



I. Michael Romanov

May 23, 1935 - November 5, 2024

I. Michael (Mike) Romanov passed away on November 5, 2024 at the age of 89. Born on May 23, 1935, in Manhattan, New York, Mike spent his life with a deep love for music, theatre, travel, and social justice. Growing up in the heart of New York City, he was immersed in the vibrant arts culture from an early age, a passion that stayed with him throughout his life.

A proud graduate of Hofstra University, Mike built a life rich in experiences and meaningful relationships. While working in the technical lighting department at the Amato Opera in Manhattan, he met the love of his life, Patricia, a talented singer performing with the company. Their shared love of the arts sparked a beautiful partnership that would span a lifetime, filling their years together with music, joy, and adventure. Mike earned a Master's of Business Administration from St. Thomas later and retired from Unisys, after a successful career. His love for learning never waned; he continued to share his knowledge and enthusiasm by teaching at Metropolitan State.

In addition to his dedication to the arts, Mike was a staunch supporter of political rights. One of the highlights of his political involvement was attending President Bill Clinton's inauguration ball, a moment he cherished as a testament to his commitment to equality and progress. Mike also had a lifelong love for travel, finding joy in exploring the world on many memorable cruises.

Mike faced his 20-year battle with Parkinson's disease with incredible courage and resilience, and his family is profoundly grateful to the compassionate staff at the Minnesota Masonic Home, where he received wonderful care for the past six years.

He is survived by his four children, Johanna (Wayne) Vohnoutka, Leah (Michael) Romanov-Tietz, Julie (Neal) Wagner, and Steve; seven grandchildren, Matthew, Rachel (Paul), Alec (Nora), Jennifer (Justin), Aaron, Nadine, and Natalie; three great-grandchildren, Charleigh, Ryleigh, and Elliott; sister, Gerry (Remo) Cosentino. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, David and Marie Romanov; and his wife, Patricia.

Memorial service will be Tuesday, November 19, at 2 PM at Lakewood Memorial Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN. Visitation half an hour prior. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or Jewish Family Services St. Paul.

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