



## Michael Horn

### A Young Technician With the Gift of Gab

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**Michael Horn** was born with the gift of gab. The 27-year-old software technician was what his mother's relatives in Dublin would call a shanachie, a natural-born storyteller who always had a tale to spin.

The stories were usually based on his own misadventures. Irrepressible and outgoing, Horn was a prankster who "would do anything at the drop of a hat," said his older brother, Charles. "Things just happened to him, sometimes out of his own mischief."



For instance, one weekend when Michael was 15 he decided he wanted to go to the beach. In South Carolina. "Let's go," he said to Charles, who at 17 had been driving legally for all of one month. So they hopped in their mother's car and set out on the 12-hour drive from Lynbrook to the beckoning surf of the Carolina shore. By Sunday the novice driver and his madcap younger brother were back at home in New York.

Horn attended Chaminade High School in Mineola, where he ran track and excelled in wrestling, thanks in part to a body made for sports. "He had hands the size of somebody's skull," remembered Charles. Michael went on to study history at SUNY Binghamton, touring through Europe after graduation.

He enjoyed traveling and camping, but no matter how far he wandered, New York was always his home base. He moved up to the Irish enclave of Woodlawn in the Bronx after college and continued to collect friends like baseball cards, adding new acquaintances to a long list of childhood pals.

"You didn't go out with him without 15

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people," said his brother. Horn remained tight with his family - which includes his parents and sisters Maureen and Christine - and maintained a special affection for his mother. "If he had his way, my mother would have been canonized," said his brother.

Horn had recently moved back home with an eye to buying a house nearby with the earnings from his job as a software technician at Cantor Fitzgerald. "He was just kind of settling down" when the Sept. 11 attacks came, said Horn.

A memorial Mass for Michael will be celebrated at 3p.m. Sunday at St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church in East Rockaway.

-- Jennifer Smith (Newsday)

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