



## Michael Crison

January 13, 1963 - January 28, 2010

LOS ANGELES – Michael J. Crison, 47, of Sterling, Virginia, formerly of Adrian, passed away unexpectedly January 28, 2010 in Los Angeles.

Michael was born January 13, 1963, in Grosse Pointe Woods, the son of John and Margaret (Toma) Crison. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church Adrian.

After graduating from Adrian High School with the Class of 1981, Michael attended the University of Michigan where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering. During college, he was active in the ROTC. Michael served his country in the Air Force, and was stationed in New Mexico and Los Angeles. Michael left the military as a Major and became the Director of the Satellite and Ground Systems Program for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Family and friends enjoyed Michael's fun-loving, competitive nature. He loved playing Risk and Axis & Allies with his family. A lover of the outdoors, he also spent time playing golf and fishing. Michael was a gifted pianist. A wonderful father, he took great joy in spending time with his kids. He was a great listener and always gave the best advice.

Michael is survived by his children: Erin (Jeremy Aungst) Crison, Jolie

(Brittan) Masters, both of Grand Rapids; Katie Crison (Travis Appleton), Jacob Crison (Elizabeth Perez), Taylor Crison (Zachary Lacey), all of Adrian; their mother, Lorie Bostick of Adrian; his mother, Margaret Crison of Adrian; significant other, Jana Richards-Taylor of Virginia; sister, Betsy (Michael) Lackey of Adrian; brother, John 'Bob' (Lucia Tin) Crison of San Diego, CA; and nephew, Andrew Carter (Sarah Jackson) of Adrian. He will also be greatly missed by many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, John P. Crison.

The service celebrating the life of Michael will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Adrian with Rev. Geoff Koglin officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian. Friends may visit the family at the Wagley Funeral Home on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. You may also send condolences to the family at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). Contributions in memory of Michael may be made to the First Baptist Church Adrian. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Adrian  
119 North Broad Street  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Crison*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I have so many fun memories of Micheal from middle school and high school. I still have a picture of Micheal somewhere from middle school when he was in the talent show. That was back when we aspired to be the next Elton John/Bernie Taupin. Neither of us went on to fame, but we did great things, like raising a family, living as Christians, and making a difference in people's lives. And that's plenty.##imported-begin##Jackie (Smith) Weidig##imported-end##*

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February 07, 2010 at 10:27 AM



“ *Mike was one of our dearest friends and we are still in shock at his passing. Mike was one of the kindest and most generous people we have ever known. He was one of the reasons we met, and he was a trusted friend to both of us. We were honored to know Mike and see how much he loved his family. He was so proud of each of his kids and loved them with all of his heart. We are so grateful we've had the last four years with him after his aneurysm, to see him at our wedding and watch him find love in his final years. We already miss you Mike, and will always cherish the loving way you touched both our lives. We love you!##imported-begin##Debbie and Rich Rivera##imported-end##*

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February 06, 2010 at 06:43 PM



“ *Im sorry for the lost of your love one. Just remember That Jesus loves you=].  
If you need anything give me a call,  
Love Kiesha###imported-begin##Kiesha Parker###imported-end##*

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February 05, 2010 at 01:23 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Taylor if you need anything the door is always open. We are both here for you. I don't care what time it is if you need anything please let us know. We love you!###imported-begin##Kim Raburn ###imported-end##*

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February 04, 2010 at 11:27 PM



“ *Although I only had the privilege of speaking with Mike a few times I feel like I lost a father myself. I cannot begin to imagine the pain that your entire family is going through having known him your entire life. There is nothing I can say to make any of you feel better however in the future I hope that I can be half the father/man that he was. I extend my sincerest condolences. If there is anything that I can do please do not hesitate to call.  
Jeremy  
Cell-517-673-3492###imported-begin##Jeremy Roesch###imported-end##*

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February 04, 2010 at 04:45 PM



“ It is rare in ones life and career to develop a close relationship that started out as a professional interchange where he was my customer, but evolved over many years into a strong mutual professional respect for each other and moved into a higher realm of personal friendship. There is an emotional hole right now in my heart for the loss of Mike, who leaves behind not only family, but many people whose life he has touched in many ways, professionally as a public servant in the Government and personally in his journey through life. I will miss our good natured bets and ribbing on who will win in college sports, Michigan or Purdue, including wearing the Maze & Blue at a major Government Technical Review when I lost one of those bets. There has been too many personal losses lately as other close friends and relatives have passed away over last two months, but none will affect me as deeply as the passing of Mike. But I do have many mental pictures and memories to carry with me. Life has a way of hitting us smack in the face and telling us that the present moment is all we really have and treasure it and enjoy it. I have been blessed with the time we have shared together and to the my many loved ones both family and friends, to them I say what my heart feels now for Mike. “I love you man!”###imported-begin##David Melton##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 04:32 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by your loss, may God give you strength during this difficult time. I did not know Mike, but I have been told he was a magnificent man and father. Anyone can see what a wonderful man he was just by looking at his children.###imported-begin##Crystal Padilla##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 02:31 PM



“ Mike was a shining example of a professional. His vital contributions to the National Weather Service (NWS) significantly improved forecasts to help protect life and property for America. He was also a warm and caring person well liked by all who knew him. On behalf of NWS, please know that Mike and his loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jack Hayes, NWS Director##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 02:30 PM



“ I got to know Mike in the SES Candidate Development Program. Even though we both worked for NOAA, we rarely ran into each other. I loved catching up with him at the SES Retreats. He was a great friend and I will truly miss him.##imported-begin##Deirdre Jones##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 02:30 PM



“ Mike will be greatly missed:He was a very special person. My prayers are with Lorie and all the children. May God grant you peace as you grieve for your father, He has left a great legacy in all of you You re always in our hearts, Love, Jan and David##imported-begin##jan (potes) Zerkel##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 11:40 AM



“ Over the past few years I had the opportunity to work, travel and even fish with Mike. He was a good man and he will be missed. My deepest sympathy to Mike's family##imported-begin##paul chang##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 06:25 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Michael Crison's family. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues in the space science community.##imported-begin##Larry Young, JPL##imported-end##*

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February 03, 2010 at 05:12 PM



“ *Mike's family and Michigan friends:*

*I knew Mike and worked with him for the last four years. From my first day at NOAA, it was clear to me that Mike was a consummate professional of high integrity, which is a rare quality these days.*

*Mike was the only guy at NOAA with whom I could have an actual conversation about cats, NCAA Division I hockey and my favorite childhood baseball player, Gates Brown, who played for the Tigers in the 60s.*

*Our prayers are with you during this time. Rest assured knowing that the same God who is watching over Mike's Eternity is holding you close as well.##imported-begin##Mark Mulholland##imported-end##*

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February 03, 2010 at 05:07 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to your family. God keep you in His arms. We only wish there had been more time.##imported-begin##Mike and Holly Aungst##imported-end##*

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February 03, 2010 at 01:36 PM



“ Mike will be long remembered for his vision, inspiration, and innovation that he gave to the NPOESS Integrated Program Office and its diverse group of individuals who tried to shepard a new national satellite sytem into existence. Mike epitomized the program's motto - "To Success. The Only Thing They Pay Us For." Mike was a friend and trusted colleague and he will be missed.##imported-begin##Craig S. Nelson##imported-end##

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February 03, 2010 at 01:36 PM



“ I worked with Mike on weather satellite sensors when he was in the Air Force. He was a great customer and became a friend. He will be missed by many friends in the weather business through out the USA.##imported-begin##Joe Jenney##imported-end##

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February 03, 2010 at 11:36 AM



“ What comfort can be had from the loss of a son, a brother, a father, a loved one? Eventually, the comfort that he is in the best place, with the rest of our family, waiting to greet each of us. Big hugs and kisses and kleenex, Ann##imported-begin##Ann Alesia Sabo##imported-end##

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February 03, 2010 at 04:25 AM



“ It is with great sadness for the tragic loss of Mike to his family, friends, and colleagues, and with great respect for his superb lifetime achievements that I sign this book. I benefitted greatly from Mike's energy, enthusiasm and skill in program management. He was continuously loyal and supportive to those around him, and I deeply appreciated all that he did for NOAA and for me personally. He was a key performer and contributed significantly to that most vital national treasure we call NOAA. He will be deeply missed and remembered by all of us.

Conrad Lautenbacher VADM, USN ret, former NOAA Administrator  
Administrator###imported-begin###Conrad C. Lautenbacher,  
Jr.###imported-end###

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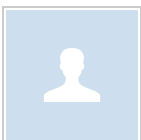
February 02, 2010 at 05:45 PM



“ I was sorry to hear of your recent loss. Mike was a great leader with an infectious laugh and always wanted the best for his people. I enjoyed some great times with Mike and his NOAA family. God Bless to his entire family, you are all in my thoughts.###imported-begin###Michael Madden###imported-end###

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February 02, 2010 at 01:59 PM



“ From the Air Force to NPOESS to NOAA -- been an interesting and twisty road. Will miss you. My sympathy, thoughts and prayers to your family.###imported-begin###Lauraleen O'Connor###imported-end###

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February 02, 2010 at 10:22 AM



“ *Very sad to hear of Mike's passing. My thoughts and prayers to the family.*  
-Tom###imported-begin##Tom Meehan (Los Angeles)###imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 11:35 PM



“ *I've worked with Mike on weather satellite issues since he was in the USAF and at NOAA. He was one of the nicest most sincere and enjoyable people to be around. He was also a visionary for the future of satellite meteorology and his ideas will impact people that rely on them, from airline operations to picnic planning, for many decades to come. While we will miss him greatly, there is much in his life to rejoice over.*###imported-begin##Mike Wooster###imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 10:25 PM



“ *Mike worked very hard in all of his endeavors since I first met him in 1996. His efforts contributed greatly to the NPOESS and NPP programs. I pray for his family as they also grieve his loss.*###imported-begin##David Furlong###imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 07:32 PM



“ I have known Mike and his family since the early 1990's. A dear friend and long time mentor we followed each other across the country from Fort Mac to Silver Spring and to Virginia. I have dozens of fond memories of our travels across the country, of braving dark cold nights to get to and from Ohio and Michigan from DC, and many late night talks about the most frivolous and serious things all at the same time. Erin, Jolie, Katie, Jake, Taylor, I knew you as beautiful young kids and your father loved you as much as anyone could. You have grown into wonderful young adults, your Dad always so very proud of each of you. God Bless all of you and keep you and give your hearts peace. We will miss Mike and be better for having known him.##imported-begin##Dennis Berry##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 06:22 PM



“ I am very sorry for your family's loss. I knew Mike many years ago as a school buddy and a neighbor. I hope that Mike's children have great memories of their father. Duty with the US Army in Germany keeps me from coming to the service.##imported-begin##Alan Oprsal##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 05:24 PM



“ Mike will be sorely missed by his friends and colleagues at NASA. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during their time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Daniel DeVito##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 04:32 PM



“ As a college classmate of Mike's, I will always remember him as lighthearted "Spanky". I will be praying for his family and friends. Godspeed Spanky##imported-begin##Dave Lang##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 04:00 PM



“ Jolie (and family),

*You are one of my very closest friends and I know that this time will be extremely tough for you. Please, trust in God and He will get you through this hard time. I am here for you, as you have been for me in the past!*

*We are praying for you and your family each and every day!*

*Love always, Rachel (Scott, Aliyah and Christian)##imported-begin##Rachel Harned##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2010 at 03:57 PM



“ I'm a California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) employee, but I have an office in NOAA near Mike's. Mike managed the programs NOAA has with JPL. I was almost in daily contact with NOAA. Mike was a wonderful person, and I personally will really miss him. My heartfelt condolences go to his mother, children, his significant other. I'm sure he is in heaven, and may he rest in peach.

*Andy Gerber##imported-begin##Andrew J. Gerber, Jr.##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2010 at 02:49 PM



“ I found Mike to be one of the most engaging co-conspirators on our weather programs. I always felt I could talk to him and ask for support. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Marsha Korose##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 01:12 PM



“ Mike was a class act. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##E W (Joe) Friday##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 12:47 PM



“ Mike will be missed by many - he was an exceptional and dedicated individual.##imported-begin##Shelley Petroy##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 12:37 PM



“ We are out in California with Scott and just received work of Mike's death. He was such a precious little boy, and fine man.

*We are so sad for all of you, and our hearts remain with you!!*

*Love, Shelley and Dave##imported-begin##Dave and Shelley Hickman##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2010 at 12:29 PM



“ Mike will be terribly missed.##imported-begin##Rosa Chiedi##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 12:09 PM



“ We already miss Mike greatly. He was a special person in so many ways. As a colleague and co-worker, I especially valued his clear thinking pragmatism. He said what he meant and meant what he said, and was quick to help out when asked. We could always count on Mike.##imported-begin##Helen Wood##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 12:09 PM



“ I sat next to Mike @ a retirement lunch just last Monday and being a fellow Michigander we struck up a conversation. He was so very glowing about his family it was a joy to talk to him. PLease accept my sympathies for such a great loss.##imported-begin##Sue Edington, NESDIS CFO/CAO Office##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 11:48 AM



“ My sincerest condolences for your loss. Mike will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mike.Mignogno##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 11:10 AM



“ I consider myself very lucky to have known Mike, his heart and spirit were so big. My deepest sympathies your family.##imported-begin##Toni Parham##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 11:05 AM



“ You will be missed by all those who have come to know you.##imported-begin##Russell & Ogechee Koffler##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 10:55 AM



“ We pray that God will give each and every one of you the peace, comfort and strength you need as you go thru this difficult time. May He also give you comfort in knowing that Mike is in heaven and he's at peace and ok now and in time he will wipe away all your tears. Take one day at a time and remember "This too shall pass"

May God continue to bless, keep and encourage you all in the days to come.##imported-begin##Michael & Darlene Ward##imported-end##

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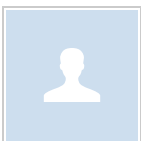
February 01, 2010 at 10:45 AM



“ We will miss him.##imported-begin##Barbara Hickman##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 10:18 AM



“ Mike was a friend who will be missed. His creative, can-do approach to work made him a great colleague.##imported-begin##Mike Haas##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 10:15 AM



“ I've known Mike since we were in the USAF together in the early 1990's...we've been at NOAA together since the late 1990's. He was my friend from the very beginning. Mike cherished his kids...we should all love our kids the way he loved his. I will miss Mike in many ways, for many years.##imported-begin##Pete Wilczynski##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 10:14 AM



“ Were it not for your efforts, the NPOESS program would not exist today. You will be missed!##imported-begin##Skip Eastman##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ Besides being one of the most competent and and hard working member of our NOAA team, you were also one of the warmest and most compassionate. My heart goes out to your family.##imported-begin##Chris Fox##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 09:44 AM



“ Mike was a good friend and worked for me in my early years at the IPO. He provided me great advice as I was learning the ropes. I got to know him personally and know that he valued his family above all. I pray God's presence in his family's lives as you deal with his passing. I know he will always be in your hearts, as he will be in mine, through the wonderful memories we have shared. I thank God for Mike and how he touched so many lives in such a very powerful way.##imported-begin##Frank Hinnant, Colonel USAF (retired)##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ My condolences to Mike's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Keith Amburgey##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 09:37 AM



“ Mike, may you rest in heavenly peace. We will miss you and your commitment to excellence. Who knew we would have so little time with you. God Bless as you ascend and find your place in Heaven!##imported-begin##Karl Hampton##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 09:36 AM



“ Our prayers go out to the Crison family and extended family. Mike was a tireless and dedicated worker who will be sorely missed. Web Tileston  
NOAA Co-worker##imported-begin##Web Tileston##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 09:34 AM



“ My sincere condolences. Mike was my friend and a caring compassionate gentleman.##imported-begin##Jim O'Neal##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 09:31 AM



“ I am so happy to have worked with you and to have known you. You are missed. My best for peace and love to you and your family.

*Blessings, Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie S. Scheller##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2010 at 09:30 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was his budget analyst at work and it was wonderful working with him. He will be greatly missed. Your family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Donna Anderson##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 08:24 AM



“ Mike will be so sorely missed by his NESDIS Family and me in particular. The void will be impossible to fill. Thank you for being such a good friend through the years. We started out at the IPO 15 years ago as young engineers; I will cherish all those times we had during the IPO days. God bless your soul and God bless your family in this most trying and saddest of times. Love you Mike; your friend Trish##imported-begin##Patricia Weir##imported-end##

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January 31, 2010 at 03:31 PM