when he added his second career as a farmer. Drawn to rural life and following Mike's desire to farm, the family moved to Sombra. Here their son, Matt, was born in 1975, followed by the birth of their daughters Michelle in 1979 and Jackie in 1981. In 1984, Mike and Linda moved to the Aarssen homestead farm, where they spent many meaningful years raising their family and building a lifetime of memories.

In 2012, Mike and Linda made their final move to his Uncle Mike Cogghe's home along the Snye River. There, Mike found great joy in life's simple pleasures — taking in the river views, spending time on the pontoon boat and fishing, tending to his chickens, bees and gardens, playing cards with friends, and enjoying visits with family.

A private family visitation will be held at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street, Wallaceburg. A celebration of Mike's life will be held on February 14th, 2026 from 1:00pm - 5:00pm at the C.B.D., 1342 Dufferin Ave, Wallaceburg. If desired, donations to ROCK Missions, Terry Fox Foundation or the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Foundation may be left at the funeral home (519-627-3231). Cherished stories and tributes may be shared with the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **14**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

C.B.D Hall  
1342 Dufferin Ave  
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 2W5 (CA)

# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Aarssen



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**Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home** - January 14 at 03:22 PM

CM

*All those wonderful memories !  
Our deepest sorry and sympathy to the Aarssen family.*

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**Carmen and Tony Myers** - January 15 at 11:37 AM

OK

*Our lives and memories are forever enriched with the grace of a good and honest man. Our sympathies extend to all who he loved.*

*Otto Kjeldsen and Michelle Hess*

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**OTTO KJELDSEN** - February 14 at 09:26 AM

MS

“ This afternoon I read of Mike's passing. I spoke with Mike about five years ago and he informed me at that time that he had Stage Four Cancer. So sad to hear of this, we always look for a miracle to keep our loved ones here with us and that is exactly what I had hoped for Mike. I lived in Sarnia and met Mike at a model train show somewhere, maybe Toronto, maybe Detroit, just can't remember. We both collected Lionel Standard Gauge trains and went to a few shows together, truly enjoyed his company. I'm sorry you're gone Mike, but you're surely not forgotten. From my family to the Aarssen family go my deepest heartfelt condolences. Mike Smout, St. Thomas, Ontario

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**Mike Smout** - February 16 at 04:18 PM

M?

“ Margo C VanDamme and families 💎💎 lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



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**Margo C VanDamme and families** 🙏 - February 15 at 06:00 PM

ML

“ Margo VanDamme & daughters Bobbie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



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**Margo VanDamme & daughters Bobbie Lynne** - February 15 at 05:57 PM

LJ

“ *Linda...we are so very sorry for your loss.  
Thinking of you and all your family.  
Larry & Kathi Janssens*

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**Larry & Kathi Janssens** - February 10 at 03:01 PM

CH

“ *Leah....our heartfelt condolences to you and  
your family on the passing of your Dad. So  
sorry to hear that. .The Aarssen family has  
ties to ours if even in the smallest way.  
Prayers for peace in your hearts.*



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**Connie Howlett** - February 09 at 12:37 PM

ST

“ *Deepest Sympathies Linda and all your family.  
Cherish the lifetime memories forever. May he  
rest in peace. Synthia Trembley*



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**synthia trembley** - January 31 at 09:04 AM

RA

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the family for your loss ! our thoughts  
and prayers. Ar..e with you at this difficult time*

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**Rita and Gary Authier** - January 19 at 12:22 PM

RA

“ *Rita and Gary Authier lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Rita and Gary Authier** - January 19 at 12:17 PM

MT

“ *Linda and Family My heartfelt condolences to all of You. Rest in Peace Mike.*



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**Marian Turner** - January 18 at 02:31 PM

JW

“ *We were so sorry to hear about the passing of Mike. Our biggest regret will always be talking about getting together and not doing it more often. Always lots of laughs and great times at the Aarssen home.*

*Jim & Janet Wilcox*

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**Janet Wilcox** - January 17 at 09:38 AM

FJ

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers.*



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**Frank and Cathy Johnston** - January 16 at 10:48 PM

SC

“ *Sherry & Dave Crowe lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Sherry & Dave Crowe** - January 16 at 05:04 PM

TF

“ *Trevor & Heather Fraleigh lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Trevor & Heather Fraleigh** - January 15 at 09:16 PM

SL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mike was always such a friendly guy and his smile could light up a room.*

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**Sally, Gary & Brenda Lucier** - January 15 at 07:20 PM

JW

“ *Michelle and I are so sorry to hear this and we give our sincerest condolences to Linda and his entire family. Mike and his entire family are great people, great neighbors and friends. He will be missed. Mike loved his animals and he introduced me to his ducks and I was proud to become, as he said it, a crazy duck person just like him. His kindness and positive personality will not be forgotten. Sincerely Jeff and Michelle Wesley*

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**Jeff Wesley** - January 15 at 11:46 AM

SK

*Ingo and I send our condolences to Linda and all the family.  
Mike's smiling face will forever be missed in our neighbourhood.*

Sylvia Kiewitz - January 18 at 03:28 PM

MB

“ *Marty and Cathy Van Bunderen lit a candle in  
memory of Michael Aarssen*



Marty and Cathy Van Bunderen - January 15 at 10:44 AM

TC

“ *Sorry for your loss Aarssen family.*



Teresa Coleman - January 15 at 12:41 AM

AF

“ *Anne Marie Fraleigh lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Aarssen*



Anne Marie Fraleigh - January 14 at 10:51 PM

KC

“ To the family, I am so sorry for your loss, Mike was a great man, someone I respected greatly. I am so grateful that I not only had the opportunity to know him but also learned a great deal from him. He will truly be missed!



Kevin Cadotte - January 14 at 10:24 PM

MV

“ Our condolences to Linda and family

Marge and Bob VanDerVeeken - January 14 at 07:43 PM

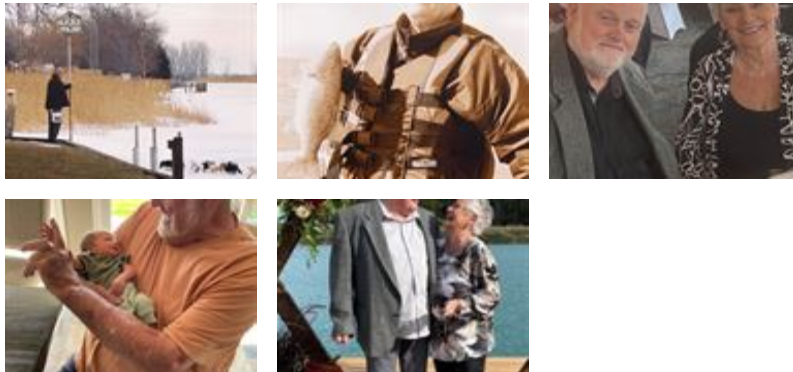
PA

“ What a beautiful legacy of faith and family Mike leaves, and Linda continues. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest in peace Mike. ❤️Pete & Shelley Aarssen

pete aarssen - January 14 at 07:17 PM

HAYCOCK  
CAVANAGH  
FUNERAL HOME

“ 151 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 14 at 03:18 PM

LS

“ *John and Linda Seys*



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**Linda Seys** - January 14 at 01:53 PM

CC

*Our condolences and prayers for your family. My first job was picking peppers for Mike and Linda. Great memories. Love Chad and Monica Cornelius*

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**Chad Cornelius** - January 15 at 04:32 AM

AG

“ *Matt & Lisa, Drew & Carter, (& Entire Aarssen Family)*

*Our sincere condolences on the loss of your Dad/Grandfather.*

*May he now experience Peace Beyond All Understanding.*

*You are all in our prayers & thoughts through this difficult time & always.*

*Love,  
Aunt Ann & Uncle Leo*

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**Ann & Leo Gascon** - January 14 at 11:20 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Mike*



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**Leonard Jeanetta Roegiest) Atkins** - January 14 at 09:59 AM

JF

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you.  
Joyce and John Feher*

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**Joyce Feher** - January 14 at 09:29 AM

MA

“ *Deepest condolences to the entire Aarssen family on Mike's passing. True Salt of the Earth man who will be missed and lovingly remembered. Love and prayers Mark and Fran*



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**Mark Fran Aarssen** - January 14 at 04:54 AM

TF

“ *Tom Cogghe and family lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Tom Cogghe and family** - January 14 at 12:02 AM

JE

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the Aarssen family. Thinking of you in the days ahead.  
Sincerely,  
Jean & Dave Elliott



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**Jean Elliott** - January 13 at 11:15 PM

RF

“ Sending our sincere condolences to the Aarssen family



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**Rob Frye and family** - January 13 at 06:44 PM

KG

“ Karen & Mike Galloway lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



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**Karen & Mike Galloway** - January 13 at 04:34 PM

EP

“ My sympathies to you Linda and family from et and roseann pelletier

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**Et and Roseann Pelletier** - January 13 at 04:28 PM

FF

“ *Felicia and family lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Felicia and family** - January 13 at 03:49 PM

TF

“ *So very sorry to hear of Mikes passing hugs to all*



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**Theresa Freeburn** - January 13 at 03:21 PM

UN

“ *So sorry for your loss.  
My sincere condolences to the Aarssen family.*



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**Uta Nowakowski** - January 13 at 02:56 PM

SG

“ *Sally Gale lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Sally Gale** - January 13 at 02:46 PM

JC

“ Dear Linda and family...  
Sending my heartfelt sympathy to you .  
Mike was a great cousin and a very giving guy with a great sense of humor.  
He will be greatly missed.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Janet Cornelius

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Janet Cornelius - January 13 at 02:06 PM

DA

“ Mike was instrumental in shaping my early years in the trade and was always generous with his knowledge and support to me and many others. For that I will be forever grateful.  
Our sincere condolences to the entire Aarssen family. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.



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Dennis and Annmarie Alexander - January 13 at 01:36 PM

GB

“ Gary & Janice Broidioi lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



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Gary & Janice Broidioi - January 13 at 01:20 PM

JH

“ *John and lynne hogan lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**John and lynne hogan** - January 13 at 01:18 PM

JC

“ *Dear Linda and family.  
I am sending my heartfelt sympathy to you on the loss of Mike. He was a great guy with a great sense of humor and was a very giving cousin.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. May Mike rest in peace.*

*Janet (Lauwereys) Cornelius*

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**Janet Cornelius** - January 13 at 01:02 PM

MM

“ *Linda and Family.*

*I am truly sorry to hear about Mike's passing  
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.  
Our sincere condolences*

*Mike & Edie McNaughton.  
Sombra TWP*



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**Mike McNaughton** - January 13 at 12:56 PM

GS

“ It is obvious that Mike lived his life well with this big wonderful family. I am sure the love they have will help carry them through this very sad time. My thoughts are with all of you.



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**Gary & Sharon Smith** - January 13 at 12:23 PM

GK

“ I am very saddened to hear of Mike's passing, I very much enjoyed working with him over the years, was always very kind and understanding. To Linda and the family, may God take the hurt and pain you now feel and turn them into precious memories of such a good husband, father and family patriarch of the Aarssen family. God bless you all

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**George Kett** - January 13 at 11:51 AM

TE

“ We are sorry to hear of Mike's passing and extend our most sincere condolences to all of his family and friends. Rest in Peace, Mike.

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**Tim and Lisa English** - January 13 at 10:35 AM

KW

“ Ken and Janet Wade lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



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**Ken and Janet Wade** - January 13 at 10:16 AM

PN

“ *Condolences and prayers to all the family..*



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**Petra Nowakowski** - January 13 at 09:56 AM

VH

“ *Very sorry for your loss Linda and family.  
Dave and Vicky Hess*

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**Vicky Hess** - January 13 at 09:18 AM

GM

“ *George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Aarsen*



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**George McGaffey** - January 13 at 09:08 AM

RS

“ *Our Condolences to all of Mike's family. Rest  
in heavenly Peace Mike.*



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**Rick & Marj Smith** - January 13 at 08:44 AM

MC

“ *Most sincere sympathy, a wonderful family legacy. Mari Cole & Stan Jackson*



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**Mari Cole** - January 13 at 08:42 AM

BK

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for Linda and Aarssen family.*



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**Barb Kearney** - January 13 at 08:35 AM

LM

“ *Sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Condolences to the family.*



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**Larry and Patty Morrow** - January 13 at 08:32 AM

RF

“ *Rhonda and Bob Foster lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Rhonda and Bob Foster** - January 13 at 08:29 AM



“ *Lori and I send our deepest condolences*

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**Chuck Green** - January 13 at 07:36 AM

JB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Sending heartfelt condolences.*

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**Judy Bachus** - January 13 at 05:42 AM

DM

“ *Dan & Karen Marshall lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Dan & Karen Marshall** - January 13 at 05:36 AM

RM

“ *Thinking of everyone in the family at this time of loss. May Mike's values and love carry you all forward.*

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**Rob McCartney** - January 13 at 01:25 AM

LP

“ *Lola and Matt Pamer lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Lola and Matt Pamer** - January 12 at 10:38 PM

BO

“ *My sympathies to all the Aarssen family. Hold onto all the wonderful memories and I hope they give you comfort in the coming days. He was a very nice man and will be missed by many I'm sure.*



Beth O'Flynn - January 12 at 10:25 PM

LY

“ *Thinking of the entire family and praying for comfort and strength. I have so many memories as a young girl spending great times with the family. Mike was such a kind man.* 🙏



Leslie Janssens Young - January 12 at 09:29 PM

DD

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Aarssen Families*



Dan and Cheryl Dehens - January 12 at 09:28 PM



“ *Tracy Verstraeten lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



Tracy Verstraeten - January 12 at 08:52 PM

MJ

“ Sincere condolences to the entire Aarssen and extended family.  
I went to high School with Mike.  
R. I. P. Mike

Marlene Judson - January 12 at 08:48 PM

TG

“ So sorry hear of your loss Linda and family!

Theresa and Alex Gyuricza - January 12 at 08:38 PM

SI

“ Sincere condolences to all the family on the loss of your loved one  
Mike. 🙏

Susan Innis - January 12 at 08:30 PM

MD

“ Mike and Liz Dunlop lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Aarssen



Mike and Liz Dunlop - January 12 at 08:13 PM

LP

“ Our deepest condolences to the Aarssen  
Family. Sending prayers and love to help you  
thru this difficult time. ❤️ Lisa, Mike, Riley &  
Reece.



LISA PARKER - January 12 at 08:12 PM

JJ

“ *Jj lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarszen*



Jj - January 12 at 08:11 PM

KT

“ *Linda and family, I am so sorry for your loss.  
Sending hugs and prayers.*



Kathy Turner - January 12 at 08:01 PM

JT

“ *Deepest condolences to the Aarszen family.  
Rest in peace Mike.*



Jack and Kim Thomaes - January 12 at 07:51 PM

BJ

“ *Condolences to you Linda and all your family  
on the passing of Mike. Thinking of you at this  
sad time.*



Brenda de Jong - January 12 at 07:42 PM

TZ

“ To all the family sorry for your loss thinking of you all at this difficult time from Terry and Steve.

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**Terry Zavitz** - January 12 at 07:15 PM

JD

“ Very sorry for your loss, The Deschenes family!



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**Janet Deschenes** - January 12 at 06:54 PM

MB

“ Marlene Bushey lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarsen



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**Marlene Bushey** - January 12 at 06:41 PM

DD

“ So many wonderful memories come to mind when we reminisce about first meeting Mike and Linda. It was close to 45 years ago at the farm house in Sombra. In those years we got to experience what it was like being brought into yet another Aarssen family. The good times, the bad times and lots of fun times! No matter when you showed up there was always a cold beverage offered or an invitation to the dinner table. As our family grew our kids got to experience many visits to the family farm and still remember it fondly. Mike stood by Dave as his sponsor when he joined the church. Mike and Dave shared a love of fishing so they always had lots to talk about between that and Tool & Die talk. Our last visit with Mike was sitting out on his dock on a beautiful October day. What a beautiful spot along the Snye with the water glistening and the sun setting. Mike was in his glory with the noise of his family all around and a smile on his face as he sipped a cold one. Gone but not forgotten!



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Dave & Karen Deheer - January 12 at 06:33 PM

ST

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May all of the wonderful memories fill your hearts for all years to come.  
Sonya and Derek.

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Sonya T - January 12 at 06:31 PM

SP

“ Colleen, Colin and family

Mickey and I are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your father. He always made Sarah feel welcome while kayaking at their place. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sarah and Mickey Parr

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Sarah Parr - January 12 at 06:18 PM

KD

“ *Kathy DeWolf lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



Kathy DeWolf - January 12 at 06:07 PM

DS

“ *Linda, I'm so sorry to hear of your husband Mikes passing. Our condolences and prayers to you and your family. Deb & Clayt Schram*



Deb Schram - January 12 at 05:26 PM

JD

“ *"sending condolences to all of the family.....he was always a pleasure to talk to .." Janice & David Van Dommelen*



Janice & David Van Dommelen - January 12 at 05:04 PM

KP

“ *Kellie Pickford lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



Kellie Pickford - January 12 at 04:43 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



Gerry Flynn - January 12 at 04:42 PM

JP

“ Joe and I were so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Linda and your beautiful family, I hope you find comfort knowing so many are praying for you at this difficult time, and remembering all your family memories through the years.

Joe and Janice Punnewaert - January 12 at 04:33 PM

NA

“ Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



Norma Authier - January 12 at 04:31 PM

PS

“ Peter Seys lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



Peter Seys - January 12 at 04:18 PM

LJ

“ Sorry for your loss Linda, Colleen, Colin and the family.

Lyle and Eileen Jardine - January 12 at 04:15 PM

JP

“ Joe and Janice Punnewaert lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



Joe and Janice Punnewaert - January 12 at 04:09 PM

JP

Joe and I were so sad to hear of Mike's passing. I hope you find comfort knowing so many are holding you in their prayers.

Joe and Janice Punnewaert - January 13 at 01:11 PM

RD

“ Ryan Dauw lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



Ryan Dauw - January 12 at 04:07 PM

CL

“ Sending condolences to the families, I am so sorry for your loss



Cherrie Lalonde - January 12 at 04:00 PM

JT

“ JONI TREMBLEY lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



JONI TREMBLEY - January 12 at 03:41 PM

RM

“ Ruth lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen. My deepest condolences to his beloved family



Ruth Mahood - January 12 at 03:40 PM

MJ

I'm so sorry for your loss Linda sending all my love and prayers to you and your family hugs ❤️

marlo janssens - January 12 at 11:42 PM

TP

“ Tammy and Byan Poissant lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen



Tammy and Byan Poissant - January 12 at 03:31 PM

TM

“ *Tina & Andy Myers lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Tina & Andy Myers** - January 12 at 03:09 PM

ED

“ *Our deepest condolences. Sending love and prayers*



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**Eddie and Tracy (O'Brien) Van Damme** - January 12 at 02:41 PM

JN

“ *Julie Nemeth lit a candle in memory of Michael Aarssen*



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**Julie Nemeth** - January 12 at 02:40 PM