



## Michael J. Morrison

May 22, 1952 - December 30, 2020

Michael "Mike" J. Morrison, age 68 of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE. He was born on May 22, 1952 in Pittsburgh, PA, son of the late Samuel and Clara (McConnell) Morrison.

Mr. Morrison worked for 30 years at Anne Arundel County Public Schools as an art educator. He and his wife Donna started a theater camp at Anne Arundel Community College many years ago. They directed many plays over the years. After Mrs. Morrison's passing, he continued as lead director. It was their passion to work with the youth and developed their talents. Mr. Michael worked for several years at Palate Pleasers in Annapolis Maryland where he loved seeing new and old faces on a regular basis. He continued to work in the service industry when he moved to Rehoboth Beach.

Mr. Morrison loved the arts. Both professional and community theater was his great passion. He was a very talented artist and showed it in so many ways. You could find him decorating for holidays or for friend's weddings. Mr. Morrison was always a busy guy! He loved to shop and fashion. He was the best dressed man we knew. The beach was his second home and he always felt at peace whenever he had the sand between his toes.

Mr. Morrison loved to lay in the sun, loved his friends and family, but most of all his 5 grandchildren. His grandchildren were his life. He had passed so much talent and kindness to them. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Mr. Morrison and his family sponsored many midshipmen from United States Naval Academy. They were like his sons and he loved being part of their lives and watching their families grow.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Morrison was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 25 years, Donna Jean Morrison. Mr. Morrison is survived by his grateful children: Andrew Phillip Morrison of Clearwater, FL; Jennifer Megan Alber of Myrtle Beach, SC; Erin Maria Betz (Todd) of Arnold, MD; his 5 grandchildren: Alana Jean Betz, and Collin James Betz of Arnold, MD; Charles Michael Alber of Myrtle Beach S; Maximilian O'Riley Jones and

Hunter Madden Morrison of Clearwater, FL; and many, many friends in Annapolis and Rehoboth Beach.

Services will be private.

Please sign the online guest book located on the tribute page.

# Comments

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“ We worked together for a year at Annapolis Elementary. Mike's patience and passion were evident in everything that he did. Many years later, our paths crossed at AACC during the summer theater program. My daughter loved this camp and attended every year for the past 6 years. Mike was a primary reason for her love of this summer tradition. Thank you Mike for touching our hearts and making a difference in such a short period of time.

Diane Hallila

**Diane Hallila** - January 22 at 01:46 PM

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“ I was so sad to hear about Mike's passing. Mike was such a sweet and caring soul. My son attended several of the AACC Summer Theater camps run by Mike (and Donna) when he was younger. It was incredible to see how much those kids grew in their talents under Mike's tutelage, culminating in very professional productions in just two weeks. And the kids loved it! So much so, my son continued to visit Mike and help with productions even after he got older. Mike will be truly missed.

**Patty McCarthy-O'Neill** - January 12 at 05:23 PM

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“ I met Mike in 2000 when I got hired to teach music at Annapolis Elementary. We worked together for 15 years. He was an amazing art teacher and a fantastic theater teacher. I worked with him on many productions and he brought out the best in students. I have so many wonderful memories of him and I will never forget him. I last saw him at my wedding in July 2019 and I was blessed to have him there. RIP Mike Morrison

**Bonnie Ford** - January 10 at 04:40 PM

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“ Sam Shondelmyer lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Morrison



**Sam Shondelmyer** - January 06 at 10:08 AM

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“ I so enjoyed talking to Mike. I met him at AES & attended his wonderful Christmas parties at his home along with Donna, family & friends. We became good friends when we worked together at AES. We worked very closely together the day of 9/11 with his wife Donna keeping us updated on the events as they unfolded. Will never forget that day. He was a wonderful artist & AES was blessed to have him, teaching the children with his ever so calm manner & directing plays that couldn't be topped. My heartfelt condolences go to his family & may Mike forever RIP. God bless you, Mike and thank you for sharing your talents to so many.

**Donna Dunton** - January 06 at 09:16 AM

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“ In 1998 Mike directed the amazing production The King and I at Annapolis Elementary. I can pinpoint my son's involvement in that play as a turning point in his maturity. Mike was a king of kindness, patience and creativity and had an indelible positive effect on the lives of many students.  
Stacey Sass

**Stacey Sass** - January 06 at 08:16 AM

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“ My four children attended Annapolis Elementary where he was the art teacher. My personal best memories of Mr. Morrison was the plays! Oh so much work but always fun. Thank you to his family for sharing him with other kids!

**Bobbijo Clore** - January 05 at 10:07 PM

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“ I have great memories of Michael many years ago when he and Donna resided in Fairmont WV. Always full of fun very talented, friendly, always willing to help a friend. Just a few of the fine things about Michael. Loved his family and super dedicated to raising his children. He will be missed by all that knew him, he will be forever in my heart!

Love and prayers for Jennifer, Erin and Phil and their families. God please bring his children comfort and peace at this very difficult time. Love to all three of them.....



**Ann Nuzum** - January 05 at 10:06 PM

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“ I worked with Mike for 10 years at Annapolis Elementary School beginning in 1994. Mike was so welcoming and kind. I was blown away by the performances that he produced with elementary students including The King and I. Incredible. A group of us would get together for dinner often. The problem was that Mike never checked his email. We would have to track him

down but were thrilled when he showed up. It was a privilege to know Mike for so many years. I last saw him in Lewes last October and he seemed so happy. Rest In Peace my friend until

We meet again! Donna Usewick

**Donna Usewick** - January 05 at 07:31 PM

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“ I met Michael when we opened the store And That. We instantly clicked. He was a great, kind soul. You will be truly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family and friends.



**Rick Steffe** - January 05 at 06:42 PM

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**James Rhodes** - January 05 at 06:31 PM



“ When I was thinking about moving to Lewes and Rehoboth Beach, Michael opened up his home for several weekend trips until I moved in the same apartment complex. He had my spare key until he moved. Michael will be missed!

**James** - January 05 at 06:35 PM

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“ Michael,  
You were a great friend who called a few times a day. We shared many laughs, many great times and many inside jokes and we laughed so hard trying to tell them. You were so proud of your kids and grandchildren. It was an honor to get to know them through you. Miles and I always looked for your visits he always got a dog treat and I always got a laugh! I feel like we had many more memories to make as well as laughs to share, but God had other plans for you. Well, I would pay to have one of your phone calls now! I know you are up there catching up with Donna while we are missing you here on Earth. I know you would be proud of your kids and how they all worked together to honor you! We all had some cries, some laughs and we all told stories of how you thought you were a great driver and we all new differently. I know there is so much more we all could have shared but covid19 took you from all of us! You will be missed more than you could imagine. The theater community is missing a bright light and the world is missing a great dad, grand dad and friend! Until we meet again you will be forever in our hearts! Thank you for your friendship!

**Bryan Hecksher** - January 05 at 05:39 PM

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“ I knew Michael through friends and as a customer at the store. In all areas he was always smiling. Whether he was hosting at a local restaurant or we were out to dinner he was always a joy to be around.  
I am sure he looking down from heaven and being so proud of his kids and grandchildren. He mentioned them often.  
Thanks Michael.  
jamie

**james w. middelton jr** - January 04 at 07:54 PM



“ I loved working with Mike every summer for close to 15 years. We loved seeing all the talented performers every year and we were always so proud to be a part of their journey. He was kind, caring, and such a special friend. He loved his children and grandchildren and was so proud of all of them. He will missed by so many. He touched so many lives and he will live forever in our hearts. I am so grateful to have had you in my life.

**Anita OConnor** - January 04 at 10:02 PM



“ He will be sorely missed. My kids had him as their art and theater teacher at AES and AACC. He was always so full of energy and seemed to be everywhere. We accidentally ran into him where he worked in Rehoboth a couple years ago.

**Debby Smith** - January 06 at 01:08 PM