



## Michael Christian Meagher

May 20, 1971 - August 11, 2024

Michael Christian Meagher ("Mike") passed away on August 11, 2024 from a cardiac event. He was born on May 20, 1971 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mike graduated from Edina High School in 1990 and received his undergraduate and master's degree from George Washington University. While Minnesota was always his home, he loved his time in Washington D.C. He worked on political campaigns after completing his academic work.

He was committed to excellence in his career as a business analyst, consulting for numerous Fortune 500 companies.

Mike was an exceptional leader in the Boy Scouts of America, where he devoted innumerable hours of service in his role as scoutmaster, mentoring young people, serving the community, and enjoying time in nature. He served as a leader with the U.S. contingent at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. He volunteered as a Juvenile Diversion Facilitator with the Hennepin and Ramsey county court systems, where he helped young people in need. For the last year, he was an active member and volunteer at the Twin Cities Men's Center. In 2020, he volunteered assisting with vaccine sites with the State of Minnesota.

He loved walking around Bde Maka Ska, camping, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his fiancée, Dr. Johnna Hobbs; children, Jack and Lily Meagher; stepchildren, Matthew James and John Michael; mother, Margaret Meagher; and siblings. He was deeply loved by his family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Friday August 16th, at 2 PM at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W 50th St, Edina, MN 55436. Visitation one hour prior. Private burial at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the GoFundMe in his memory to support his children, Jack and Lily Meagher: <https://gofund.me/5a35afe3>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sad to learn Michael isn't here anymore. I was his barber since 2002. So loyal! He would drive all the way to lake elmo for a cut! We had wonderful conversations, I would always set aside a full hour for his visits. Smart and funny is an extreme understatement. I learned a lot from him. He left a permanent positive mark on my life. I miss him.

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**Nathan** - March 29, 2025 at 10:15 AM

MW

“ I am saddened to hear about your crossing over to the other side. Following of my colleagues would like to send their condolences to your family: Julia Hooker, Kutta Walia, Kunt Bratton, Andre Losthisjewels, and Elmer Fudd.  
Regards - Mark Westin.

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**Mark Westin** - September 17, 2024 at 01:49 PM

CN

“ Mike you were the king of one-liners! Sorry to hear about your passing...I have heard many of your jokes from my friends such as "Pick a cod, any cod. Baa Dmm Tss...sad Trombone WAH WAH WAH LOLLLL run away, run away...It is the rabbit.....Elmer Fudd confused!!" You and your jokes will be missed.

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**Chuck Norris** - September 13, 2024 at 03:54 PM

LF

“ He was my Scoutmaster and my mentor. He personally was so helpful and supportive to me and because of that I was able to make Eagle Scout. His expertise, experience and Kindness was invaluable to me. I can't thank him enough



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**Landen Frederick** - August 18, 2024 at 07:34 PM

BG

“ Mike and I were high school classmates, and I remember his gentle and kind presence all throughout our time together in those not-so kind and gentle halls. I think he always recognized how hard it was for me to be there each day, somewhat afraid of my shadow, and always met me with solidarity and understanding. Much more recently, I was profoundly impacted when Mike reached out to his Social Media friends to ask if anyone needed a friend. I remember thinking that his incredibly brave, vulnerable, genuine, kind, and honest offer of connection would stay with me, as I, too, search for connection and community in this disconnected and digital age. More recently, Mike reached out to share a story with me that he felt I would appreciate, and, once again, I was profoundly moved. I have shared these stories with my family as ways in which all of us should act and think about others. I wish I could meet for coffee and connection now. Until we meet again, I will remember Mike as one who would help to lighten the load. Heartfelt condolences to Mike's family

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**Betsy (Burritt) Gambach** - August 16, 2024 at 03:14 PM

SC

“ *Michael recently joined Allianz and I had the pleasure of getting to know him. In the short time I had to get to know him, he was a pleasure to work with and was always willing to collaborate. I am saddened and praying for his family and friends during this time.*



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**Shannon Cleveland** - August 15, 2024 at 06:05 PM

VS

“ Although it’s been rare to see my widespread Midwestern extended family since I moved from my hometown Chicago to the East Coast and Europe in the 1990s, it was apparent 16 years ago when I last saw my younger cousin Michael on an unexpected trip to the Minneapolis area that his effervescent spirit, intelligent curiosity, thoughtful nature, and witty sense of humor (like his Schmitz-family father Pat) continued to anchor his personality since I had met him as a toddler with his sweet mother Maggie.

While I wish that our locations and trips had been able to align much more often, I will always remember his engaging smile and how happy I felt to be in his presence every single time that I saw him. Never once did he fail to make me laugh out loud while entertaining me with stories of his international, political or educational adventures. I posted a treasured framed photo of mine of him making me smile at a Schmitz family gathering in the late 1990s.

I am grateful that our final meeting was atypically just between the two of us when he introduced me to his first child, Jack, as a baby during certainly one of the happiest years of his life. It’s wonderful to hear from others about how Michael continued to make his children a priority and of his many efforts to enable and share in their achievements and trips. How apropos that he enjoyed his final trip and final day with at least Jack. I love you Michael! C’est la vie,  
Valerie Shields



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Valerie Shields - August 15, 2024 at 03:02 PM

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“ Whenever I would get a text from Mike asking if I had five minutes for a quick conversation I would clear my calendar for an hour. We would cover the matter at hand and so much more.

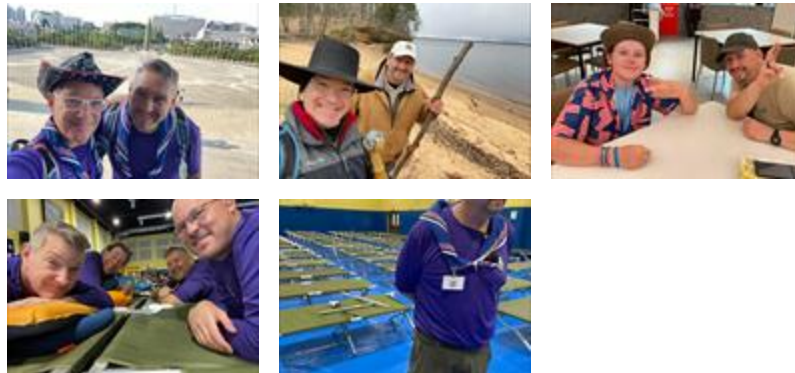
The one topic that would always come up is his children. Mike’s love and admiration for Jack and Lily always shined through. He was so proud of them. His life was truly better because they were in his life. Thanks Mike for being a sounding board over the years on scouting and other matters. Thanks for all you have done for my family and scouting. The world is a better place because you are in it. I will miss our “quick” conversations.

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**Greg Kugler** - August 15, 2024 at 09:08 AM

CY

“ It was my privilege to work with Mike as an adult leader for our world Jamboree scout troop that went to South Korea one year ago in 2023. I consider Mike a good friend and the world is poor for his absence.



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**Christian Yungbluth** - August 14, 2024 at 10:30 PM



“ My name is Tom Maher and I am the Office Manager at The Twin Cities Men's Center, (TCMC), in Minneapolis. I really haven't known Michael very long. It was earlier this year when he first came to the Twin Cities Men's Center. Michael was very interested in our Anger Management class, but due to financial constraints, he didn't feel he could afford it, but also strongly felt that he NEEDED it. I discussed our Scholarship opportunities with Michael and he was not interested in that. It was a very strong value of his that he "pay his own way" and not take "handouts".

*At Michael's request, we entertained the idea of Michael bartering for the class. He wanted to work for it and EARN the class. The Men's Center had never done that before, but we are always open to new and creative ideas for problem solving.*

*It wasn't long before we came to an agreement and Michael would be working in the TCMC office in exchange for his Anger Management class. Working in the office meant that he would be here working when I was on the job. Michael provided invaluable service to database clean up, updates and even suggestions to improve our Anger Management database, and he quickly made progress.*

*I really enjoyed working with Michael. We would tease each other about whose last name was the CORRECT spelling and whose was INCORRECT! (My last name is pronounced the same as he pronounces MEAGHER). I had to give in; his spelling goes back further than mine. But we agreed that we both PRONOUNCE our names correctly! (Different variations of the pronunciation began to pop up after the Norman Invasion of Ireland.) Of course, we spoke of history, our shared Irish heritage and where our clans came from. We each playfully referred to the other as "the OTHER Maher/Meagher"!*

*On a side note, on the day Michael passed, I was at the Irish Fair of Minnesota. I walked by numerous bins and booths where you could*

*learn about the history and origins of many Irish names and clans. Since our names are spelled in a very similar manner, I kept seeing his name all day. I had no idea he had passed, but I spent a large portion of the day reflecting on him and our time working together. Was that just a coincidence, or was he reaching out to me?*

*The Anger Management course was very important to Michael. He wanted it for himself, and he also wanted the tools and skills for his relationship, and also for the positive effect he wanted to have on his children. This was a very personal goal of his and he took it very seriously.*

*One more than one occasion, there would be an event at the Men's Center and I would notice that after the event, Michael would stick around and he began to tidy up the place. Afterwards, he would approach me and say, "Oh, just so you know, I'm not charging you for this time. I am just getting so much out of being here, I just want to contribute and pay back for all that I am receiving here". A contributor. That's what he was. He contributed.*

*I have had more than one Anger Management Instructor approach me and talk to me about how much they liked, and how much they are going to miss, Michael. They were excited to see him grow as an Anger Management Instructor and looked forward to working with him. One of them even said to me, "Everything you would ever want in an Anger Management Instructor, that's him! That's who Michael was".*

*Michael was currently supporting our Anger Management class that is meeting on Monday nights. Upon hearing the news of Michael's passing, the Instructors and the students spent the first half hour of class time this past Monday night sharing and reflecting about Michael. I was told that many of the students also mentioned Michael in their end of class "check outs".*

*Michael, be well, rest well, YOU DONE GOOD!! And GOOD ON YA!!!*

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." ~An Irish Blessing*

**Tom Maher** - August 14, 2024 at 02:37 PM

EJ

“ *I worked with Mike on two distinctly different projects. The first as a professional Meerkat traveling the world and then as an outdoorsman up at The Whipp. I will never forget either of those experiences and all we learned together through them.*

*My heart breaks for Jack and Lily that they only got to experience his light for a short time, but I'm sure even in that brief period he left an impact that will stay with them through their lifetime. My prayers to his kids, his fiancée and family as they grieve and find ways to carry on without him. He was one of a kind and he will be missed.*

*Here are a couple memories I will always cherish of Mike. The Meerkats down under and with LJB up at the Whipp.*

LA



**Elizabeth Jensen** - August 14, 2024 at 02:07 PM



*That is beautifully said Liz. Happy memories.*  
*-Lisa Swanson*

**Li Morrisette** - August 14, 2024 at 04:03 PM