

# Mike Stanton

## Driver of the Year 2010

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### Wilson Lines, Inc.



Mike has been driving trucks for 29 years. He has been with Wilson Lines since April 1992.

After high school he started as a mechanic. He worked on cars, trucks, and farm machinery. He drove a school bus part time for two years as well.

Mike moved with his wife and their 3 boys to Steele, AL for almost a year. His wife's sister and brother in law wanted them to come down. They got home sick and moved back to Mondovi.

He got tired of working as mechanic and he became a truck driver at Menards in Eau Claire. After 9 years he went to Trac Inc. for 2 years. Former Wilson Lines' driver Billy Raether told him to come to Wilson Lines and make more money. Mike met Paul Sr. and had an interview at his farm. His wife Barbara came along and later she said it was the strangest interview she had ever heard.

Paul Sr. told him at his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary that he did not think he would stay longer than six months. But Mike is still there and Paul retired 8 years ago.

For the first 3 years he did LTL in Chicago. Then he got a chance to start running LTL to Kentucky area every week. And he is still doing it 15 years later. His oddest load was having 24 pallets and 22 stops.

Mike is married to Barbara and they celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September 2010. They have 3 sons and 1 daughter and Mike is a proud grandfather of 4 grandchildren. They live in Mondovi, WI where they built a log house 22 years ago.

After high school Mike played music for about 15 years on weekends. He collects old toy trains and he is very slowly building a 1946 Chevy pickup street rod. He also becomes Santa Claus at Christmas for the Eau Claire, WI Children's Museum and the Model Train store in Eau Claire.

**Mike and Barbara live North of Mondovi on Hwy 37. Mike says: Stop in on the weekends, the coffee is always on!**

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