



Michael James "Mike" McCarthy

August 29, 1955 - August 29, 2024

Michael James McCarthy was born to James and Mary O'Brien McCarthy on August 29th, 1955. Having achieved his earthly purpose and in Mike's own fitting style, he passed from this life on his 69th birthday, August 29th, 2024.

The only boy in a family of six, Mike grew up with 5 sisters in Geneva, Nebraska. He often jokingly spoke of the trials of growing up with all those girls. Though he always knew that growing up as the only boy, made him the wonderful husband, father, and grandfather he became.

Mike "challenged" the nuns at St. Joseph's Catholic School through the 8th grade. Graduating from Geneva High School in 1974, he headed to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln earning a degree in Journalism. Mike served as Sports Editor for the UNL Daily Nebraskan as well as sports writing at the Omaha World Herald. Following the footsteps of McCarthy's before him, he earned his Juris Doctorate at the UNL College of Law in 1981. Mike worked most of his career as litigator for State Farm Insurance fraud claims.

Mike met and married the love of his life, Kitty Lynam on April 17th, 1982 and for 42 years they lived, loved, and laughed. And as their children, Jay, Chris and Molly can affirm....they mostly, laughed!

Mike will be forever remembered for his Irish sense of humor, his "long stories

short” and the jokes he told more than once to the same audience, and still met with roaring laughter. He was the guy with the advice; the guy with the best stories; the guy who made you laugh; the person you wanted to be around. Mike was a great cook and could turn any leftovers into a gourmet meal. His children recall when their friends would come to the house the first words they would hear from Mike were, “Are you hungry?” He truly enjoyed cooking in the kitchen and grilling in the backyard and all were the beneficiaries of his culinary skills.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Kelley, with whom he shared his birthday making them “Irish twins”; his in-laws Fran and Ed Lynam. Brothers-in-law Frank Troia and Bruce Franson and nephews Joey Lundberg and Danny Schroetlin.

There is undoubtedly a host of people who will miss Mike. Those who loved him best include his wife, Kitty; son Jay and fiancé Aliana; son Chris; daughter Molly and husband Kyle Medcalf and granddaughter, Julia. Along with his sisters, Kathleen and husband Tim Wilbeck, Bridget Franson, Mary and husband Roger Lundberg, Shirley and husband Ryan Schroetlin; brother-in-law Mark Champion; and sisters-in-law Jan and husband Jon Lindell, Deb Troia, Eileen and husband Dan Hartnett; along with his nieces and nephews.

Family and friends of Mike gathered to toast and remember the Irish husband, father, brother and friend who will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers and memorial donations, the family request that you take a moment to remember the times you each shared with Mike.

Tribute Wall

TN

“ *Kitty and family- just heard of Mike's passing last week through Cher Slavik on Facebook. My sympathy to you and your family. I enjoyed knowing and working with Mike and the smiles he brought to the office when he was there. You are in my prayers. Tom*

Tom Negley - September 30, 2024 at 06:21 PM

PA

“ *Kathleen my deepest sympathy to you and the entire family.*

Paula Kaiser Asmus - September 04, 2024 at 01:29 PM

VA

“ *Sending sympathy to Mike's immediate and extended families as well as all his friends he made along his journey in life.*

Vicki Allgood - September 04, 2024 at 12:15 PM

KA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ken L Adkisson - September 04, 2024 at 10:14 AM

BW

Love it!!!

Bob Webb - September 04, 2024 at 12:04 PM

DW

“ *Diana Elznic Workman lit a candle in memory of Michael McCarthy*



Diana Elznic Workman - September 03, 2024 at 08:23 PM

BP

“ *Ben and I send our sympathy to all of Mike's family.*



Ben Nancy Pekar - September 03, 2024 at 07:04 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Michael McCarthy*



Kent & Rose Theobald - September 03, 2024 at 06:51 PM

LH

“ *Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Michael McCarthy*



Linda Heinisch - September 03, 2024 at 06:15 PM

CK

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of the family*

cristy koch - September 03, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ *Kathleen, your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. A candle was lit in memory of Mike. Sandi Renken*



RodandSandi Renken - September 03, 2024 at 04:20 PM