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Mike was born in Silver Spring, Maryland, part of his heart was always with his family on the East Coast. During spring break in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, he met the love of his life, Theresa, and never looked back. He followed Terry to her home in Winona, Minnesota, where he worked as a building official for the city. In 1986, they moved to White Bear Lake to raise their family. Mike was proud to have worked for and retire as a manager for the State of Minnesota's Department of Building Codes and Standards. He dedicated immense care to his work.

Mike always put others first, generously sharing his incredible knowledge, skills, ideas, and love. He gave freely and found joy in helping others. As a dad, he struck a balance-allowing his children to learn life's lessons while always being there to carry them when they truly needed it. He never let them go without and was unwavering in his support of their growth and dreams.

He shared so many hilarious stories. His sense of humor was, and always will be, treasured. He will be loved forever, and his memory will live on through the lives of his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Virginia; his mother-in-law, Mary; his brother, Neil; and his sparkly daughter, Molly.

He is survived by his loving wife, Terry; his -exceptionally lucky to have him-children, Michelle (Tyler) Siedschlag and Luke (April) Godfrey; his four fabulous grandchildren, Hailey, Lewis, Nolan, and Nora; his beloved siblings: brother, Dave (Diane) Godfrey, and sisters, Mamie Bartlett and Carol (Steve) Kellogg; and many more family and friends.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held this summer as he requested.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Mike was a great neighbor to our family, always willing to chat, Mike took over drywalling our basement when our ambition exceeded our expertise. We enjoyed living across the street from Mike and Terry. Our deepest sympathy for the loss of Mike and Molly.

Dan Heckley - May 27 at 09:13 PM

DK

“ Mike was great to work with, I learned a great deal about code interpretation and development from him. He had many good memories to share, i especially enjoyed hearing about how he lifted his whole up to repair the support at the foundation wall. Condolences to his family during this difficult time.

Daniel Kelsey - April 24 at 02:05 PM

JN

“ So many great funny memories with Mike. One of my favorites was how he always had a 9V battery on his desk that he would touch to his tounge when you'd be talking! We talked about kids, stocks, coins and how to "avoid" the code. Great man who loved his family.

Jerry Norman - April 21 at 11:37 AM

HH

Mike was the greatest Supervisor I've had in State Service. I will always appreciate his willingness to help mentor and develop his staff professionally. Mike, you will be missed my friend. You now have a new back which has been fully restored, your new Boss won't let you break that one. Enjoy the "Golden City", we'll catch-up when I arrive over a chocolate milk!!!

Herman Hauglid - April 22 at 07:57 AM