



Michael J. Willingham

June 15, 1940 - May 16, 2020

Michael J. Willingham, 79, of Concord, passed away Saturday, May 16, 2020 at home. He was born June 15, 1940 in Andover, VA., to the late John Lewis and Wilma Valand.

After the army, Mike worked as a cook at the Forum Cafeteria in Cleveland. He soon moved on to National Acme as a machinist and would eventually become the union president which he remained until his retirement.

He loved all sorts of sports including softball, bowling, water skiing and most of all golf. Mike was a lifelong Cleveland Indians fan and loved the country music of his Appalachia roots.

Always quick to say hello with a friendly smile, He found joy in helping other people whether coaching the kids sports teams, taking care of his in-laws or sharing the bounty of his prolific garden with family & friends.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Roberta Willingham; sons, Michael (Grace) Willingham and Brian (Tina) Willingham; siblings, Don (Shirley) Willingham and Sue (John) Ogorek.

Preceding Michael in death are his son, Michael Paul Willingham and siblings, Robert, Johnnie and David Willingham and Anita Wade.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m., - 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2020 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060. A prayer service and military honors will conclude the visitation at 4:00 p.m.

Social distancing is encouraged for all publicly attended events.

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KK

“ Karen K. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael J. Willingham.



Karen K. - May 27, 2020 at 10:46 AM

SA

“ Dear Bobbie, Michael and Brian,
Tim and I are very sorry to hear this. Mike was a special and kind person.
We remember our Brooks Blvd. adventures with good memories of our boys growing up together.
Always in our prayers...Love and Blessings,
Tim and Sandy

Sandy - May 26, 2020 at 07:23 AM

OF

“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers to Bobbie and family. Mike had such a kind heart , and will be missed by all. He will shine like a light in heaven for us to someday join him.
Cheryl and Alan Ogilbee and family

Ogilbee family - May 22, 2020 at 08:18 PM

SM

“ We just learned from our neighbor Liz about Mike's passing. Bobbi, we are so sorry. Mike was a wonderful man. We have fond memories of your neighborhood potlucks and taking a "tour" through Mike's garden of flowers. He had great stories and I loved listening to his assessments on Cleveland sports teams. God Bless.

*Steve and Char Miller
Chipmunk Ridge Drive Neighbors*

Steve and Char Miller - May 22, 2020 at 10:18 AM

DL

“ Andover was my home town , Michael and I were best of friends , doing all the things that young boys at that time did, I really hated to see his family move to Ohio ;. I will always remember Michael as one of the best friends. Rest In Peace good buddy.

Dan Long - May 21, 2020 at 04:00 PM

WH

“ Walter McNamara and George Hostal purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael J. Willingham.



Walter McNamara and George Hostal - May 21, 2020 at 01:02 PM

KC

“ He was always so kind. One of my strongest memories was Mike outside shoveling the snow and clearing my windshield at 4AM so that I could catch my plane. While he was devoted to his beautiful garden, nothing was as important to him as his family. He lives on through his children. My heart is with all of you. Kathy

Kathleen Chase - May 20, 2020 at 03:39 PM

NT

“ My prayers and sincere thoughts to Michael's family. It is so difficult to accept the fact that he has passed but he will always be in our thoughts. Mike was an incredible individual and a great conversationalist.
May God wrap his arms around him and watch over his family.

Noah Thomas - May 20, 2020 at 03:36 PM

KC

“ Kathy Chase purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael J. Willingham.



Kathy Chase - May 20, 2020 at 03:34 PM

FK

“ I will always remember Mr. Willingham as a kind wonderful man . Our yellow lab , Wanda, thought he was pretty special too— she would make a beeline to him when she saw him in his front yard .
Sympathy and prayers to you Bobbie and to your great family

Fran Keller - May 19, 2020 at 01:21 PM