



## Michael J. Kowal

May 23, 1977 - July 23, 2021

Michael J. Kowal, 44, of US Route 9, Schroon Lake, and formerly of Gloversville, passed away Friday July 23, 2021, at UVM Medical Center, Burlington, VT.

He was born in Amsterdam on May 23, 1977, a son of Steven Kowal and Virginia Lindquist and attended school there. Mike resided locally before moving to Schroon Lake four years ago.

He was employed at Big Lots and later at Dollar General, both in Amsterdam. Affectionately known as “Big Mike”, he was a wholehearted and generous guy who was always willing to help anyone. He was an important part in the lives of his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Mike enjoyed music, was the life of the party, and really loved spending time with family and friends. A jack-of-all-trades, Mike was a skilled DJ, bartender, waiter, and fantastic cook. He is remembered for his deep love of family, especially his mother, and had a special bond with his dog, “King”. Mike had a wonderful sense of humor and took great joy in storytelling, taking part in pranks, and participating in anything to get a laugh. Mike left a joyful imprint on the hearts of all who knew him. He would want to be remembered in the best of times as he is at peace with his brothers and all who have gone before him.

Mike was predeceased by his two brothers, Clayton and Richard Leonard; his maternal grandparents, Violet and William Lindquist; and his paternal grandmother, Betty Kowal.

Survivors include his parents, Steven Kowal and Virginia Leonard of Fort

Johnson, and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A calling period will be held on Wednesday from noon to 12:45pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown followed by a funeral service at 12:45pm with Rev. Linda Martin, officiating. Burial will take place at Foster Hill Cemetery, Galway.

# Cemetery Details

## Foster Hill Cemetery

Galway, NY 12074

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 28. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

KE

“ Mike was my best friend I grew up with him known him since kindergarten I am truly going to miss him rest easy pimp say hi to everyone for me bro I will see you on the other side

Kevin - July 29, 2021 at 10:40 PM

TA

“ Taylor lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Kowal



Taylor - July 29, 2021 at 09:55 PM

SV

“ Shirley Vanavery lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Kowal



Shirley Vanavery - July 28, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ Red & White Satin Cross Casket Pillow was purchased for the family of Michael J. Kowal.



July 27, 2021 at 10:53 AM

TO

“ I’m at a loss for words. I thought we’d have many years to make many more memories ....every memory brings tears but as I told your niece, the pain we’re all feeling is from the love we all had for you. That’s a lot of pain. I’m only consoled knowing how happy you are to see everyone that went before you. And how happy they are to see you.  
Love you so much cuz....fly high

Toni - July 26, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Michael J. Kowal.



July 26, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Michael J. Kowal.



July 26, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Michael J. Kowal.



July 26, 2021 at 02:29 PM

LP

“ So glad Diane introduced Jacob and I too you.

*I will still not 4 get when Diane and U and myself were in the yard at the fire and the neighbors son Oliver started creeping up on us and freaked us the heck out.. We all 3 laughed so hard.. Love ya Buddy Lynn and Jacob*



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**Lynn Marie Pratt** - July 25, 2021 at 05:11 PM

TC

*Mike ur gunna b missed so much i love u Mike*

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**Tracy cannon** - July 25, 2021 at 07:38 PM

ER

*I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was an amazing person with an amazing personality. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Eric** - July 26, 2021 at 10:52 AM