



## Michael Neal Ballard

December 22, 2017

Ballard, Michael Neal 55, Minneapolis, passed away Friday, December 22. Mike is preceded in death by his mother, Elayne. Survived by his father Gerald; sisters, Jane (Jim) and Barb; brothers, Bill (Diana), Jim (Sam), and twin brother Mark (Andrea); former spouse, Anne; nieces and nephews, Ryan, Jessie, Andy, Katie, Michael John, Samantha, and Drew; Jack and Sam; Tom and Katherine; Steven and Becky; and 10 grand-nieces and nephews. Mike's character was bigger than life - an adventuresome spirit with boundless energy. He was simply hilarious! Mike's ability to make genuine connections made him a stellar swim coach and successful Publishing Sales Executive. Memories of Mike will bring smiles to our hearts forever. Funeral Service: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 11 a.m. with visitation one-hour prior at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis. Burial will take place at 2 p.m. at Grandview Park Cemetery, Hopkins, MN. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given to Genesis Aquatics in honor of Coach Mike (PO Box 31), Wayzata, MN 55391. Washburn-McReavy.com Edén Prairie 952-975-0400