



## Michael Pierre Coenen

May 9, 1961 - September 30, 2017

On September 30, 2017 Michael Pierre Coenen (56) left us to scout for virgin fishing and hunting grounds. Mike was the beloved husband of Tiffany Kersten, favorite son of Marcelle Coenen, son in law of Pat Kersten, Uncle to Gabrielle and Danielle, brother to Robert Coenen (Sonia), Marc Coenen, Martin Coenen (Christine Axel), Rick Kerstern, John Soder, numerous Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins in Florida, California, Canada, Belgium, Lebanon, and Australia. Michael is preceded in death by his father Pierre and nephew Riley. Mike also leaves behind the close brotherhood of fellow Firefighters at the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department. Michael was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed boating, hunting, and traveling to his sanctuary (Hillcrest) in Georgia. Mike courageously fought cancer over the past 14 years, while living life on his terms and chasing adventure. Professionally Mike started at the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department as a firefighter, then a paramedic and rose to the position of Battalion Chief during the past 19 years. During his service he had the opportunity to serve with a special group of brave men and form many special close relationships. The family wishes to extend special thanks to the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department, Moffitt Cancer Center, Hope Hospice and Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., all of whom treated Mike with dignity and compassion. A celebration of Michael's life will take place at Beach Baptist Church 130 Connecticut Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Firefighters Cancer Support Network, (786) 351-3276, contact person

is Keith Tyson. Condolences may be expressed at [gendronfuneralhome.com](http://gendronfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church-Fort Myers Beach  
130 Connecticut Street  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Pierre Coenen*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Michael Pierre Coenen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Very surreal. Guide all the birds and deer into my blind from up there! The best days were not shooting anything and we chatted about everything! Rest easy my friend.*



**Keith** - October 08, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ *May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. My most sincere condolences.*

*Marc & Sabine*

*Vincent & Laurent*



**Theunissen Marc** - October 08, 2017 at 07:22 AM

LC

“ *Lily Coenen sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Pierre Coenen*



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**lily coenen** - October 07, 2017 at 07:41 PM

LJ

*Our deepest condolences for your tremendous loss! God bless you all and help you through this difficult time!*

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**lily & uncle Jeff** - October 07, 2017 at 07:53 PM

LC

*Dear Family and friends, My deepest condolences by the lost of our beloved Michael .To young to leave this world and future My thoughts are with you all. Michael is not far away,only out of sight and I wish you all the strenght and courage to get trough this difficult time . May God guide him to his long voyage. Aunt Leontine Coenen*

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**Leontine Coenen** - October 08, 2017 at 04:28 AM



“ *All of our love, condolences, and prayers for strength. If only we all could hold and eminent the warmth and courage which Michael did...*

*Love always Tricia and Josee Kubiak, Paige and Graison Gill*

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**Graison Gill** - October 07, 2017 at 02:00 PM



“ *These are just a few of the adventures my brother and I shared. The day he was promoted to Chief I was the lucky one to pin his badge on him. What an honor. Gonna miss him.* ”



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**John Soeder** - October 06, 2017 at 07:23 PM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.** - October 04, 2017 at 02:23 PM

“ Our prayers, thoughts, and heartfelt condolences are with you dearest and greatest Aunt Marcelle, with you dear Tiffany and with our dear cousins Martin, Mark and Robert. May the Lord comfort you and give you all fountains of strength during this sorrowful time. We deeply share your grief and loss.

Your beloved Michael is so loved by all who knew him for he loved life, families, friends and colleagues. Those of us who met him and knew him, even for the shortest time, will remember how his soul brightly radiated those qualities. He always looked and found the bright side of any situation. Through his words and actions, he constantly kept an upbeat attitude regardless of all odds. Even throughout his ordeal and challenges, physical and emotional difficulties he faced in the last decade and a half, he was always calm, composed and constantly maintained, with a contagious smile, his strength to press forward actively pursuing all sorts of outdoor activities despite even the difficult cards life has handed him. Indeed, he showed the examples and the marks of a great citizen and more importantly the qualities of a loving son, brother, cousin, friend and the husband of the special lady, Mrs Tiffany Coenen.

Long distances prevented us from not being near him as often as we would have liked to; however, in our hearts and minds, he has always earned our love, our admiration and our respect. To me, Michael was the perfect cousin for simply being himself acting on his beliefs, principles, and values. Last year, we drove to Fort Meyers from Disney to see him. We also had the pleasure to meet Tiffany. In that meeting, I felt that Michael was the same person with the same big heart I knew so many years ago. The next day, he invited us on a boat trip and my wife and teenage kids, who just met him for the first time, immediately felt his unwavering expression of love and care. Grateful are we indeed for that trip and for all its quality moments and the cherished memories that resulted from Michael's diligence to so quickly and thoroughly arrange it. No sickness can erase that experience and its precious moments with a

*wonderful person whom I have the most privilege to call my cousin.*

*Though you may feel his place is suddenly vacant in your home which can never be filled, I believe that the Heavens just got more illumination with his bright soul for he departed to his eternal home in his sleep like an angel. The Lord so also wished to brighten this point further in bringing him home to celebrate with the angels on that day, the special feast day of St. Michael the Archangel.*

*On behalf of my parents Edmond and Chahidé, my sisters and brothers and our extended families, I say Farewell and Goodbye dearest Michael. We eternally love you and we shall dearly miss you.*

*Heavenly Father, we pray through our Lord, Jesus Christ, that You bless Michael's soul and grant him eternal peace. Amen.*

*Cousin Charbell Letef*

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**Charbell Letef** - October 03, 2017 at 05:22 PM

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“ *Our prayers ,thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with you dearest Aunt Marcelle ,dear Tiffany ,our cousins Martin ,Mark and Robert .May the lord comfort you and give you strength.We deeply share your grief and loss .love from your cousins in Canada .Leba and Sue Armali and family*

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**sue armali (cousin from canada )** - October 03, 2017 at 07:26 AM



“ *Tiffany, So sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in my prayers. From Gary Peterson from Michigan*

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**Gary Peterson** - October 02, 2017 at 11:17 PM

YF

“ *Your High School Friends purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Pierre Coenen.*



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**Your High School Friends** - October 02, 2017 at 03:24 PM

SB

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Steve Bruns** - October 02, 2017 at 03:18 PM

SB

*So happy Mike and Tiffany could make it to Sturgis 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Steve and Michele.*

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**Steve Bruns** - October 02, 2017 at 04:22 PM

BS

“ *Although we didn't know Mike well, he made a lasting impression on both of us. We met him through Tiffany, and knew immediately what a special person he was. He fought a long hard fight and did so valiantly. Our deepest sympathy to his family. And to Tiffany, we extend our heartfelt love and prayers. So sorry we are still up north and unable to be there.*

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**Bunny and Bernie Scott** - October 02, 2017 at 01:37 PM