



Michael Willard Plunkett

June 11, 1945 - November 20, 2019

Michael Willard Plunkett passed away at the age of 74 on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at Baptist Reynolds Hospice House in Collierville, TN after battling complications with cancer. He was born on June 11, 1945 and raised in Weedsport, NY.

After graduating from college, he began his aviation career in 1968 by joining the United States Navy with cruises on USS Independence flying the E-2 Hawkeye.

In the spring of 1974, Mike received his DA-20 Falcon type rating at the Federal Express VA Flight School and there he started his career as an Airline Pilot at what we all know now as FedEx.

Throughout his career Mike continued to be involved in the training department; starting as a ground school instructor and continued to follow his passion for teaching as a simulator instructor on every aircraft he flew.

After retirement from actively flying in 2005 due to age requirements, he continued to be a simulator instructor on the DC-10 until “fully retiring” in 2007.

Mike was very active, you could always find him swimming at Greer’s Ferry Lake, Arkansas or exploring the Adirondack Mountains of New York State. Mike also played indoor and outdoor soccer in an adult league in Memphis, where he met many of his friends. Mike spent many days of his life with friends and family snow skiing in mountains of Colorado.

To the end, Mike continued his sense of humor and quick wit. Many say his timing was absolutely spot on for a good laugh. He’s touched so many people in the journey of his life.

Mike is survived by his brothers George Plunkett (Amherst, NY), Kevin Plunkett (Haymarket, VA), and his sister Nancy Plunkett (Orange, VA), Mike’s son from his first

marriage, Brian Plunkett with grandchildren Annslee & Ayden Plunkett (Olive Branch, MS), Mike's wife Linda Plunkett and several cousins and extended family.

Mike's family invites you to his services on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 3:00PM at Canale Funeral Directors, 2700 Union Avenue Extended, Memphis, TN 38112

Events

DEC **Memorial Service** **03:00PM**

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Comments



“ Dear George, Kevin, and Nancy; I was recently advised by a former classmate at Weedsport Central School of Mike's passing. Mike and I were best buddies growing up during the middle 1950's. All those happy memories of playing together, riding our bikes, getting in and out of trouble, and serving as altar boys at St. Joseph Church in Weedsport. Your Mom was so gracious and was a great cub scout den mother. I remember your dad's sense of humor nicknaming me "high pockets" (I was tall for my age) George, you might remember my brothers Bill and Bob and our restaurant on Seneca St. If you would like to get in touch with me, My wife and I reside in nearby Batavia, NY. (Ph.. 585-343-2128).
Please accept our condolences and be assured that we have included Mike in our prayer petition for his eternal happiness. Don and Pam Hirons

Don Hirons - October 03, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Flew with Mike back in the late 80's. Taught me a lot. My deepest sympathies

Danny Hymel - August 11, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ I did not know Mike very well when we were in school. It wasn't until our ten year reunion that Mike and I struck up a friendship that I have truly cherished. We enjoyed sharing our aviation and life experiences' which I am certain bored many. Any time we got together he made you feel that there had only been days, not years between visits.
"Fair Winds and Following Seas" my friend.
Linda and Larry Parkman

larry parkman - December 01, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ Mike was the brother I never had. He and I had 50 years of memories together through the Navy and Fed Exp. There will never be another like him. We will think of him and miss him every day until we join him.

Salutations and Love, Blake and Holida Swan

Blake Swan - November 29, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ There are too many memories of my life as the little sister of Mike to fit on a page. He was one of the three best brothers a girl could grow up with. So many wonderful smiles happened because of him. Now I know what it feels like to have a piece of your heart in heaven. Rest well M1K3 until I see you again.

Nancy - November 28, 2019 at 07:31 PM