

Michael Lee Rylander

June 13, 1964 - April 19, 2025

Rylander, Michael Lee "Mike"

Age 60 of Eden Prairie, passed away unexpectedly on April 19, 2025. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Paula; children, Amy (Russell) Browne; Jon (Jaak Joe) Rylander; grandchildren, Zoey Browne and BB2; parents, Jim and Linda Rylander; sister, Cindie (Craig) Terry; and many other dear family members and friends.

Mike was born in Arcata, CA on 6/13/1964. He grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. While the 49ers may have been his favorite team, he loved the MN Vikings as a young boy. So maybe it was fate when his family moved to Eden Prairie during the middle of his junior year in high school. He was initially shocked by the brutal MN winter but eventually embraced the season.

He was a pole vaulter at Eden Prairie High School where he held the school record for many years.

Mike graduated from the University of Minnesota. He went on to have a long, successful career in the floor coating business - starting at Tennant Company, where he worked for over 30 years, and ending his career at Protective Industrial Polymers. He was well known and respected in the industry, and he made many lifelong friends and cherished memories.

Mike and Paula married in September 1988. They had two beautiful children - Amy and Jonathan (Jon). Mike was so thrilled when his first grandchild, Zoey, was born. He so looked forward to taking her camping and fishing. Sadly, he will miss the birth of his second grandchild, who we affectionately call BB2 at this time.

Mike never liked to sit still. He was always up at the crack of dawn and wanted everyone else to get up with him to enjoy a full day. He loved camping, fishing, hiking, boating, going for long drives - but most of all - he loved being with his family and friends, enjoying a cold beer and a joke or two.

Mike left us far too soon. We are heartbroken and will miss and love him forever.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on April 30, 2025, at 11:00 am, with visitation one hour prior, at Pax Christi Catholic Community (12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN).

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church
12100 Pioneer Trail
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church
12100 Pioneer Trail
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Jerry A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.

Jerry A. - April 30, 2025 at 12:12 PM

TN

“ Mike was a loving cousin, always present for the momentous occasions of my life. I still have the Christmas stuffed animal he gave me. Our family had just moved to MN and Mike was studying at the U of M. The stuffed animals he gave Mindi and me will be cherished forever.

With love always,
Tanja Nelson (Rylander)



Tanja Nelson - April 29, 2025 at 08:03 PM

AS

It is with a heavy heart that I write to share some thoughts and express my sympathies for the passing of Mike. I cannot recall when I first met Mike, but it must have been over 25 years ago. I am a Tennant Co-AM in California, where I sold floor coating products and dealt with installation contractors. Mike was an amazing expert and easy to share his time & knowledge.

Mike became a mentor to me with a kind voice I could always turn to when needed. His gentle spirit and wise counsel in our business made Mike a favorite contact of mine at Tennant HQ.

Every year at Tennant's GSM, we greeted each other as long-lost friends, not just colleagues. Mike had a way about him that made you feel like he was a dear friend, not just another coworker.

Mike was the kind of guy who answered his phone, was safe to ask questions, and was very quick to offer help, regardless of the challenge. Over the years, we shared a few beers, and he would often speak about his family, living in California, and his love of the outdoors.

We never know when our good Lord will call us home. Mike reminds me always to value the people in our lives day-to-day and never take for granted the short moments in time that we connect.

I cannot say I had the privilege to call Mike my dear friend, as he made everyone feel that way, but I will share that I was blessed to have known him—my deepest sympathies to the Rylander Family.

*Armando Silva
Tennant AM
Northern California*

Armando Silva - May 16, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.



April 29, 2025 at 01:35 PM

TF

“ *The Mattson Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.*



The Mattson Family - April 29, 2025 at 12:41 PM

TF

“ *The Mattson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.*

The Mattson Family - April 29, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.*



April 29, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.*

April 28, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.



April 28, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.



April 28, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ *Kurt and Christian Kopp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.*

Kurt and Christian Kopp - April 28, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Kurt and Christian Kopp purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.*



Kurt and Christian Kopp - April 28, 2025 at 05:34 PM

TM

“ Tyler Browne and Morgan Moffitt purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.



Tyler Browne and Morgan Moffitt - April 28, 2025 at 05:10 PM

YP

“ Your friends at PIP planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.

Your friends at PIP - April 28, 2025 at 03:26 PM

YP

“ Your friends at PIP purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.



Your friends at PIP - April 28, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.



April 28, 2025 at 11:25 AM

MJ

“ Paula, Amy, and Jon, I remember you every day. My first memory in Minnesota was Mike mowing a huge lawn and chasing a dog out of a pond. My first trip to the U of MN was with Grandma Grace for Mike's graduation and my first Wedding as a teenager was yours. Mike had a big impact on me at important times of my life. Thanks for including the little cousin (me) at the grown-up events. So proud to be family with you.



Mindi (Rylander) Jimenez - April 27, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.



April 26, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LM

“ Lynn Cowart Janice Marich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.

Lynn Cowart Janice Marich - April 25, 2025 at 03:44 PM

LM

“ Lynn Cowart Janice Marich purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.



Lynn Cowart Janice Marich - April 25, 2025 at 03:44 PM

KS

“ *Karrie & Susan your college sisters purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.*



Karrie & Susan your college sisters - April 24, 2025 at 10:04 PM

FU

“ *Floorcare USA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.*

Floorcare USA - April 24, 2025 at 10:24 AM

FU

“ *Floorcare USA purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.*



Floorcare USA - April 24, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JA

“ *Judy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.*

Judy A. - April 24, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.

April 23, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.



April 23, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ Mattson Family <3 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Lee Rylander.

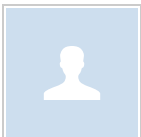


Mattson Family <3 - April 23, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ Hallie D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.

Hallie D. - April 23, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Lee Rylander.

April 23, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Michael Lee Rylander*.



April 23, 2025 at 09:25 AM