



Michael H. Ambrosino

January 25, 1962 - August 19, 2020

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, Michael “Mike” Ambrosino, passed away at the age of 58 after a prolonged fight against COVID-19 and the complications that followed.

Mike was born on Jan. 25, 1962, in Gloversville, New York, to Joseph and Billy Ambrosino, and he had five siblings. Mike was a loving husband and father, and an accomplished law enforcement officer with more than 32 years in service.

Mike’s first 25 years in law enforcement were spent with the New York State Department of Corrections, Philmont Police Department, and Coxsackie Police Department. Over the course of his career, he gained a reputation for integrity and received more awards for meritorious service than one could hope to count.

After retiring from New York State, Mike and his family moved south with their sights set on more free time for boating and adventures, both of which Michael loved very much. But, no sooner than Michael had found his sea legs, he dove back into law enforcement with Horry County Police Department (HCPD) and swam right onto the Beach Patrol team.

Over the more than seven years Mike spent with HCPD, he served on South Precinct Patrol, Beach Patrol, Honor Guard, and as a Team Leader for the SWAT Negotiations Team. Like the photos of the sunrise on the beach that he would take before each shift, Mike saw every day as a new opportunity for something great and beautiful.

When Mike came to work, he put his all into helping others--fellow officers and community members alike--and doing it with a smile and wry humor. Whether it was responding to calls for service on shift, or volunteering after-hours to run traffic control for a local church, Mike gained the respect and friendship of all who knew him. He epitomized the HCPD core values of honor, commitment, pride, and dedication.

Outside of work, Mike was always on the move, always active, always doing something fun, especially in the great outdoors. He often competed in mud runs and went on scuba diving excursions with his younger son, Tanner, and he relished hunting trips and monster jams with his older son, Ryan. At the end of every day, Mike could be found sitting back and catching up with his wife, Tracey, enjoying time together at home with good food, better drinks, and only the best company.

No matter what, everyone knew they could always count on Mike for a prank or a story, and often both at the same time. But, those who were close to him also knew that they could count on him for so much more—the thing that needed fixing, the work that needed doing, the friend that needed help. He was always there and willing to lend a hand, whether it was doing a Jeep upgrade or talking through a tough situation. That's how he'll be remembered, always reaching out and willing to help others in.

Mike is survived by his wife, Tracey, his children, Ryan and Tanner, and his siblings, Mark, Alicia, Robin, Paul, and Danny, and each of their families.

A small, private memorial service will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020, at 9 a.m. at Goldfinch's Funeral Home on Frontage Road in Murrells Inlet.

A procession to the Myrtle Beach State Park pier will follow, where family and friends will hold a brief ceremony by the sea that he loved so deeply.

Community members are invited to join the family on the beach near the pier. In accordance with CDC regulations, face coverings and/or social distancing are required.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations for some of Mike's favorite community programs—Shop with a Cop and Special Olympics—be sent to

Horry County Police Department at 2560 N. Main Street, Suite 7, Conway,
S.C. 29526.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is honored to serve the Ambrosino
family.

Tribute Wall

LN

“ *My condolences to the family. Tracey you may not remember me, I worked at Homewatch. May God bless you and keep you in perfect peace.*

Leslie Nesbit - August 27, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ *Mike was the Officer that patrolled for our Neighborhood Watch at Indigo Creek Golf Plantation. I met him in March when I assumed the Neighborhood Watch Chair position for the community. He took pride in his job, was so very friendly & liked by our neighbors and took a genuine concern in watching over our community. Sending sincerest condolences to his family, friends and fellow officers.*

Respectfully,

Linda Powell

Linda Jeanette - August 25, 2020 at 09:51 AM

GE

“ *I never had the opportunity to work with Mike, but all who did ,respected him as a great supervisor and leader of all. To the family I send my condolences and sympathies. Mike will be missed by all ,not only in N.Y. but here in Horry County. R.I.P. Mike*

George E.Frees - August 24, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael H. Ambrosino.*



August 24, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Keeping you, and family in our thoughts, and prayers !!*



Jan Terry - August 24, 2020 at 07:33 AM



“ *Keeping you, and family in my thoughts, and prayers !!*



Jan Terry - August 24, 2020 at 07:26 AM



“ *Michael Blaine lit a candle in memory of Michael H. Ambrosino*



Michael Blaine - August 23, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael H. Ambrosino.



August 23, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ Anita and I have known Mike for thirty plus years. He was a great officer and friend who could always be counted on. Prayers to you, Tanner, Ryan and Mike's family. He will be greatly missed and thought about often.

Al and Anita Miller. - August 23, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ My wife and I worked with Ambro as he was known for years. He was a super great supervisor and CERT COMMANDER. He will never be forgotten by us R I P BROTHER.

Herbie Buck & Dottie Buck - August 23, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Tracey n family: Gwen n I offer our sincere condolences to all of the family. Mike will always remain in our hearts. He was such a decent man who we respected and admired. We are saddened that we cannot attend the Memorial Service. Please know that our prayers will continue for Mike and the family. God Bless you all, Mike is now an Angel in heaven.

George n Gwen Schneider - August 22, 2020 at 09:41 PM

SO

“ Tracey, Tanner, Ryan and family. Very sorry you are going through this difficult time. Mike was a great supervisor and officer. His integrity, knowledge and strength were unwavering. His humor and enjoyment of life was infectious. Mike will be missed by so many. May he Rest in Peace.

Steve Oliver - August 22, 2020 at 05:08 PM

CH

“ A heart of gold stopped beating,
two shining eyes at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best.”

Chuck - August 22, 2020 at 04:51 PM

 Linda Kennedy

“ Linda Kennedy lit a candle in memory of
Michael H. Ambrosino



Linda Kennedy - August 22, 2020 at 03:24 PM

SB

“ Sammy & Beth Branton sent a virtual gift in
memory of Michael H. Ambrosino



Sammy & Beth Branton - August 22, 2020 at 08:11 AM

SB

“ *Sammy & Beth Branton lit a candle in memory of Michael H. Ambrosino*



Sammy & Beth Branton - August 22, 2020 at 08:10 AM

LB

“ *R.I.P. my brother in blue prayers going out for your family, friends and to the Horry County Police Department, Thank You for your service.*

*Lundy Brigman
Retired Chief Of Police
Latta Police Department.*

Lundy Brigman - August 22, 2020 at 07:21 AM

SA

“ *PRAYERS TO MICHAEL'S FAMILY.. AND TO HIS FAMILY IN BLUE..
YOU WILL BE MISSED IN HORRY COUNTY..
R.I.P. MICHAEL*



SUSAN ALFORD-HAWKINS - August 21, 2020 at 12:35 PM