

Order of Service

WORLD CHAMPION

for Michael "Mike" Bruso

Officiating
Thomas L Copeland, Pastor
Faith Creation Fellowship
Orlando, Florida



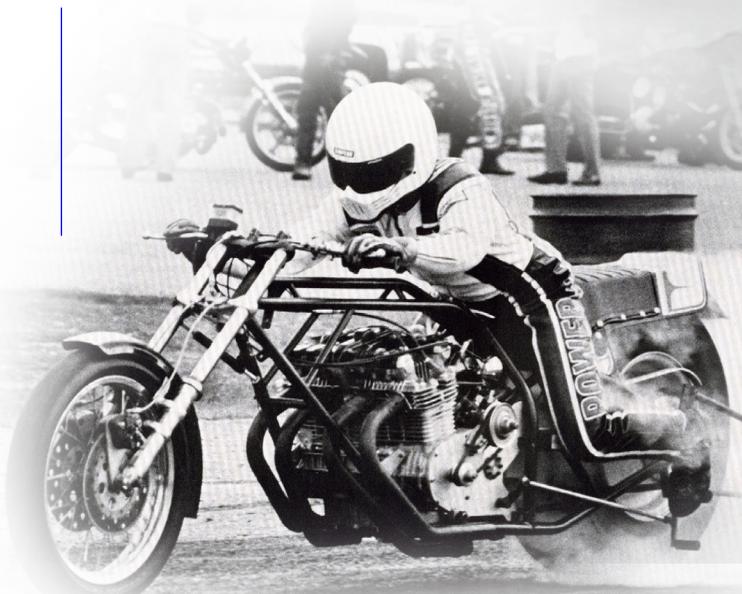
- Processional** Officiates & Family
- Solo** – "That Name" Cassandra Durant
- Opening Remarks / Prayer** Thomas L Copeland, Pastor
Faith Creation Fellowship
- Scripture** – John 14:1-3 Duane Green
- Solo** – "If You Could See Me Now" Renae Brabham
- Special Tributes**
 - Joe Moine
 - Ray Bass
 - Open to Family and Friends (*limit to 2 minutes each, please*)
- Sermon** Thomas L Copeland, Pastor
- Solo** – "I Can Only Imagine"
- A Legacy Tribute Video**
- Closing Prayer**

A Repast

Immediately following the service, please
join the family for a repast here at the church.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills
[around Jerusalem, to sacred
Mount Zion and Mount Moriah];
where will my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, who
made heaven and earth.

– Psalm 121:1-2



In Appreciation

For all the love, caring and sharing, the prayers and concerns expressed because of the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and son, we say thank you. Your encouragement came when we most needed it. May God continue to watch over you and bless you with His gentle & loving care.

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man,
the things which God has prepared for those who love him."

– The Family

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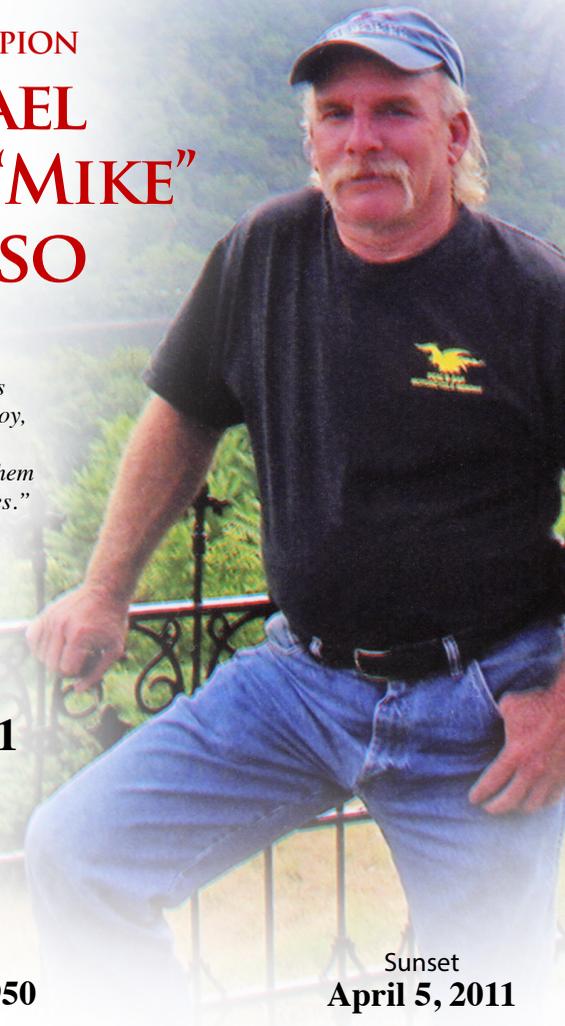
A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL JOHN "MIKE" BRUSO

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Saturday

April 9, 2011

1:00 P.M.

Sunrise
June 21, 1950

Sunset
April 5, 2011

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A Legacy™

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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

— Revelation 21:4

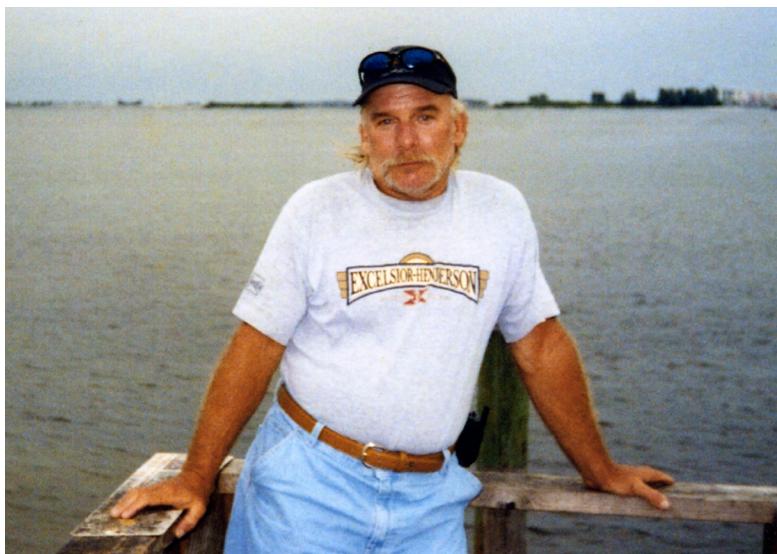
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Mike Bruso

Mr. Michael John Bruso, of Apopka was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts to Charles and Gloria Bruso. After Southbridge, he moved to Titusville and lived there for 20 years. He then lived in Georgia and California during some of his racing days. He then moved back to Central Florida and remained here. He owned and operated Mike Bruso Industries, a wheelie-bar manufacturer, and later owned and operated Orlando Motor Works, a car dealership, for 24 years.

Mike was well known in motorcycle racing and drag racing. He started riding motorcycles at 12 years old. His racing career included numerous State and National Championships, with accomplishments such as:

- In 1968 he won Daytona Road Race riding a 125cc Kawasaki
- 1968 AMA Sportsman Champion
- Broke 3 speed records in one day
- Bruso 1st in the 9's with D & K 1974, held National record of 9.99 sec.
- National Hot Rod Association / American Motorcycle Drag Race Association. **1974 Professional National Champion.**



- Represented Kawasaki with fastest Kawasaki motorcycle in 1975
- First 9 Second Prostock Rider 1975
- First 8 Second Pro Competition Rider 1977
- First 7 Second Funny Bike Rider 1980
- **National Champion** at the age of 25
- Fulfilled a dream to ride The Salt Flats of Bonneville, set world speed records
- Acclaimed “Champion” by American Motorcycle Drag Racing Association
- Became America’s #1 Dragstrip Motorcycle Racer
- Gulfport, MS, April 20, 1980 – Super Eliminator Winner 173.41 mph in 7.92 sec. Only bike in its class to run 3 consecutive 7 second passes in competition on any track. *Even the top fuelers have never done that!*
- In 1980, held **World Champion Title** (Fastest terminal velocity ever recorded by a non-boosted single engine fueler with a booming 1st round winning speed of 177.17 mph in 7.770 seconds...*other competitors that day never even came close!*)
- 1980 NMRA Super Eliminator Champion
- NMRA 1981 Funny Bike Eliminator Champion
- 1983 International Drag Bike Association Prostock Eliminator
- Bruso’s last **World Championship** – October 9, 1983 (International Eliminator Winner)
- Set over **19** World Records, some still remain today!

This is condensed list of Bruso’s many accolades, and yet.....his **greatest** accomplishment was humbly accepting Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord. Mike attended the Faith Creation Fellowship in Pine Hills and loved to fish, motorcycle, boat, jet ski, and fly, but the greatest of them all was his love for Lord and his family. Mike’s grandkids were his pride and joy, and he loved the opportunity to give them “vroom-vroom” rides.

He was preceded in death by his **sister** – Marsha Waugh, and his **brother** – David Bruso.

Mike is survived by his **wife** of 30 years – Jeannetta; **daughter** – Kimberly, **daughter** and **son-in-law** – Rebecca and Earl Davidson of Tavares, FL, and **daughter** – Megan Bruso of Winter Garden, FL; **parents** – Charles and Gloria Bruso of Ocklawaha, FL; **grandchildren** – Kayla Reaber, Hunter Bruso, and Daniel Davidson.

In loving memory of Michael John Bruso, the family is asking that donations for Bruso’s grandson’s college fund be made to: College America (for Hunter) and mailed to 2733 Dowman Drive, Apopka, FL 32712.

Condolences may be left for the family by signing the guestbook at: www.steversonhamlinhilibish.com

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Romans 8:38-39

My Dad

Some people can say their father was a man of few words; I cannot, for he was a man of many words.

He never knew a stranger, he loved people and loved life. He taught me how to drive a boat, motorcycle, fish, and enjoy the outdoors. He always instilled in me that I could do or be anything I could dream of. I never questioned his love for me or his family.

He was a World Champion Racer, Son, Husband, Father, and Papa.

Dad, I will always miss you. I am who I am today because of you. You’ll always be remembered, and your legacy lives on in your children and grandchildren. I love you,

– Becca Dawn

Dad

Dad, I will especially miss all the fun you shared with us over the years. We were always on the water boating or jet skiing. You were always there for me. I will miss you and love you forever.

– Megan (your little bug)

To My Best Friend, Fishing & Motorcycle Riding Partner

You lived life in the fast lane, thanks for slowing down to spend time with me. Love, Earl

