



## Ralph Cochran

January 8, 1957 - December 31, 2008

Mr. Ralph Michael "Mike" Cochran, age 51, of Clifffield, Virginia, passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2008 in a Bristol, Tennessee hospital following a brief illness. He was born in Tazewell County and was the son of Sarah Catherine Harrison Cochran and the late Ralph Douglas Cochran of Tazewell County. Mike was a graduate of Tazewell High School Class of 1975 and received his Masters Degree from St. Joseph's College of Maine. He was an Associate Professor in the Health Division at Southwest Virginia Community College and was a Registered Radiologic Technologist. He was the current secretary of the Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologists, Treasurer of the Faculty Senate, Advisor of the Latent Image Club, and was an Elder and Sunday School Teacher of the Chestnut Grove Christian Church. Mike was a lifetime resident of Tazewell County and left an everlasting memory on each life he touched, he will be truly missed by all. Survivors are: His Mother, Sarah Catherine Harrison Cochran of Clifffield, Virginia Sister, Leisha Powers and husband, Kyle of Tazewell, VA Niece, Rebecca Osborne and Great Nephew, Eli Osborne also survives along with a host of friends. Funeral services for Mike Cochran will be Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 11:00am at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Minister Lee Blackburn officiating. Interment will follow at the Earls Family Cemetery in Clifffield, VA. Pallbearers will be Kyle Powers, Jim Delp, Kevin Delp, Wayne Cochran, Greg Hurst, Rick Hutchinson, Allen Harrison and Kenneth Earls. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Elders and Deacons of Chestnut Grove

Christian Church and the Men and Women of the Tazewell County Fire and Rescue. Friends may call Saturday evening from 6-9 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Cochran*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Ralph Cochran*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Ms. Cochran and Leisha,*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers. I know that you will have a void in your heart where Mike should be but the Lord will comfort you and your family.*

*Tammy Richardson*

Tammy Richardson - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike was a very special dear friend that will be greatly missed. Even after graduating I still relied on his opinion for my career moves. I will miss him alot!!!!*

Loretta L. Ray - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was a student of Mr. Cochran's last semester. I was very saddened to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and all those who knew him.*

Aaron Gills - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Mike was a great person. He will be truly missed.*

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**John Morrow Carbaugh** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mike was such a fine teacher. He always had a smile and was willing to go the extra mile for his students. I enjoyed his classes and getting to know him over the two years I was in school. He will leave a legacy in the medical community through his countless students. He will be missed and remembered with fondness. Surely he is dancing in Heaven and singing with the angels.*

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**Marsi Mullins** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Mike is one of the kindest and most inspiring instructors I have ever known. His class was a joy to be part of and he actually inspired me to pursue a career in radiology. He was a true asset to the college. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family, friends and co-workers. He was an extremely devoted disciple of God and that showed in every way.*

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**Rhonda Maxfield** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

W2

“ *To the Cochran family.  
Mike was a wonderful man and he was highly thought of during the short time that we got to know him. He touched many of our lives and always put a smile on our face. Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to you in this time of need. Stay strong and god bless...*

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**WCC class of 2010** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Mike was a wonderful teacher!! He was quick to laugh and we always had fun in class. He helped many students go on to become great workers in healthcare. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family!! Mike will be missed!!

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Amy Leek*

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**Amy Leek** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Mike was an excellent teacher! I don't know what class would have been like without him. He will be truly missed by all who have had the honor of knowing him.

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**Kelly Heath** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I worked with Mike at the hospital in x-ray and the cath lab and at the college. All my memories of Mike are with a smile on his face. He was always laughing and joking. He would make a stressful situation better.

*The students spoke so highly of Mike. He was not only their teacher but their friend. They felt he was someone they could pour their troubles out to and if he couldn't help, he would at least listen. I am so sorry for your loss. The world has lost a wonderful person. Mike will be greatly missed but not forgotten.*

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**Donna Corns** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ My name is Lena Moretz, and I was one of Mike's students in the Radiology program at SVCC in 1998-2000. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Mike was an exceptional teacher and mentor, and he will be missed by many.

*My condolences to all of his family and friends.*

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**Lena Moretz (Davis)** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Mike was a wonderful teacher and great human being. He taught us so much that has made us the technologists we are today. Mike was always to funny in class making us laugh all the time. He will truly be missed and i am glad i got the opportunity to get to know him!

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**Amy Johnson Anders** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ The world has lost a wonderful person. No one can replace Mike. I have such endearing memories of his leadership and gentle approach to teach and to touch lives. God bless his family and loved ones. In sympathy, Susan Martin

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**Susan Martin** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I will always remember the kindness and compassion that Mike had for his patients.

*I am a better person and Radiologic Technologist because I had the privilege of training with Mike. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

*Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

*Glenda Wilson*

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**Glenda Wilson** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *The many years you served learners and been our friend and compatriot--it all just went by too fast...*

*We'll miss your presence, your help and wanting to see us succeed...and our eyes all alight with teaching!*

*The Classes of 1975-2010, Cardiopulmonary Sciences (Respiratory Care)*

*and we faculty*

*Dr. Joe, Mark, Jim, Cathy, Judy, Chris and Linda...*

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**Cardiopulmonary Sciences Programs** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *To the Cochran family: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I had the privilege of being in several of Mike's classes at SWCC. Mike made learning so much fun. He was always smiling and laughing, always showing concern for his students, always being a friend to many. He will be greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to get to know him. His professionalism, his friendship, and his laughter will forever be remembered.*

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**Margaret Dye** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ *I am deeply saddened by the loss of such a great person. Mike will be truly missed not only by his family but by the many people that he shared his great wealth of knowledge with over the years. I feel fortunate to have known him and learned from him. We will miss you Mike.*

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**Cliff Isaacs** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

W2

“ Mike was such a great person. He had a heart of gold. Anytime we needed him he was always there whether we needed to ask him a question about something that might be on a test or whether we just needed encouragement. He is part of the reason all of us Rad Techs are where we are today. Our lives may be different had we never met him. I am so glad that God shared this special and caring person with us all.

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**WCC CLASS OF 2007** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry for your lost. Mike was such a very special person. He is in heaven with god now and will never be sick again. You can look at all the tributes to Mike to know how many People in his 51 years he has touched.

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**Arlene Ball** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Mike was an inspiration. His constant words of encouragement and inspiration helped me to achieve my goal to graduate and become a registered radiologic technician. He was an amazing teacher and I will cherish the knowledge that he gave me as I journey through this life.

*The world has lost a great man..but heaven has gained a true angel. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mike will be missed.*

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**Susan Burnette** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. I worked for many years at SVCC and interacted with him there as well when he was at Clinch Valley Hospital. My condolences are with the family at this time.

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**Brian Guy** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To lose such a wonderful person is so heartbreaking. I have known Mike ever since he started working at SWCC. I work in the Business Office and took care of the club account. Mike often just stopped by to say hello and tell a joke on his way to class. He was truly a gentle, caring person who touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

*Sandy Walther*

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**Sandy Walther** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Mike was a wonderful person/teacher. He had such a caring and humble spirit. Mike touched my life in a very special way and was a dear friend even after I left the Radiology program. He left lasting memories with every student that passed through his class. God Bless you Mike Cochran.

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**Jennifer Widener Thomas** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Mike was a wonderful, caring, and kind man. He was a great friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayer are with his family.

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**Kim Browning** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Sarah and Leisha, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mike. He was truly a great person and will be greatly missed.

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**Carlotta Kestner** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I think that when everyone thinks about Mike they will remember that smile, and that sneaky look. To me Mike wasn't just my teacher, he was an inspiration, and a great friend. When I first started into classes Mike was a really nice teacher, then as time went on and we spent more time together he became more than a teacher, a close friend. Mike will be truly missed and will forever be remembered by me and all of his former students. I would just like to extend my deepest sorrow, and rest assured that Mike will never be forgotten. Thanks for all the great memories Mike.

Charlie Carr 08

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**Charlie Carr** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry to learn that Mike passed away. He was an impressive student and a true gentleman in my classes. His smile still lingers with me--the last time I saw him was with his mother. His smile called my attention to him. May God bless his memory to all who knew him.

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**Connie Cyphers** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *To the Cochran Family  
I was very sorry to hear of Mike's death. No matter where I saw Mike he was always just as friendly and nice as he was in school. I pray that God will give you strength in your time of sorrow. My thoughts are with you.*

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**Marnell (Woods) Wolfe** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *We will be thinking of you during this time. We know Michael will be missed in so many different ways*

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**Martha Lowe /Mollie &Joey Swicegood** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *I want to express my deepest sympathy. I thought a lot of Mike. He was my Radiography teacher and advisor beginning Summer of 2002 and ending the Summer of 2004. I am thankful to have had such a compassionate teacher whose guidance was greatly appreciated. May God Bless your family through out this sorrowful time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Rochelle McGlothlin Deel** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *I have had the honor of working together with Mike in our professional society and have known him for a number of years. He always had an encouraging word for everyone. Mike loved his chosen profession of radiography and tried to pass that love on to his students. Mike was a true friend and will be deeply missed all that knew him.*

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**Cheryl V. Cunningham** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Dear Family,  
Mike Cochran made the world a better place:) He was a true friend!  
More importantly, he lifted up the Savior! He will be greatly missed.  
May the Lord comfort your hearts during these difficult days, and  
replace the hurt in your heart with sweet memories of Mike. He was  
so special to so many!!

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**Donna VanHoy** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was such a special person. He was  
in x-ray when we were students at Clinch Valley a long time ago. He  
always was helpful and treated us and his patients with respect and  
kindness. You never forget a kind soul. May God bless and keep  
you during this time of sadness.

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**Alesia Wells Cruvey** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ TO THE COCHRAN FAMILY I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.  
MIKE WAS A WONDERFUL TEACHER. HE KNEW HOW TO  
MAKE CLASS INTERESTING AND FUN TO LEARN. I  
REMEMBER HOW HE ALWAYS TOLD US SOME OF THE  
FUNNIEST CORNY JOKES. HE ALWAYS KNEW HOW TO MAKE  
YOU SMILE. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

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**JESSICA SHREVE** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Mike was a dear, sweet man who I had the pleasure of knowing for  
a brief period when I worked at SwVCC in the Allied Health  
Department. Mike was an inspiration to anyone who had the  
privilege of knowing him. I know I was blessed by his generous and  
kind spirit.

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**Rose Hurley** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM