

I recently was talking to a friend of mine after I heard about the terrorist attack on 9 eleven.

She said to me, that she had never seen a relationship quite like the one I had with my brother Michael. It was so special. It was so different.

Well you know something. She's right!!!!

We weren't like your usual brother and sister. We loved to go away together, we loved to talk on the phone all the time. He would call me on his long drives to work, or a on a long trip, so I would keep him awake. We would always catch up on what we did each weekend and try to figure out when we could fit each other into our busy schedules.

Our conversations always turned towards our parents. One of us was making fun of one of them at one time or another. If it weren't my mom getting a pedicure and manicure at the same time at home, it was my dad asking if he could talk to my cat on the phone.

I will so miss our little secrets. We could have one word or one action and that was it. We knew what the other one was talking about. Sometimes just a glance towards each other and we would be laughing so hard that one of us would have to leave the room.

I don't have to stand here today and give you examples of what a regular, great, giving guy my brother was. You all know this. The generosity that has outpoured since this tragic event has been stupendous. Everyone loved Michael. Anyone that met him instantly loved him. And these are not my words. They are yours.

There is going to be a big void in a lot of your lives as I am sure Michael has made a substantial impact in all of them. But there is not going to be a larger void, than the one in my life. Yes I love my parents more than anything, I am so lucky to have wonderful friend's that have been there for me everyday, especially

Karen Ganley, my best friend.

**and I am deeply grateful for the support I have from my loving
boyfriend Phil. But**

**Michael was such a large part of my day-to-day life; I will
never be able to fill that space with
anything or anyone else.**

I LOVE YOU, MICHAEL