



Michael Steven Pagel

July 13, 1984 - October 13, 2025

Michael Steven Pagel (41 years), of Bennington, Nebraska, peacefully passed away on October 13, 2025, surrounded by his girls.

Born on July 13, 1984, in Vail, Iowa, Michael graduated from Denison High School in 2002 and continued his education at Ottumwa Community College and Western Iowa Tech. In 2008, Michael met the love of his life, Taryn Hamling. The two were married on May 25, 2013, and later welcomed their beloved daughters, Gracelyn (9 years) and Remington (3 months).

Michael was a proud and devoted father, a loyal friend, and a true free spirit. He found joy in riding motorcycles, visiting the gun range, taking family trips to Disney, attending concerts—especially those of his favorite band, Mötley Crüe—and most of all, spending time with his girls. Gracelyn and Remington were the center of his world, and he treasured every moment with them.

Michael had an exceptional passion and talent for cybersecurity and was recognized as one of the greats in his field. At the time of his passing, he was employed at Camping World as the Director of Cyber Security a position he truly loved and took immense pride in.

He will be remembered for his fearless spirit, generous heart, and the deep love he shared with his family and friends. Michael will be deeply missed by

his wife, Taryn; his daughters, Gracelyn and Remington; and all who loved him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on November 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

In Lieu of flowers a Go Fund Me has been set up for Michael's daughters. Your donations can be sent through the link at <https://gofund.me/166bc4779>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

Elkhorn Eagles Club
20276 Wirt St.
Elkhorn, NE 68022
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Tribute Wall

RS

“ Michael Pagel was by far the greatest boss I have ever known! I absolutely adored him! I just learned today about us loosing him. I am incredibly sad and shocked! Michael was an amazing dad and loving husband. Every day you will always be in my heart. You will be greatly missed.

Rashele Shoun - February 13 at 06:56 AM

CR

“ Mike and I went to college together in Sioux City IA. Lots of fun and laughter was had. He was a great person then and I can only imagine how great of a father he was to his girls. Prayers for peace and comfort to all who loved him.

Christine Rosburg - November 03, 2025 at 07:44 PM

LP

“ I met Mike at Solutionary. We traveled together for work and made things happen, we hope for the best possible outcomes. Mike helped me when I was without a home and needed a place to stay for about 45 days. He and Taryn were great hosts and I was lucky to get to know them both a little better. I'm so sorry to hear this, Taryn. If I can help I any way, please let me know.

Loren Paquette - October 21, 2025 at 03:49 PM

TK

“ Mike was essentially the first face I encountered when I entered cybersecurity at Solutionary. He definitely loved Mötley Crüe, no doubt about that. I was entering as an analyst and he was very engaging with every person in the room.

The one memory that I have of him is when I was so stressed about what I was doing and he compared it to working in a pallet factory - which he did in his earlier days. Pulling nails and broken boards out of used pallets and rebuilding them. Physical work versus mental work. That analogy has stuck with me for 13 years.

He found a way to connect with everyone. That is an extremely rare quality. I will never forget him for that.

He helped guide me in my career and I will be forever grateful.

Please take solice knowing that his guidance and leadership lives on with myself and others that had the pleasure of working with him.

My sincere condolences,

Todd Keller
Security Engineer

Todd Keller - October 20, 2025 at 10:55 PM

JH

“ Taryn, I never had a chance to get to know Mike, but he must have been a great father and husband. It was easy to see the love that made your family special. My heartfelt prayers are with you and your girls.

Jaci Heldenbrand - October 19, 2025 at 10:44 PM

JA

“ Dear Pagel family,

Reaching out as a colleague of Michael's to extend my deepest sympathies. Michael brought in our consulting team from Palo Alto Networks for several projects at Camping World over the years. As we got to know each other, he always spoke glowingly about his family as he shared his fondest memories and stories of special family moments with us. He worked relentlessly to support his team at Camping World, but more importantly, he worked relentlessly to support all of you. I have rarely met anyone as committed and hardworking as Michael.

Michael's devotion to his family resonated in the way he worked. He made sure he got the absolute best out of his team, he never quit on anything or anyone, and he made the most of every day. No matter what we were trying to accomplish together professionally, his family was always front and center, and he treated his team at Camping World like members of his family too. Michael was so excited about the vacation you took together earlier this year, it brought him so much joy. I'm very proud to have known him, and I know he will be sorely missed.

Wishing you all the best, and may his memory be a continuing presence in all our lives.

*Jack Anderson
Unit 42 at Palo Alto Networks*

Jack Anderson - October 17, 2025 at 01:31 PM

ES

“ Taryn, Gracelyn and Remington - I am so very sorry for your loss. I never met Mike but I know he must've been amazing because Taryn, you always beamed with pride when you spoke of him. His passing leaves a heartache that no one can heal but the love you all shared leaves memories that no one can steal. Big, big hugs to you Taryn and your two mini-you's!

Eileen Siert - October 15, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ So sorry for ur loss

Jonie Vaughn - October 15, 2025 at 12:51 PM

VS

“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing... thinking of you all. I will keep you in my prayers.

Valerie Saiz - October 15, 2025 at 09:46 AM

TJ

I will always remember that good looking young man with that beautiful smile
He was highly intelligent and very loving to his wife and girls. There was a very well dressed young man with a great personality.
I feel so bad for you, Taryn. I'm sure the house feels extremely empty in your heart is going to feel empty for a long time. Just remember to take life one day at a time and try to find happiness in the little things. Treasure all the great memories that you had together just remember that we love you and we're here for you if you need anything, love aunt Tami & Ben

Tami Johnson - October 15, 2025 at 10:05 AM



I will truly miss the motorcycle rides that we shared together. I felt like a father and other times like a brother to mike.. He will truly be missed.

Keith Schroeder - October 15, 2025 at 07:41 PM