

## Michael J. Schlesinger

January 1, 2009

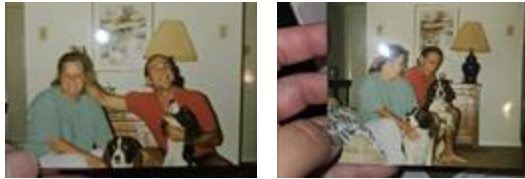
Michael J. Schlesinger, 55, beloved husband of Sandra Collins Schlesinger of Bloomfield, died Thursday, January 1, 2009, at his home. Born in Hartford the son of Bernice McDonnell Schlesinger of Bloomfield and the late Gerald E. Schlesinger, he moved to Houston TX in 1982 and worked as a manager for Hitachi for 15 years and began a second career as a painting contractor. He and his wife moved back to Bloomfield in 2000 where he continued to work as a contractor. Michael was a good kind person, who genuinely cared about people. He was very active with numerous humanitarian projects including Aids Project Hartford, Hartford Food Share, and was a committee member of the Ryan White Council. He had a great love of music and loved his dog Daniel D Spaniel. Michael is survived by his wife Sandra, his mother Bernice St. Bernice of Bloomfield; three sisters and a brother, Susan Grasso of Bradenton, FL, Jean Jackson of Farmington, Thomas Schlesinger and his wife Lucy of Medfield, MA, Laura Thomas of West Hartford; many nieces and nephews especially Christopher Paul Thomas who was dearly loved by Uncle Mike. He is also survived by many aunts and uncles including Jean Reap Russo and Richard McDonnell. He was predeceased by his brother Gerald Schlesinger Jr. Friends are invited to join the Schlesinger family at a celebration of his Funeral Mass of Christian Burial on Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main St., West Hartford. Calling hours are Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyf](http://www.molloyf)

uneralhome.com. Donations in his memory may be made to Aids Project  
Hartford, 110 Bartholomew Ave., Hartford, CT 06106-2241

# Tribute Wall

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“ As I shift through some old pictures I have, from when I lived in Houston, Tx.. I see these! Mike and Sandy would let me walk "Kate&Dan" and Mike would play guitar ❤️ he was a kind soul and I'm glad to have searched for them to be able to share these photos! This was June 6th 1997 at their apartment.



Alicia Mendoza - January 06, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ My sympathy to all of your family and especially to my dear friend Laura. Michael was a tough and sweet person who gave his love to his family and others. Peace, Pat Perow

January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers go out to Michael's family. It was a pleasure to know Michael a great guy and friend, he will truly be missed. God Bless Him. Kenneth Flyte

January 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Sandy, My heart goes out to you and your family. May you find peace in loving memories of Michael. Margot Pierson

January 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael will be missed! I was very lucky to know such a brilliant man. I will miss you and Daniel Spaniel!*

*My prayers and thoughts go out to Michael's family!##imported-begin##Phet Gosselin##imported-end##*

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January 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *i am deeply sorry for your loss my name is jessy i met mike when i lived in hartford in 2005 at an aids organization that i volunteered for he was a kind man and always had kind words for everyone he met he will be missed dearly .##imported-begin##jessica##imported-end##*

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January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Bernie,*

*My deepest sympathy in the loss of your son, Michael.*

*We both have heavy hearts. I just lost my husband December 30, 2008.*

*Betty##imported-begin##Betty Anderson##imported-end##*

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January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mike has been one of my dearest friends since high school. He was always fun to be with. His mom, Bernice was one of the lunch ladies at school who always greeted us kids with a warm loving smile. We shared our first apartment together. Mike kept a tidy ship and yes he loved music. He had a laugh I'll hear forever, and a little dance shuffle to boot. We were part of a large circle of friends, Karen, Fred, Joe P., Mike Z., Lou, Lisa, the Rogers, the Wiecefs and so many more.

*Always fun, adventurous, and caring, Mike was a true friend! I moved out west but years later came to visit him in Texas and his perfect wife Sandy. They were so happy together. Mike had found his true love.*

*God Bless You Sandy!*

*Mike came to visit us in California just a year or two ago. My family all enjoyed "Uncle Mike's" visit and he wanted to come back again soon.*

*I've stayed in touch with him and Sandy. We last spoke 5 days before Christmas. We talked and laughed and now he's gone ...but he left all of us, touched by the special friend that he was.*

*As for me personally... with many great memories of the good old days! For the many, many good times we've had together- Thank You So Much Mike Schlesinger! We will all miss you dearly.*

*Love,*

*Jack Lingenfelter##imported-begin##Jack Lingenfelter##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We had such a great vacation with Mike in Cape Cod and more fun when he came to California. We will miss him very much.##imported-begin##Bill & Lynda Ingram##imported-end##

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