



Michael J. Larkins

October 1, 1952 - October 3, 2009

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On October 3, 2009, two days after his 57th birthday and 7 days before his 1st anniversary. Michael (Mike) Larkins went home to be with his Lord and Savior after a short courageous battle with a rare form of gastric cancer.

Mike was the eldest son of Harold (Dar) Larkins and Loraine Larkins (Pete Hills) of Mason. Mike is survived by both parents, his loving wife Kolleen, her children Kenneth (Heather) Scott, Christian Scott, two grandchildren Ravyn and Marley, his brother Steven(Shannon), sister Patricia Haindel, brother Thomas(Tammy), grandmother Neva Strickling and many uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mike graduated from Mason High school with the class of 1971. Mike hired in at MSU in their computer department right after high school and worked there until he was drafted into the army in 1972. After serving in the military as a Chaplain's assistant at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, he returned to MSU until he was hired by NCR . At NCR Mike taught every course offered in the Teradata curriculum and gained a reputation as one of the best Teradata utility and SQL experts in the business. He retired from NCR in April of 2000 after 18 years of service. In retirement, Mike joined Thomas Coffing of Coffing Data Warehousing of Middletown, Ohio. Mr. Coffing called Mike "a genius," and a

pioneer in the world wide data warehouse world. Mike had the privilege of traveling all over the world teaching major corporations about Teradata. He was highly sought after by corporations such as BCBS, Boeing and Verizon. Mike, along with Tom Coffing wrote the highly sought after book "Teradata Unleash the Power" Which employees have found to be so beneficial that offices often told them that their copies often mysteriously disappear from their desks.

Mike was not only a great business man, he had a heart for people. One of his greatest pleasures was serving weekly at the Lansing City Rescue Mission over the last 8 years. He also served with the Holt Food Bank, The American Legion Posts of Mason and Holt and in many areas at his church.

There will be a military grave side service at Markham Cemetery on Grovenburg Rd. the morning of October 16 at 9:30 am, a memorial service will follow at 11am at Trinity Church on Dunckel. Donations can be made to the Lansing Rescue Mission 607 E. Michigan Avenue Lansing, Michigan 48912 or the Trinity Community Food Drive 3355 Dunckel Road Lansing, Michigan 48911.

As Mike would end all his messages: "The best things in life aren't things, God wants your life to be a banquet, so don't starve.

Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences and guest book entries may be made at www.holihanatkin.com

Tribute Wall



“ I wish his wife and family the best and I'm shocked to learn of Mike's death.

I will miss you my gratest Teradata Coach.

Best wishes from Germany.

Jamel Jaballah

Jamel Jaballah - April 06, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mike was a wonderful person and I am a better person for having known him.##imported-begin##JoAnn Cribley##imported-end##

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“ I was shocked to learn of Mike's death. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. My life has never been the same since meeting him. He has always been in my heart. I wish his wife and family the best.##imported-begin##Lois Barrie##imported-end##

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“ I wanted to say I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was a great person and a great friend to everyone he met. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Melissa Walden##imported-end##

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“ Be at peace....I will miss you my friend.##imported-begin##Tracy O'Neill##imported-end##

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“ We were very surprised and saddened to learn of Mike's passing. Our deepest sympathies to all of his family. David & Diane Bateman##imported-begin##David Bateman##imported-end##

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“ Kolleen and familyI was heart broken to hear about Mike's passing. Mike was a true friend and will be greatly missed by all who have come to know him. As one of his friends from school over the years I can say I will miss him greatly. He was a wonderful man. I am sorry for your loss##imported-begin##Karen Paugh##imported-end##

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“ My sympathies are with Mike's Family. I remember a lot of the Larkins Family ge together when we were both younger. Again, I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Michael C. Larkins##imported-end##

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“ *Kolleen & Mike's family, I offer my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Mike was a one-of-a-kind man and friend. He was one of the most soft spoken, sensitive, generous, and kind man I have ever met. I am forever grateful for having the opportunity to work with him on the Road to Recovery project at the American Cancer Society and have his friendship for years afterward. I feel your pain and wish you the best in your recovery from this tremendous loss. I will always think of him as an angel to so many including myself. All my best, Jamie Rahrig*###imported-begin##*Jamie Rahrig*###imported-end##

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