



Michael W. Reynolds

July 29, 1938 - September 24, 2024

Michael "Mike" William Reynolds, 86, of Conway, South Carolina, passed away peacefully at home on September 24, 2024, surrounded by his loving family and outstanding home health aides. He was born on July 29, 1938, in Las Vegas, New Mexico, to Mary and Max Rackley of Santa Fe, N.M.

Mike graduated from San Antonio High School and then served four years in the Marine Corp before attending the University of New Mexico. He completed his degree in Mechanical Engineering at New Mexico State University, where he was a member of Pi Tau Sigma honorary fraternity.

Mike went on to have a distinguished career as a mechanical engineer and was inducted into General Electric Company's Quality Hall of Fame. His 30 year tenure with GE began with a training program that took him to many states before he settled in Brockport, NY. After GE's Brockport plant was sold to Black & Decker, he continued to work there until they moved their operations overseas. Mike then worked for Winross in Churchill, NY until his retirement in 2000.

Outside of work, Mike enjoyed golfing, running, and skiing, and serving on the National Ski Patrol. He was also an avid reader and was loved and appreciated by many for his great wit, wisdom, and even-keeled temperament.

In 1966 he met Brockport schoolteacher Sheilah Stanton at a Christmas party, and they married on October 19, 1968. Together they raised two children, Christopher Michael and Kerry Anne, in their home in Sweden Village. There,

in challenging moments Sheilah could often be heard exclaiming, "Michael, do something!" and he would swiftly and calmly come to her aide.

In 2003, Mike and Sheilah moved to Myrtle Trace Retirement Community in Conway, SC, where he served on the property and activities committees. In retirement, he and Sheilah frequently traveled to explore cultures around the world, making many friends along the way.

While Mike suffered from Parkinson's disease for over 12 years, he always remained optimistic and positive in the face of the many challenges it presented. Through his commitment to treatment and regular exercise, especially boxing and biking, he was able to remain very active until the final 18 months of his life.

Mike is survived by his loving and devoted wife of nearly 56 years, Sheilah Mary; his children Christopher Michael (Joey Marie) of Pickerington, OH, and Kerry Anne (Michael) of Arcata, CA; his grandchildren Michael Farrell, Max James, and Abigail Grace; and many devoted nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Max Rackley, and his loving sisters, Joni Dawson and Helen Kruger.

At Mike's request, there will be no funeral service. A celebration of life will be held on November 26, 2024. For service details, please contact the family at kreynolds707@gmail.com

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation or to the Special Olympics.

Please sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Sheilah, Kerry, Christopher and family, please accept my sympathies and deepest condolences on Mike's passing. He was a wonderful man and I know he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Chris Jolicoeur-Smith



Christine Jolicoeur-Smith - October 03, 2024 at 01:59 PM

HG

“ Mike was simply a " Nice Guy " , Easy Going , Sociable , who could mix a good cocktail for Me / You at the Clubhouse Social Gatherings in Myrtle Trace S.C. . Sheilah was and Is just as easy to get to like and socialize with . Ron and JoAnn Grove .

H. Ronald Grove - October 03, 2024 at 09:53 AM

RF

“ Sheilah and Family. So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We know you will have many fond memories of him. Mike was one of those people who you wish you could have gotten to know better because he was so real. May he rest in peace and God Bless you. Renzo and Nancy

Renzo Falcinelli - September 30, 2024 at 10:19 PM

LG

Mike will be missed. Every time I saw him he was sweet and personable. He also contributed greatly to our HOA while he was able. RIP, Mike. Heaven has gained a saint.

Linda Guest - October 01, 2024 at 12:19 PM

LM

Mike and his friendly outgoing manners will be missed by all who knew him. He was a great man husband, father and friend Love and Prayers. Lois and Bob Morris

Lois Morris - October 02, 2024 at 11:49 AM

PS

“*Sheilah and family - a lovely loving man. Those we love don't go away. They fly 🦋🦋🦋🦋 beside us every day.*”

Pat A R searles - September 30, 2024 at 04:38 PM

ME

“*Mr. Reynolds was a dear friend of mine. We spent many hours boxing together, and he was always such a bright light, optimistic, and his sense of humor was the best. We had many sing-a-longs, dance breaks, and even in his 80s was an incredibly skilled fighter. He shared many stories with me, and gave me so much wisdom freely. He was such a kind man, incredible student, good friend, and I will miss him dearly. Sending prayers for the family. ❤️*”

Megan - September 29, 2024 at 04:27 PM

JM

“*We will miss the company of Mike in so many ways...May he rest in peace*”



Joanne and Joe Martin - September 29, 2024 at 10:45 AM

DP

“ *Debi And Santo Perry lit a candle in memory of Michael W. Reynolds*



Debi and Santo Perry - September 28, 2024 at 02:26 PM