



# Mickey Lee Losinski

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**M**ickey Lee Losinski was born on October 25, 1972 in Sacramento, CA to Camille and Bill Losinski. He was raised in Klamath Falls, OR by his loving mother. He graduated from Mazama High School in 1990. He went to Southern Oregon University for his Bachelor of arts degree in graphic design, Washington State for his Master's degree of fine art and Clemson University for his PhD of special education.

He married Lisa Johnson in 2006 in Micanopy, FL. He was a true partner to her in life, as a devoted friend and lover. His greatest accomplishment that he was most proud of was his five children. Never could there have been a more loving father. He made them laugh, nurtured them and fought a fierce battle with colon cancer for 6.5 years just for more time to create memories with them.

Mickey was a lover of loud music, comics, movies, laughter, puppies, snuggles, sarcasm, track and field, Tour de France, art and always advocating for underserved communities. He was an accomplished track star and marathoner; and a talented artist, sculptor, potter and woodworker. Anything he put his mind to, he accomplished and more. In his final years, he focused his talents on research and advocacy in the field of special education and emotional behavior disorders. He served as full professor at Kansas State University, and felt that he was his very best self in his years in Manhattan, KS.

Mickey passed peacefully from this world on June 24, 2020 at his home with family at his side. He lived and died on his own terms from the beginning to the end. His legacy lives in all those fortunate to have known him. His students, his colleagues, his wife, his family and mostly his children. The best parts of him lie within each of his children, and they will carry these characteristics with them throughout their lives. Mickey was the ultimate example of living bravely, minute to minute. He taught us that we were enough exactly as we are. Completely contented to just "be" with his



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family, snuggling up or petting a pup-these simple gifts were all he desired in this world. He taught us all about what is truly essential in this world. Although our hearts are broken, we know his soul is at peace and he is no longer in pain. We are all better humans because of the depth of his love, the breadth of his understanding and his daily actions which modeled utter devotion to his family, students, and colleagues. His witty humor, long hugs and contagious laughter will forever be missed in our lives.

Mickey was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents-Harry and Lorraine Losinski, La Crescent, MN; maternal grandmother, Ariel Puckett, Klamath Falls, OR; brother Matthew Losinski, Portland, OR, and many other loving family members. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Losinski, three sons, Oliver, Auguste and Oak Losinski, two daughters, Eliot and Emily Losinski, Lakeland, FL; mother Camille (Pete) Scala, Medford, OR; father Bill Losinski, California; sister, Marieka Losinski of Medford OR; brother, Mark (Jennifer) Losinski, Ashland, OR; sister in law, Christina (Damion) Boyce of Lakeland, FL; brother in law Bo Johnson, Chicago, IL; father in law, Michael (Yi Min) Johnson of Lakeland FL; mother in law, Patsy (Ken) Williams of Lakeland, FL; three nephews, Keengan Losinski of Medford, OR, Max and Jobson Boyce of Lakeland, FL, and five nieces, Aubrey and Bailey Losinski of Ashland, OR and Mary Nanette, Amelia and Kiya Boyce of Lakeland, FL, and countless other loving family members.

Family will have a private ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Losinski Family can be mailed to: Michael Johnson, PO Box 1397, Lakeland, FL 33802



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GU

**Gunnar** shared a photo to the **oak** album.



May 20 at 9:00 AM

KH

**Karen Harris** lit a candle in honor of Mickey.

I am so sorry to have not had the chance to get to know Mickey well before he passed, and so sad to hear this. I have followed his work for some time, and he has done awesome scholarship and given some much to our field. He will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to his beloved family and friends.



December 14 at 12:51 PM

NI

**Nicole** posted:

Mickey was a teacher of mine back in 2005/2006 in Tampa. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing. He was influential and charismatic! To this day, I could never enjoy a Thom Yorke song or create any kind of art work without remembering his strong influence and the difference he made in my life and so many others. His family, especially wife and kids will be in my prayers.

August 14 at 9:00 PM



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CK

**Cyndi Kuhn** posted:

Mickey was a colleague, we were in different departments, but I admired him, for many reasons. We spoke about art & graphic design on numerous occasions ( I have a degree in graphic design too) and also about battling cancer. So this message is for you Lisa. My husband battled Kidney cancer for 10 years, I understand your role as wife and caregiver. It is a challenging role for sure. In my conversations and observations of Mickey, he was a great deal like my husband Bob, who also taught special needs populations and coached Football, Wrestling, and Track. Take comfort in knowing Mickey influenced everyone around him and that you will be alright. It sounds as though you have strong support around you, let them help. I miss Bob every day as you will miss Mickey, but you will learn to live and move on. I am thinking about you and if you would like to talk with someone who has been in your spot (exactly), I would love to talk with you when you are ready, it helps me too!! Prayers and thoughts for you Lisa and your family, this is a difficult time, keep up your strength and faith and think about a positive memory of Mickey every day, it will help, I promise. Sincerely, Cyndi Kuhn (cyndidk@ksu.edu)

June 29 at 6:58 AM

OA

**Oak** May 20 at 8:55 AM

Im his son bye dad 🥲

KB

**Kathy J Busch** July 12 at 8:30 PM

God Almighty bless you dear Lisa and your family, may you have your strength to carrying you with our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus in his Heavenly name amen 🙏

RH

**Robert Hachiya** posted:

Mickey was a colleague at Kansas State University, and although we did not work in the same department, he was a member of a diversity committee that I chair, so I was able to enjoy his presence in a way I may not otherwise had the opportunity. He was instrumental in bringing to Kansas State the "Call Me Mister" program he was familiar with from his time at Clemson. This program provides an opportunity for young men of color to earn their degree in teaching and enter the classrooms across the country. This is the type of impact Mickey had on everyone around him. There are teachers in classrooms now as a result of his advocacy. Kids who will never know or even hear his name are directly impacted by his work. Obviously he was super intelligent and artistically gifted. He was especially witty and added to every conversation...even when he wasn't saying anything, through his facial expressions, laughter, or silence. I send my condolences to his family and close friends. He will be greatly missed but his impact will remain. Robert F. Hachiya

June 29 at 6:38 AM



## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mickey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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