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Michael E. Upman, 77 years old of Lewes Delaware went home to the Lord on April 16, 2024, following a heroic battle with lung cancer.

Mickey, as he was called by his family, had two siblings and all three were raised on a farm in Catonsville Maryland by his father and paternal grandmother. He loved to tell the story of climbing any large tree and hanging on in a lightning storm while his grandmother would light candles and pray for his safety.

He joined the Marine Corp at 18 years old and served a year in Vietnam before finding his calling as an electrician. In his spare time there was nothing he would rather do than fish. He would fish until he could not stay awake and still wanted to fish some more. He was blessed with a love for travel and enjoyed the adventure and newness of all ports of call that he visited with his wife, Carole. These included China, Greece, Egypt, Montana, Alaska, Scandinavia, The Florida Keys, Russia, the Panama Canal, Mexico, The Galapagos Islands, Canada, and many others.

Mike worked the majority of his life for North American Electric Inc. and enjoyed the challenges of that work and the variety of assignments. His work took his attention to detail all over the country and he enjoyed the challenges of it. He loved people and loved serving people. Faith was a pillar in Mike's life and he was a devoted member of Eagle's Nest Church in Milton, DE. More than anything, he cherished time spent with his family. Mike was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He will be dearly missed and forever loved by all the lives he touched.

In addition to his parents, Mike was predeceased by his first daughter who will greet him in heaven, and his younger brother, Robert Upman. He is survived by his wife, Carole Upman; his two other daughters: Gina Godleski and Kristin Upman; and their children: Drew Godleski and Charlotte Connelly who had a special place in his heart; his sister, Patricia Palmer of Pittsburgh PA; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He especially loved the company of cousins Cindy and Darleen who share his commitment to serve the world and make life better for others.



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A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends and family may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers we respectfully suggest a donation to the Upman Foundation at the University of Maryland to assist catastrophically injured workers, 110 South Paca Street, 9th floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Once again, helping others helps us all.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024. TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday, May 3, 2024**

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Memorial Service

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Ken Sigwart shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

So sorry for your loss Carol. I am so glad that Karen and I were able to take a walk on the beach last spring with you and Mike.

May 1 at 1:49 AM



Kenny And Karen Sigwart planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.

May 1 at 12:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Upman family.

May 1 at 12:40 AM



John Pearce posted:

So sorry for your loss Carol. Made many memories with Mike, fishing, working and riding Harleys. Will miss Mikey

April 30 at 8:00 AM



Carole Upman May 29 at 4:56 PM

Many thanks John. He so enjoyed your conversations! Carole



Mona Lekas posted:

Mike was the kindest and most generous of friends, always willing to help in any way and never seeking anything in return. His smile was huge and his laugh was infectious. I will always cherish our fishing trips, and the laughs we had. Farewell Angler, Rest in Peace. Tom & Mona Lekas

April 30 at 6:02 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Upman family.



April 27 at 6:32 AM



P & D posted:

Mike was a gentle, kind man, always smiling. We loved his chuckle and the way he enjoyed life. He adored Carole and the best story is how they first met each other. Mike loved adventures and specifically he helped us install our seahorse doorbell that sat in the closet for two years until he figured out how to make the seahorse ring! Whenever we go to Lewes Beach we think of Mike, that view (and the Dairy Queen) was his spot. Our memories of him will always be with us. With love,
Dawnel & Pam

April 27 at 6:16 AM



Joseph Oneill posted:

Carole We really bonded with you and Mike when we all lived on Henlopen Court. You and Sallee hit it off but Mike and I had so much in common. Even shared shifts at the Market when we could. We enjoyed each other's company so much with fishing, movie and lunch "dates" and talking on the phone. There were many times we just rode around in the car talking. Of course, he drove most of the time. I was embarrassed for him to see the condition of "his" Forerunner we bought from him. If he knew we wanted something, he would always be on the lookout for it He was a unique individual who could do so much and was always glad to help anyone. We will miss him terribly. Love you both
Mike & Sallee

April 23 at 9:22 AM



Carole Upman May 29 at 4:57 PM

we love you both back! Carole



Don Testerman posted:

I started my electrical career in 1987 working with Mike. He was a great mentor and a great person.

April 22 at 5:58 AM



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Gb posted:

Carole, Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Mike's death. We are here to support you in your grieving process. We loved going to lunch/dinner with Mike and you and all the other fun things we did with Mike. He will truly be missed. With Sympathy and Love, Greg & Joyce

April 20 at 7:40 AM



Donna And Francis Dix shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Dear Mike, Your text from Monday the 15th just said, "Hi Donna. We won't be able to come to Baltimore this week. Not feeling well hopefully soon...thanks tell Fran I said hi." Just your way of gently canceling not letting on that it was more than just not feeling well. Fran and I are so sad. I remember meeting at the car show in Wildwood. I remember many celebrations with the North American Electric group. You were the senior man here, and everyone looked up to you. You will be missed by so many here at North American Electric. Happy fishing in Heaven.....

April 18 at 7:06 AM



Tom Amrein September 27 at 11:21 AM

I just heard this from Fran. Linda and I always enjoyed spending time with you and Mike. My heart bleeds for you. We miss you.



Carole Upman May 29 at 4:58 PM

he loved you back dear friend! Carole



Marion E Johnson May 1 at 4:26 AM

Mike I am so sorry that you did not get to go to the Os' game. I did go on the 27th and it was a win 7 to 0. you was on my mind and could hear your laugh all the game. I will miss you. working with you at the Aquarium was a joy. love you Mike. Sorry I can't be at your celebration of life, but you will always be in my heart . . we all love you



Carole Upman April 18 at 2:39 PM

Denny, many thanks and he was special for sure! hugs, Carole



Denny Harris April 18 at 7:22 AM

Dear Carol sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Mike and he made always cracked me up with his humor. I will miss him. Denny Harris



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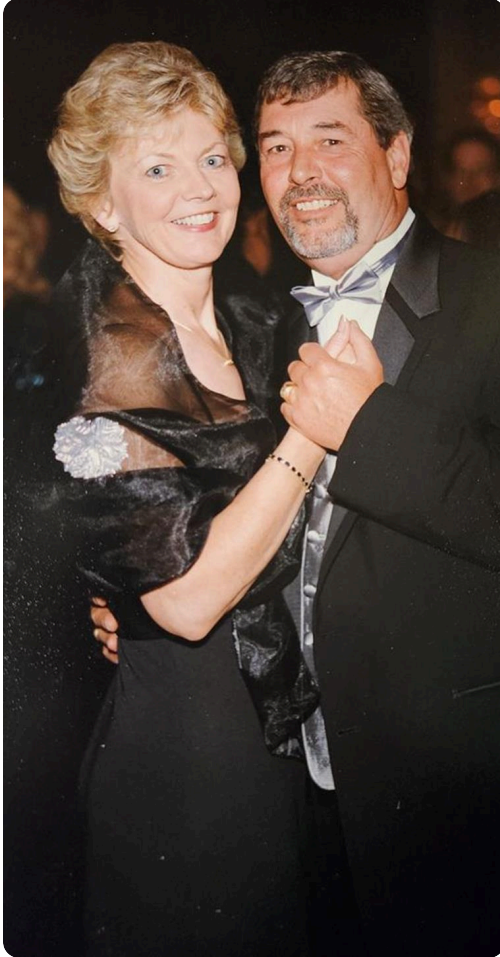
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20th Anniversary of NAE in 2002



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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