



Michael W. Hartshorn

July 12, 1956 - September 9, 2014

1956-2014

Michael W. Hartshorn, the son of Howard and Delores Hartshorn of Longview passed away Tuesday, September 9, 2014 after losing his battle with Cancer in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 58. Mike, a 1974 graduate of R.A. Long High School was a talented and natural athlete, excelling in football, wrestling and baseball at R.A. Long and played college ball at Washington State and Central Washington Universities. Behind his rough and tough exterior, he was a kind and caring man that was always there for others, and would be the first to give an animal in need a safe and loving home. Mike is survived by his loving parents, Howard and Delores Hartshorn; brother, Steve Hartshorn; sister, Lisa Hillard; son, Tyler Hartshorn; grandson, Leighton; granddaughter, Kailyn; nephews, Dustin Hartshorn and Matt Hillard; and nieces, Stephanie Munhall and Jennifer Hillard. "May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm on your face; the rain fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palms of his hands." Contact Romero Funeral Home at 864-8501 for further information. Sign Michael's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhome.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

Tribute Wall

JE

“ Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Hartshorn



Jennifer - March 09, 2015 at 10:34 PM

JE

“ I can't believe how fast 6 months goes by. There isn't a day that goes by that you are not thought of.. I came across a thread of text messages with you and and it made me smile. I miss the sarcasm, honesty and love that you showed everyday! You would be happy to know that I'm moving home with mom and going back to school. And you made that possible. There are times you feel so far away but then out of no where it feels like your right there with all of us. We miss you so much! Thank you for watching over our family! I love you!

-Jenny

Jennifer - March 09, 2015 at 10:33 PM

SH

“ Well big brother, well Lisa and I should be out of Los Luna's in a couple days as you wanted. Unfortunately we had to send you a wonderful gift today. I'm sure Sonny is happy there with you and all his brothers and sisters. We are sure now that he can see again he is running and playing. Take good care of him. We miss you and love you. Your little brother.

steve hartshorn - November 11, 2014 at 10:19 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Big Brother* ”



Lisa Hillard - October 31, 2014 at 08:33 AM

LH

“ Mike, Steve reminded me last night that they will probably be taking your website down soon so I just wanted to write to you one more time. I miss you sooo much. Sometimes my heart just aches because of how much I miss you. But, other times I see the work your doing up there to make sure your family is together and okay and that makes me so happy. Things are coming together nicely now. Steve has stepped right into your shoes when it comes to taking care of little sister. He is making sure that everything you wanted is happening. We now have a new house up in Longview just 2 blocks from Mom and Dad. I know that makes you happy. I am so ready to leave Albuquerque and go home (only 14 more days). As Steve said - unfortunately Sunny cannot make this move so I have to send him up to be with you. I know he will be happier with you than trying to adjust to such a change. Steve already took all of you things home and will be returning in 10 days to help me finish packing and get out of New Mexico. Your celebration of life was absolutely wonderful. Many dear friends showed up to reflect on your life and the very special person you were. Like Steve said, I hope you got the balloons we sent to you and read the special message that each of us wrote on our balloon. You are so loved! I know you are holding Mom and Dad close as it is evident by the progress she is making with her treatments. I have your handicap placard in the car (with your pic on it) and visit with you each and every time I am driving. Rest easy Mike as everything is going just as you would like it to go, however, I'm sure you know that as I truly believe you and the guiding force behind it. You are doing a great job at watching over your family. We love you and miss you very very much. Love you tons, Your baby sister.

Lisa Hillard - October 31, 2014 at 08:29 AM

SH

“ Hey big brother, we'll you and your puppies are home in Longview now, and soon I will go back and get Lisa moved up here to your new home. Unfortunately Sonny's health will not allow him to make the trip, so he will be coming to stay with you very soon, so get his bed ready for him. He sure loves to play fetch with his fuzzy toys. Rest easy Mike, we are doing okay and things will be better when we get Lisa here. Mom and dad are doing good, chemo seems to be helping mom get back ahead of her illness. We had a really nice life celebration for you at Rick and Becky's, they are such good friends. A nice turnout of family and some old school friends. Hope you saw our balloons as they made their way to heaven, and thanks for the rainbow as we released them. I love you and miss you.....

Little Broither

Steve Hartshorn - October 30, 2014 at 10:55 AM

SH

“ Steve Hartshorn lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Hartshorn



steve hartshorn - October 12, 2014 at 07:19 AM

DE

“ Dee lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Hartshorn



Dee - October 11, 2014 at 11:43 PM

LH

“ Mike - You have been gone 1 month today but let me tell you it feels more like forever. I love you and miss you so much. Your little sister, Lisa



Lisa Hillard - October 08, 2014 at 07:39 AM

JE

“ writing you on here makes me feel like I'm sending a text to heaven. It is so hard to imagine this world without you. I miss you everyday. Please look over our family and know that we will all be ok I love you



Jennifer - September 28, 2014 at 08:57 PM

LH

“ 09/28/2014

Dear Mike –

I have not sat down and written you a letter yet because I have been so angry. I have been angry at God for taking you away from our family. My heart is broken and it doesn't seem to be getting any better. I have had many talks with God since Tuesday, September 9 asking him why he had to take you. There are so many bad people in this world I couldn't understand why he would take such a good person. It just doesn't seem fair. He has told me that he only takes the best. He said he needed a very special angel to look over this family and he chose the best person for the job. I know in my heart that that makes sense but my heart is still broken and not healing. I really am trying to be strong because I know that is what you would want but I don't feel I am doing a very good job at it. I know God put you to work immediately and I can see the fruits of your labor. I'm sure he told you that he needed you to take care of mom and boy are you doing a good job so far. She has taken chemo twice (1/2 treatment the first time and 3/4 treatment the second) and so far she is really handling it great. She has made huge strides since she started chemo. I realize now that you have wrapped your great big angel wings around her and are protecting her. I thank you for that. God also told me that he tried to warn us this was coming. He told us on February 27, 2012 when we found out you had cancer. He allowed us 2 1/2 years to prepare for this as he had already made plans for you to come and help him. I thought that I had prepared myself for this day but I guess not. How do you prepare to lose your brother, someone you love so much? You have been such a big part of my life that now it feels so empty. I want you to know that I am trying to get a transfer back home. I really need to be close to our family. I want to be there to watch you work your magic with mom. I want to spend more time with Mom, Dad, Steve and the rest of our family up there. This has reminded me that life is short and you should cherish every minute you have with the ones you love. So now can you work some magic for me and talk to God and tell him to allow me to get a transfer home worked out. I imagine that you have met up with our puppies in doggy heaven and I can only

imagine how excited they were to see you again. Please give each of them a hug for me and I will do the same for you with the ones I am taking care of down here. I'm sure that was another task God had for you was for you to take care of our puppies. I'm sure you have been visiting with Roy a lot lately. Give him a hug for me and tell him that I miss him too. It comforts me to know that now you are not in any more pain. You can finally rest now. It also comforts me to know that our family has you (the very best angel in heaven) watching over us. I miss you so much Mike and I think about you all the time. I really look forward to the day that I can think about you and not cry but instead be happy for all the good years we had together. I will see you again one day in heaven but until then always remember that I love you and miss you very very much. You and Steve are the best big brothers that I could have ever asked for. All my love your little sister

Lisa Hillard - September 28, 2014 at 07:57 PM

JR

Beautifully written and completely understandable. I am very sorry to see this news about Mike. I hope your heart and those of the rest of your family heal quickly and completely.

Jeff Robins

Jeff Robins - October 02, 2014 at 11:13 PM

DH

“ Mike,

Right now we have a big hole in our hearts. God told us he needed to borrow a very special person:

-One who loved his family more than himself.

-One whose parents loved and was proud of him every day of his life.

-One who guided a son to become a strong, thoughtful and wonderful young man.

-One who adored, protected and took care of his younger sister from the day she was born.

- One who would argue with his brother over trivial issues, and drive 500 miles to support him in his competitions.

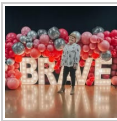
-One who was a father figure to a young niece, who loved her and claimed her as his "part daughter."

-One who opened his home and heart to any stray animal, a perfect fit to help in God's pet heaven.

After several long talks with God, He assured me that eventually we will all be back together and he will fill this hole in our hearts. Until then, be at peace. You have earned it.

*Love you eternally,
Mom & Dad*

Dee Hartshorn - September 20, 2014 at 06:39 PM



Dee and Skip, I am so very sorry for your loss and your broken hearts. Mike was always a good guy...a man who put family first, just like you taught him. You should both be so very proud of all 3 of your kids....one thing about being a Hartshorn....family comes first, as it should be.

Debi Peterson - September 26, 2014 at 01:09 AM

JH

“ Jennifer Hillard lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Hartshorn



Jennifer Hillard - September 20, 2014 at 01:06 PM

AR

“ I am so sorry for the loss of dear Steve. May the family find comfort in knowing that you are not left alone to grieve, for our Creator, Jehovah God, invites you to "throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 83:18) Take advantage of this invitation as you await the day "all" in the grave hear Jesus voice and come out. (John 5:28, 29) Your Mike will awaken to a world where sickness and death are no more; where animals are never abandoned and are at peace with all humans. (Psalms 37:11, 29; Isaiah 11:6-9; 33:24; Revelation 21:4) Take care Hartshorn family and please accept my sincerest condolences.

Aries - September 20, 2014 at 09:04 AM

TH

“ Steve and Lisa,

I am sorry to hear of your loss of your brother. I did not know Mike, but the gruff, tough exterior masking the loving, caring man is like his grandfather Warren. I cannot begin to express what it must feel like to lose a brother. I believe that you're not truly gone until there is no one to remember you. Cherish the memories with your families and loved ones.

And Mike, look up in the stands for your grandpa, he is watching for you.

R. Thomas Hartshorn

thomas hartshorn - September 17, 2014 at 12:45 AM

DH

“ Uncle Mike,

I hope you are resting now comfortably. I have such fond memories of our time together. Elk Camp motorcycle riding, boating, camping, such good times for a younger kid. You also acted like a 2nd father when we lived together out in Hermiston, or the summer I spent with you and Ty when you lived by the golf course. I didn't figure it out until I was older; but you always appeared so rough even though you were a giant softy underneath with a heart of gold. Rest, we will join you at the table in time.

Dusty Hartshorn - September 16, 2014 at 07:48 AM



“ *Shari Olsen-Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Hartshorn*



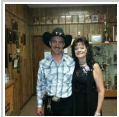
Shari Olsen-Gallegos - September 16, 2014 at 12:04 AM



“ *Lisa Hillard lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Hartshorn*



Lisa Hillard - September 15, 2014 at 07:15 AM



Lisa, I am very sorry to here about your brother. May he rest in Peace! We will be praying for all of you! Shari and staff at Shari's Pampered Pets.

Shari Olsen-Gallegos - September 16, 2014 at 12:07 AM



“ *Steve Hartshorn lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Hartshorn*



steve hartshorn - September 14, 2014 at 09:03 AM



“ *Becky Reed Fisher lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Hartshorn*



Becky Reed Fisher - September 13, 2014 at 10:02 PM

ST

“ *Uncle Mike,
I know we haven't seen each other in quite some time, but I hope you know how loved you are and how deeply you'll be missed. Like any Hartshorn would do, you put up a great fight, but God has big plans for you. I hope your resting comfortably knowing that although our hearts are hurting right now, we will be okay. YOU have reminded me that life is short, and we need to love and LOVE HARD, because tomorrow is never promised. You may be gone, but never forgotten. Until we meet again. Love you!
Stephanie aka "Red" :)*

Stephanie - September 12, 2014 at 09:27 AM

SH

He was lucky to have great nephews and nieces, I love your words.

steve Hartshorn - September 14, 2014 at 08:49 PM

ST

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Stephanie - September 12, 2014 at 09:07 AM

SH

“ *Hey Big Brother, that picture of you is spot on, you always had a warm and caring heart and would never turn your back on a dog in need. Growing up you always picked on me but that made me tougher. You were a huge part of my success in sports, following in dad's and your shoes was no easy feat. No matter what you were doing you always took the time to come watch me wrestle. I remember the state wrestling tournament when you and mom got thrown out of the gym for giving the referee hell for allowing my opponent to stall in the last minutes of the match. I wish that we had the opportunity to live closer in the latter years of our lives, I missed out on spending time with a very special person. I am glad your pain is finally gone and that you are resting peacefully now. As Lisa says, our hearts are broken and we miss you dearly but we will all be okay. Our family is incomplete and there is a big hole left in our hearts, but you will ALWAYS live on in our thoughts, prayers and memories. Your job now is to rest, visit with friends and family that met you and save us a seat at the dinner table because we will all be together again in Heaven. Rest in Peace, your family will be taken care of. I love you dearly, your Little Brother Steve.*

Steve Hartshorn - September 11, 2014 at 07:37 PM



Amen . Steve , you said it all about your brother! What a great guy!

Becky Reed Fisher - September 13, 2014 at 10:06 PM

JH

“ *Uncle Mike,*

If there is a lesson to be learned from this heartache it is that life is to short. I wish I would have told you more often how much you truly mean to me. You were such a big part of my life and such a role model. You were always on my side and I could always count on you! Well now you can count on me. I will continue to make you proud and promise to look after my mom. We will all be ok because you will always be with us in our hearts and memories. You were such a strong, kind and loving man with a heart of gold. I already miss you so much. Your only job now is to relax and watch over us untill we all meet again. I love you!

Jenny

Jennifer Hillard - September 11, 2014 at 01:50 PM

JH

“ *“God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you
And whispered "Come to me"*

*With tearful eyes we watched you
As you slowly slipped away
And though we loved you dearly
We couldn't make you stay*

*Your golden heart stopped beating
Your tired hands put to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best"*

My dear brother, we love you and will miss you more than you could ever imagine. Although we are now missing a piece of our family and our hearts are broken I want you to be comforted in knowing that we will be ok. We will take care of each other and one day we will all be together again in heaven. All my love, your sister Lisa

Jennifer Hillard - September 11, 2014 at 01:02 PM

RH

“ *16 files added to the album Memories Album*



Romero Funeral Home - September 11, 2014 at 10:58 AM