



Michael Lee Mudd

March 4, 1951 - February 20, 2021

Michael Lee Mudd, 69, who was happily retired and living the dream with his wife of 49 years, Debbie (Elmore) Mudd, passed away unexpectedly on February 20 while snowbirding with Debbie on St. George Island, Florida.

Mike was born to William Alvey Mudd and Mary Louise (Smith) Mudd on March 4, 1951 in Louisville, Kentucky. He called Louisville home for most of his life. Following his graduation from Desales High School class of 69, Mike joined the Air National Guard before settling into his career as an Union Journeyman Inside Wireman. Mike also worked in maintenance at UPS, Louisville, Toyota Motor Manufacturing and in supervision at Vanderlande but was most proud to be a third generation member of the IBEW Local 369 with over 45 years of service.

Mike's first love was his family: wife Debbie, son Jeff (Danielle), daughter Melissa King (Tim), his 4 grandchildren, Sophie and Ryan Mudd, Samantha and Colton King as well as his Mother Louise, 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Mike's second love was anything outdoors. Throughout their marriage, just short of 50 years, and especially in retirement, Mike and Debbie have traveled regularly. A particular highlight of their travels was the discovery of St. George Island and spending every February relaxing for the last seven years. Mike's passion in retirement was his hobbies: kayaking, cycling, camping and fishing.

Mike also devoted much of his time to volunteering. He began his service work as a Big Brother mentoring young men and moved onto becoming a “side-walker” for less abled children riding horseback at Greenhill Therapy. Anytime Mike was asked for gift ideas for himself, he always encouraged donations to Greenhill, Home of the Innocents or St. Baldrick’s Foundation. Mike participated in St. Baldrick’s annual fundraiser for 17 years. For 17 years, Mike had his head and beard shaved to raise money to benefit research for children’s cancer. In the last year Mike participated, he was able to share the experience with two of his grandchildren. Samantha and Colton shaved their heads with PawPaw proudly beaming as he watched them.

As the patriarch, Mike was designated as the all-time (albeit mediocre) quarterback for the Annual Mudd Bowl Game. Mike earned the spot after a series of near- career ending touch football injuries inflicted by less talented and possibly jealous family members. Stories of his game triumphs and defeats among the family is still a source of comfort, entertainment and laughters for his surviving family.

In addition to those listed above, Mike is survived by his mother, Louise, his brothers Pat, Tom (Nancy) and Tony (Susan); his sisters Peggy Donnelly and Cathy Grimes (Denny); his mother in law, Norma Elmore and brothers in law: Steve (Marianne) and Brian (Carrie).

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Bill; his father-in- law Mike and his granddaughters Mae Belle Mudd and Penelope Rose King, his Godparents Bud and Betty Braun.

Mike never met a stranger and he had a perpetual smile upon his face with a twinkle eye, usually related to mischief. It was Mike’s wish to be cremated and have his ashes spread over his favorite kayaking places, Apalachicola Bay Florida and Taylorsville Lake Kentucky. Debbie, the kids, grandkids and his

brother Tony and Susan bid muffinhead #1 a final farewell as the sun set on the bay Friday, Feb 26.

Mike's life is a celebration, now and forever. An actual celebration is being planned and will be held at a later date in Louisville, Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations In Honor of Mike Mudd to Home of the Innocents, Greenhill Therapy, or St. Baldrick's Foundation.

The family is being assisted by Skip Young and Jackie Fulford with Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida
(850) 610-4444 YoungFulford.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Lee Mudd*

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Michael Lee Mudd*

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Michael Lee Mudd*

September 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Mike was a good friend to Green Hill Therapy and the best volunteer. The kids and horses loved Mike! And all the rest of us also.*

Condolences to your family. We miss you, Mike.

Tim Shull

Tim Shull - March 08, 2021 at 12:46 PM

MA

“ Mike and I volunteered together on Wednesday afternoons at Green Hill Therapy. The kids and staff there all loved him for his kind, gentle ways and his sense of humor.

My husband, David, taught him how to shoot a recurve bow that he ended up buying from David. He emailed David about all the fun he had using it at Tom Sawyer Park. How Mike loved his travel and outdoor adventures.

In addition, Mike helped us with some electrical needs prior to us moving out of our home on Persimmon Ridge. He was such a good, generous and humble man.

We were both so saddened to hear about his sudden passage. Our hearts and prayers go out to Debbie and his family. Marcia Hern and David Leach

Marcia - March 06, 2021 at 01:53 PM

VB

“ He was a long time supporter at St. Baldrick's events. We were privileged to have him join Event 85 more than once. He was humble and never really wanted the attention. He managed on multiple occasions to escape the hype I so wanted to bestow on him in my role as event organizer. My sympathies go to his family and friends. He was genuinely a good person and champion of great causes and will be sorely missed. May he watch over the families and kids in the dark world of pediatric cancer and cheer on the heroes who continue to shave their heads.

Vicki Brandt

Vicki Brandt - March 04, 2021 at 07:52 PM

AO

“ Mike gave my kids confidence and forever memories in their kayaking skills - as we camped and the kids played beautifully together at Nolan Lake. Mike was a smart man, kind, and part of the community, clearly served and lived his family. We treasure our time with both Debbie and Mike and are grieving along side from NC.



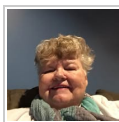
Andrea Owens - March 03, 2021 at 11:59 AM

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juanell brey - March 03, 2021 at 10:12 AM



Lovely couple 🍀🍀

Evelyn Kneisler - March 14, 2021 at 12:04 PM

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Awesome couple!

Bonnie Eckert - March 17, 2021 at 09:40 AM

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Young Fulford Funeral Home - March 02, 2021 at 11:23 AM

HR

“ I will always remember the Eagles nest Mike took me to paddling along Plantation in Saint George Island Feb. 9, 2021.

Howard Roberson - February 25, 2021 at 07:05 PM

HR

“ I am shocked by Mikes passing. He and I just went on a bike ride and paddled together 2 weeks ago on St George Island. Mike was always fit and strong and exercised regularly. My deepest sympathies to Debbie and her family.

Howard Roberson - February 25, 2021 at 06:55 PM

NG

“ Mike and I went on a good number of adventures. My fondest was paddling in near frozen waters with snow on the ground at Harrods creek and a wonderful trip to BWCA in 2011. I will miss him and never forget his kindness and smile.



Nathan Ginn - February 25, 2021 at 05:06 PM