



## Michael James Banfalvi

*October 20, 1971 - June 27, 2017*

Michael James Banfalvi of Little Elm, Texas passed away on June 27, 2017. He was born October 20, 1971 in Lakewood, California, beloved and cherished son of Lou and Shirley Banfalvi.

Michael is survived by his wife, Trisha Banfalvi of Little Elm, Texas; and children, Mitchell and Blayklee Banfalvi; parents, Lou and Shirley Banfalvi; sister, Jolynn Russell of Sachse, Texas; Niece, Savannah Russell, and nephew Gabriel Russell; father-in-law, Lee Jones; sister-in-law, Victoria Jones of Boise, Idaho; nephews, Christian Bell, and Maximus Jones and niece, Lexi Shae Bell.

Tantamount to Michael's accomplishments and success in his career is the meritorious life of service in the way he touched the lives of others. Michael never met a stranger. His warm and hospitable manner was obvious to those who were fortunate to know him. Whether at work or play, Michael could make you feel you were of immense value to him and to his life. His provocative statements forced you into taking a stand regardless of agreeing with his views or not; he lived out loud in bold and vibrant color. Michael's affable humor, goodness, and willingness to honor your stand whatever it may be (without compromising his belief) prevailed; in the end all was well with friend and foe. Genuine compassion, unconditional love, and capacity to forgive were hallmarks of Michael's life. These attributes he so generously gave to family and friends echo in eternity.

Michael's pride and love for his family are undisputable. His admiration and respect for his parents and father-in-law was without question. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do to meet the needs of Trisha and their children. Cheering on and giving tips to his son during sports activities giving equal importance to academics; making funny faces while talking to his infant daughter, Blayklee, as he held her in his arms; meeting the love of his life, Trisha, on June 5, 2001 followed by marriage July 9, 2004 were some of his proudest moments. His love and dedication to Trisha, Mitchell, and Blayklee was matched only by his love for God, his prayer for their protection, and his desire for his children to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Michael's aim to be a fireman at the age of five; his choice of super heroes, Superman and the Star Trek crew; his

unwavering patriotism all have the same thing in common: service to others with humility and a good portion of style and flair. His enthusiasm for NASCAR, love for all that is funny no matter how absurd rounded out Michael's uniqueness.

Family and friends are invited to a Visitation at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 8520 Main Street, Frisco, Texas 75033, on Friday, July 7, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A Celebration of Life will be held at Hope Fellowship Church West Campus, 309 W. Main Street, Frisco, Texas 75034, on Saturday, July 7, 2017 beginning at 10:30 AM with Pastor Gavin Papit officiating.

## Memorials

*Michael (aka affectionately called Michael BanFanaFana), We had the pleasure of meeting you at NaSCAR and you instantly became a part of our family! You will be sorely missed on this earth so we take heart in the hope that we will get to spend an eternity with you. May the Lord hold your family in His gentle hands as He breathes peace to our hearts and comfort to our souls. Fly High Superman (#41) ~ Donnie and Dina*

**DINA HOLT AND DONNIE JONES, JULY 9, 2017**

*Michael, still cannot believe that you are no longer with us. I keep expecting you to come around the corner and say "Just Kidding". You always saw the good in everyone, had a smile on your face and spoke so very highly of your family. You loved them so very much. We miss you and will keep your family in our prayers.*

**CHRISTINE MCBRIDE-CARBONS WAREHOUSE IN DALLAS, JULY 7, 2017**

*Michael - you brought flair and color to our baseball family. Your smile, humor and ever present love for your family was a welcome addition. Rest in peace, you, Trish and the kids are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**WES - ANNIKA - CADEN, JULY 7, 2017**

*Michael, you were the happiest person I have ever met. When you would come to the hotel to service us you always walked in with a smile and you would speak to all the employees. Your demeanor was top notch, you were a first class act. We would always exchange updates on our children, from my son playing baseball to your sons first homerun. You beamed with pride when you spoke of your family, your wife, your son and your beautiful new baby girl, how*

*proud you were to be their Father, her husband. Life was much too short for you and you will truly be missed. May God wrap you and your family in his loving arms and give your family strength in this most difficult time. May God Bless you!*

**PEGGY CHAVEZ AND STAFF AT COMFORT INN GRAPEVINE, TEXAS, JULY 6, 2017**

*Trisha, My prayers pour out to you and the kids. I didn't know Michael, only meeting him a couple of times, however knew what he meant to you and what kind of life the two of you shared; I could see it when we worked together. That kind of love is God given and we, the people who enjoy that love the most, are truly blessed. I have you all in my thoughts and pray that God rests his hands for peace and comfort. Bless you and all the future holds. Much love*

**CANDACE COMPTON, JULY 6, 2017**

*I remember when we first meet at a Christmas Party in South Bend. It always amazes me that you never changed always speaking out your opinion or whats on your mind. Michael you will be missed. I will always miss talking to you about NASCAR , your little boys football games. Most of all discussing about work what we liked and what we did not like and always your advise was great.*

**TOM AELVOET, JULY 5, 2017**

*Michael, Man I do really do miss our daily laughs and joys of life. I miss all those times we would call one another and we would just chat about work, life and family. We would talk about your son, your daughter and your wife Trisha. We would chat about baseball, football, bad food and then you would start making jokes about how tall my boys are next to me. You would always joke around and call me a "Umpa Lumpa", cause i really do look like one next to my boys. We would just laugh out loud. Remember this my good friend, we all will meet in the heaven one day, with all our families and we will rejoice as one in the presence of our Father O' Mighty. We will sing with joy with all the Angels in the Heavens. You were taken way too soon.....Love you Man. And no worries, cause God and all the Angels in Heaven will watch over your family here on earth and keep them safe and warm.*

**MICHAEL ROLLINS, JULY 3, 2017**

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