

## **Mike Michael inducted into CAA Hall of Fame**

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Attending the 53rd annual Colorado Auctioneers Association (CAA) convention Lloyd “Mike” Michael, Jr. was busy attending workshops and lectures dealing with the auction industry this last weekend. It was like the many such conventions he had attended before.

He’d left Mary, his wife of nearly 24 years, at home in Julesburg. She had planned to drive their son Chris back to Boulder for his college spring semester on Sunday. Or, so Mike thought.

By Sunday, the convention was drawing to a close, with only a business meeting that included the election of officers and the annual Hall of Fame luncheon left to attend.

As Michael entered the banquet hall, he was surprised to see his wife was there. With her were his son Chris and daughter MaKayla, his mother Mary L. Michael and employees Harold Unrein and James McAdams to greet him. At first he thought McAdams was along to help his wife drive to Boulder, and he was grateful...but he was confused.

It was then he realized what was really taking place. At that moment he realized that he would be the next inductee into the association’s Hall of Fame. It may have been one of the few times Michael felt a loss for words. It was a secret that his family had kept from him for more than three months. “It was beyond secretive,” said Michael Monday, Jan. 10. He’d even missed the gentle hints that had been dropped by fellow auctioneers over the weekend.

Michael had been nominated by Harold Unrein, a fellow auctioneer who has worked with Mike and Michael Auction for 17 years.

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