



Michael A. Pechura

February 11, 1949 - February 5, 2018

Michael A. Pechura, 68, of Willoughby Hills, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on February 5, 2018. He was born February 11, 1949 in Cleveland.

After earning his PhD in computer engineering, Mike worked his entire career as a computer science professor at Cleveland State University until his retirement in 2012. Those near to him knew his passion for all things electrical engineering, especially amateur (Ham) radio, camping, gardening, and creative projects.

Mike is survived by his loving partner Cindy Stucker, and his former wife of 35 years, Ruth Welcheck Pechura.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Pechura, and his parents, Joseph and Jean Pechura.

Private family services will be held in memory of Mike. Private family inurnment will be at All Souls Cemetery.

In memory of Mike and Ruth's son, memorial contributions may be made to the Lake County ADAMHS Board, One Victoria Place, Suite 205, Painesville, OH 44077.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Comments



“ Mike and I camped when Christopher and my son Matt was quite young. We had such a great time together and I will always remember those great times, MSYS and portable ham radio.

Best 73 my friend Mike.

Steve, W8IZ, NO8M, WB8IKO

Steve Wolf - July 17, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ I was a colleague of Mike's in the CIS dept at csu for about 30 years. I just recently learned of his passing, and am deeply saddened by this loss. Mike was always a kind, caring, professional, steadfast, dependable, independent and honorable colleague. He was an invaluable contributor to the department, and at meetings, his ability to think out of the box and offer insightful solutions was remarkable. He had the respect of all of his colleagues. Hope to meet up with you again sometime, Mike, who, along with his family, will remain in my prayers. God bless you Mike!
Barb Benander

Barb Benander - June 26, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ I had weekly conversations with Mike (WA8BXN) on the QRP Echolink group over the course of many years and was always struck by his knowledge and also his gracious and generous nature. I am a relative beginner in the hobby of building radios in the ham radio tradition but Mike was none the less patient and interacted with kindness and humor.

I will miss Mike's voice on the audio forum and his friendship.

Rest in peace Mike, I hope to catch you down the line on another frequency.

Mike's family remain in my thoughts and prayers.

- David / W2DAB

David Bamford - June 13, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Mike is very much missed by his ham radio friends, who would chat with him, sometimes daily, but especially on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. I recall meeting him in person when he came to a radio club meeting of the NJQRP group in Brooklawn, NJ several years ago. Rest in peace, Mike. We miss you.

Ray Sills, K2ULR - February 25, 2018 at 09:33 PM



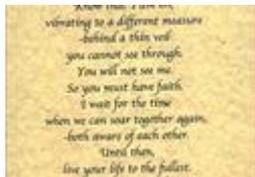
“ A brilliant man whose knowledge of computer science and engineering knew no bounds.

A gentle and private man who protected his innermost feelings and emotions from all but a very few.

A man who lived quietly and without pretense; any vulnerabilities ever-guarded from even his loving extended family.

We wish we could have gotten to know you better over your lifetime, Michael; and that we could be sure that you felt our love. We are most grateful to you Ruth (and Cindy), for crossing those deep barriers and reaching into Michael's heart to surround him with your caring and love.

In love, Dick and Kathy (cousin)



Dick and Kathy - February 09, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ Dove Blanket was purchased for the family of Michael A. Pechura.



February 09, 2018 at 03:16 AM



“ What a great picture of a warm and wonderful man.

Mike and Ruth were/are very good friends of mine. After meeting the Professor, "Doc" online, I have many good memories of lots of talks with both Ruth and Mike...Mike and I would talk about the weather, every time we talked, lol.

When I visited the Pechuras in Ohio, Mike and Ruth met me at the airport, and we proceeded to drive to the University where Mike worked many years, and I was given the grand tour. :)...followed by a warm visit with at their lovely home.

Mike will always be remembered as a "brilliant" and very kind man and will be sorely missed.

Love and Prayers.....

(Kathy Brogley, Baltimore, MD)

kathy brogley - February 09, 2018 at 02:58 AM



“ Cindy is following this tribute.

Cindy - February 09, 2018 at 02:40 AM



“ I too was a colleague of Mike for many, many years in the Computer and Information Science Department at CSU. I admired him for his breadth of knowledge in computer science, but even more so for his character. Mike truly cared about doing what was right and ethical. He thought clearly and brilliantly. I admired him greatly as he was able to think outside the box when others were stuck in their traditional ways of thinking and acting. God Bless you Mike!! Eternal rest grant onto him oh Lord and let perpetual life shine upon him!

Alan Benander

Alan Benander - June 30, 2018 at 10:05 PM