



## Michael Royston (Bolivar)

February 8, 1975 - June 15, 2020

Michael (Mike) Craig Royston 45, formerly from the Webster County, Missouri area passed away on Monday, June 15, 2020 at Cox Hospital after a sudden illness.

Mike was born February 8, 1975 in Springfield, Missouri.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Don Royston, his stepfather, Tom Sneath, his uncle, Doug Hulsey, an aunt, Jean Luedde grandparents Earl and Iona Royston and Tony and Shirley Hulsey, several cousins and close friends.

Mike is survived by his mother, Carolyn Sneath of Hermitage, Missouri; his children, Mikelah Underwood of Columbia, MO, Dylan Royston (Tucker) of Springfield, MO, Jaden Harleman of Marshfield, MO, Brooke Miller (Dakota) of Fair Grove, MO, Breann Pentecost of Springfield, MO and Cierra Pentecost of Fair Grove MO.; his three grandchildren, Reagan, Kylie and Geo.

Also surviving is his sister, Teri Redd (Mike) of Hermitage MO.; nephews and nieces, Jesse Jones (Bethany), Cheyanna Jennings (Cody), Taylor Funk (Zach); great-niece and nephews Dusty Jones and Hadley Jones and Will Funk; his uncle, Tony Hulsey and many other cousins and family members including a special long time buddy, Kyle Thomas of Seymour, MO.

and many other friends from around the U.S.

To know this wild and crazy cowboy was to love him. When he was younger, he and his best four legged friend, Dunny aka Elvis, could be found at all the area Ropins. He and Dunny rode many miles in Fordland and Seymour through the years.

Mike worked as a plumber for many years although his favorite "job" was farming. From his childhood years raking hay with our dad til recently he was most likely found on some ole John Deere tractor working the fields.....or maybe just cruising town on one, ya never knew for sure!

Mike was an avid story teller and could keep you rolling and laughing in the floor til your sides hurt with the stories he told!!

He never met a stranger. He would talk to anyone. My big little brother was as ornery as the day is long. He lived life the way he wanted and made many friends along the way. A free spirit that couldn't be tamed and we wouldn't have wanted him any other way.

In the last week I have talked alot with the most recent friends he had made(who called him family). They called him Big Mike and they adored him and are hurting alongside all of us. In the last few years we have been told he has helped many people that needed help and that makes our shattered hearts smile. The loss of this man will leave a void that can never be filled. We love you Michael, Dad, Papa, Bub, Uncle, may you Rest in Peace!!

Last but not least, I have to mention who he called his hateful but beautiful and amazing buddy Marti, he asked for us to get her to him when he went into the hospital. He told me he felt safe knowing she was around because she would make sure he was taken care of. Marti, you were so important to him.

Services will be Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Visitation will be at 9:00 a.m. until service time.

Burial will be at Dooley Bend Cemetery near Pomme de Terre Lake following the service.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Michael Royston please visit our Sympathy Store.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Dooley Bend**

Hermitage, MO,

**JUN Visitation 09:00AM - 10:00AM**

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Butler House Family Reception Center  
407 E. Broadway, Bolivar, MO, US, 65613

**JUN Memorial Service 10:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ Where to even begin so so many memories, you could always make me laugh, such a good hearted, silly, crazy, just a tad ornery good ole county boy. You will be greatly missed by so many. Love you Royston

**Mindy Willis-Miller** - June 24 at 03:43 PM

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“ Micheal Royston memories are my whole childhood and life. I LOVE YOU ROYSTON. I ALREADY FEEL LIKE PART OF ME IS MISSING. YOUR BROTHER AND FRIEND JOSHUA COOLEY

**Joshua Cooley** - June 21 at 01:03 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Royston (Bolivar).



June 21 at 12:02 AM

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“ Way too many memories to share about this special young man. Such a big heart. Thought he had to take care of me after Jim passed away. They are together again livin it up I'm sure. Loved him bunches and miss him greatly.

**Teri Myers** - June 20 at 11:12 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Royston (Bolivar).



June 19 at 05:24 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Mike. He always had a smile on his face whenever we saw him. He had a big heart and would do what he could to help you if you needed it! Go Rest High Mike Royston!

**Brenda Woods** - June 17 at 10:01 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. I met Mike when I got with Danny McKinney. Mike was always so nice to my son TJ and his boys. Always told me if Danny was gone need something he was close just call. Good man will miss him he's in heaven with Danny.

**Tammy McKinney** - June 17 at 08:35 PM

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“ Where do I even start??! You were an amazing man and gave me a lot of memories. We were known as the Brady bunch with our kids. Many times we disagreed or fought but somehow you knew what say to make me not kill you. Our friendship ran deep and I had your back. You'll forever hold a special place in my heart and I'll never love another the way I loved you. We went out separate ways but remained close. I hate that we lost touch in the last 3 years but I know you are better now and pain free. Raise hell my redhead cowboy.

**Christy** - June 17 at 08:24 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. We are praying for you.  
Love Boyd and Donna Cole

**Boyd and Donna Cole** - June 19 at 08:35 AM