



# Mr. Michael Holmes Makinson

MAY 28, 1943 - DEC 7, 2014



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## **Mr. Michael Holmes Makinson**

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**M**ichael Holmes Makinson passed away peacefully at home after a long fight with lung cancer on Sunday December 7th, 2014. A longtime resident of St. Pete Beach, Florida, Mike was born in Chicago, Illinois and moved to the western suburbs at the age of 7. He was an avid, longtime fan of the Miami Dolphins. That and his family were the loves of his life. Michael was a carpenter, by trade, whose talents in making things with his hands helped many people over the years.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife, Darlene (nee Hale) and daughters Deborah (Lee Mannes) of St. Petersburg, Diane Benoist of Largo, Darlene (Craig Mellott) of Casselberry and his 4 grandchildren Michael Benoist, Alexis Benoist, Brennan Mellott and Camden Mellott. He also leaves behind his brothers, Jack and Dan.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ian Kenneth and Laurie (nee Bronson) Makinson, brother Gary Makinson and sons-in-law F. Blaine Benoist and Gregory Dean.

Arrangements have been made for a Funeral Mass on Saturday December 20th, 2014 at 11:30am. Mass will be at Michael's church, St. John's Vianney Catholic Church, 445 82nd Ave, St. Pete Beach, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family is encouraging donations be made in Mike's name to Suncoast Hospice ( [www.TheHospice.org](http://www.TheHospice.org) ) or to the American Lung Association ( [www.Lung.org](http://www.Lung.org) )



## Events


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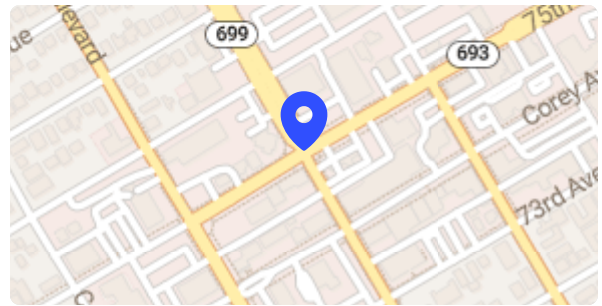
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### Funeral Mass

 **Saturday**, December 20, 2014

 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ET

 **St. John's Vianney Catholic Church**  
St. Pete Beach FL





## Tribute Wall

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LK

**Lynn Krause** posted:

Deb and family.....so sorry for your loss. I know you are hurting so much. There are no words to make that any better. I love you and I am here for whenever you need me.

December 19 at 5:40 PM

MK

**Michele Kosmitis** posted:

Darlene, Girls, and Extended Family, We lived next door to you for years and enjoyed you as neighbors! Mike had a keen sense of humor, and willingness to always lend a helping hand. He loved all his girls fiercely, and he is one character who will be remembered always and missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Gary Gustavson and Michele Kosmitis p.s. Go Dolphins!

December 17 at 7:43 AM

MM

**Merlin Makinson** posted:

Rest in Peace uncle Mike. I'll never forget talking football and drinking cold beers with you. Your memory goes beyond the State of Florida.

December 16 at 12:41 PM

DH

**Daniel Harrington** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Dear Dad and girls please accept my heart felt condolences.....Mike will also be remembered to me for his wonderful grin and charming good looks. He always had the look that was Mike's for sure. I know that this time is hard but keep the faith and prayers they work and did for me. Sincerely, Dan, Ryan & Mackenzie Harrington



December 16 at 3:35 AM

DM

**Deborah L. Mannes** posted:

Dear Dad, YOU loved me unconditionally- to the sky and back. YOU taught me how to wink- our own special way. YOU protected me fiercely- for if the house were to burn. YOU cared for me during the tough times- there were a few. YOU comforted me often- with kind words and kisses. I miss you so much- my heart is empty. I know GOD took you- because I need another Guardian Angel. I LOVE YOU, Debbie Lynn

December 15 at 1:50 PM



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LM

**Lee F. Mannes** posted:

Dad, you still owe me a dollar from the Miami-Detroit game. I'll get it from you when I see you in heaven. I miss you."Leonard"

December 15 at 8:59 AM

CH

**Cathy Huggins** posted:

Deb and family, I am so sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.Love, Cathy Huggins

December 15 at 8:55 AM

FR

**Frank** posted:

Darlene and family, I am so sorry for you loss and the strife you had to go through. You have lost a husband and father and I have lost a life long friend. I first met Mike in grammar school over 50 years ago. And though we have been hundreds of miles apart, any time we got together we picked up right where we left off. He was a great friend.Love, Frank & Bette Lynn

December 14 at 7:24 PM

AL

**Andrea Lanham** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Our deepest sympathies to the Makinson family. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all at this time. Heartfelt love, Mike & Andrea Lanham

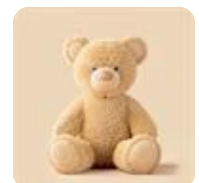
December 14 at 12:33 PM



DM

**Deborah L. Mannes** sent a virtual gift in honor of Michael.

December 14 at 3:26 AM



DM

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December 14 at 3:26 AM





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**Diane Benoist** posted:

My dearest daddy there are so many beautiful sweet memories that i cant think of just one to share !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! but the best was AND IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE YOU meaning YOU, YOU are the best!!!!!!!!!!!!!! i will talk to to later date alligator to share more too many tears now DADDY I LOVE AND MISS YOU SOOO VERY MUCH. I LOVE YOU LIKE THERE IS NO TOMORROW AND ALL AROUND THE WORLD AND BACK AS WE USED TO SAY :>

December 13 at 6:24 PM



**Diane Benoist** sent a virtual gift in honor of Michael.



December 13 at 6:16 PM



**Diane Benoist** lit a candle in honor of Michael.



December 13 at 6:14 PM



**Darlene Makinson** sent a virtual gift in honor of Michael.



December 13 at 10:55 AM



**Darlene Makinson** lit a candle in honor of Michael.



December 13 at 10:54 AM



**Memorial Park Funeral Home** shared an album called **Memories Album 1.**



December 13 at 7:52 AM



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**Memorial Park Funeral Home** shared 7 photos to the **Memories Album 1** album.

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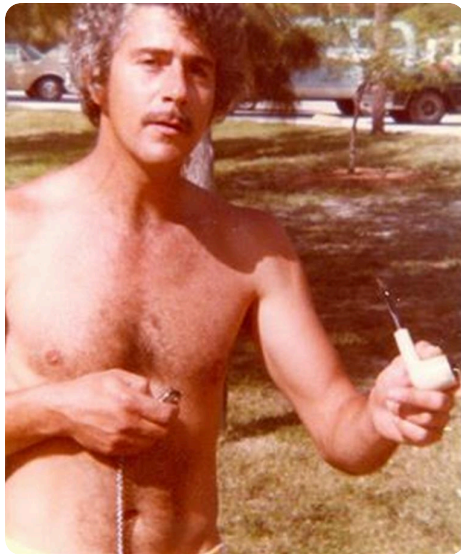
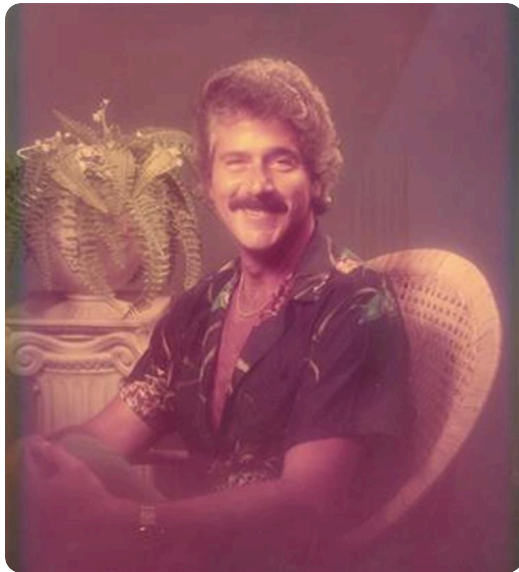




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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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