



Michael Ray Peterson

November 23, 1948 - June 14, 2021

Peterson, Michael Ray "Mike" age 72, died on June 14, 2021 following a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Mike was born in 1948 and grew up in Osakis, MN where he was a star athlete, Eagle Scout, and honor student. He earned a BA from St. Olaf College, where he was student body president and played football and basketball, and an MSW from Catholic University. During his career he advocated for child welfare, and was a nationally recognized leader in treatment foster care. He was director of PATH, and worked for Scott County, SAFY, and held leadership roles at state human services departments in Oregon and Idaho. Mike valued community engagement through church, social justice initiatives, and volunteering. He maintained deep friendships from all stages of life, and none so deep as that with the love of his life, Beth. His passions were traveling, collecting art, and obliging his ardent love of reading. Preceded in death by parents Royce and Jeanette, wife Beth Benson Peterson, and brother Bill (Linda). Survived by siblings Ken (Connie), Tim (Joan), Helen (Brian), and Owen Davis (Miriam), son Eric (Amanda), daughter Kristin (Matt) and his eight grandchildren Royce, Brogan, Calvin, Camden, Evelyn, Beckett, Charlotte, and Macklen. Visitation on Thursday, June 17, from 4-7 pm at Washburn-McReavy, Edina Chapel. Funeral Service on Friday, June 18, 10 am at Lakewood Cemetery Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Ave Mpls, MN 55408. Please send flowers to Washburn-McReavy, or a donation in his name to Mayflower Church Foundation (tinyurl.com/...) Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Church Service

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Peterson.* ”



June 17, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Cornell Kinesiology Department purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michael Ray Peterson.* ”



Cornell Kinesiology Department - June 16, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Peterson.* ”



June 16, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Peterson.* ”



June 16, 2021 at 02:48 PM

JH

“ Janet H. purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Michael Ray Peterson.



Janet H. - June 16, 2021 at 02:25 PM

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“ Irvine Park Friends and Neighbors purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael Ray Peterson.



Irvine Park Friends and Neighbors - June 16, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Peterson.



June 16, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Peterson.



June 16, 2021 at 11:32 AM

KF

“ *Ken, Tim, Helen Ann and their families. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael Ray Peterson.*



Ken, Tim, Helen Ann and their families. - June 16, 2021 at 10:38 AM

JS

“ *Kristi and family, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*
John H. & Janet S.

Janet Sager - June 16, 2021 at 09:11 AM