

## Michael Bode

September 11, 1950 - June 2, 2022

Michael M. "Mike" Bode 71, of Bonita Springs died Thursday, June 2, 2022 at Hope Hospice in Ft. Myers. He was born on September 11, 1950 in Neckargemünd, Germany a son of the late William P. and Edith B. (Beck) Bode. Mike had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 1968 coming from Massillon, OH.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Vietnam War in the military police.

He attended Kent State University and the National Swiss Academy where he studied theatre, hospitality, and the culinary arts. Prior to attending the National Swiss Academy, Mike took a hiatus from the world and backpacked around Switzerland for 3 years.

After Mike returned home he rejoined his parents in the family business, Big Hickory Fishing Nook Restaurant on Hickory Blvd. He worked at the restaurant from 1968 until 2009. Mike dabbled in the wine & cheese shop, Hickory Island Vineyard, where he brought his skills to fruition from the National Swiss Academy. He also had a passion for music and worked as a DJ and program director for Q-96, Smooth Jazz, the Gulf and WIXI 105, Big Band. He never met a microphone he didn't like.

He was a member of the Noon Rotary Club of Bonita Springs and a former president of the Vail, Colorado Rotary Club. He was also a member of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by the love of his life, Ruth Ann Bode whom he married in 1987 and two daughters, Jessica Bowen and her husband, Michael of Cooper City, FL and Morgan Bode of Bonita Springs, FL; his brother, Fred Bode and his wife, Candice of Bonita Springs; and his three nieces, Cheri and her husband, Dan, Tara and her husband, Dennis and Nikki and her husband, John.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, June 25th at 10:30AM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 So. Tamiami Tr., Bonita Springs.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Bode*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Bode.*



June 27, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ *Your life will be treasured forever in our hearts.*  
*The Foster Family*



**Colleen Foster** - June 25, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ *A person well liked and certainly will be missed. A great restauranter proud member of the restaurant association and unbelievable Chairman of the Taste of Collier Food Show. His wit, his humour , his laugh. He will never be forgotten. RIP My friend.*  
*Ray Singer*

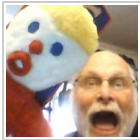
**raymond singer** - June 24, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Bode.



June 24, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ He tried to teach me so much, I wish I had learned more. A Big Voice, A Bigger Heart! You Will always be with the People You Touched. I Am so very blessed to be one of them.

**Bill Gray** - June 23, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ Island Gypsy Cafe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Bode.



**Island Gypsy Cafe** - June 23, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ I would like to share my condolences to Mike's family of the great person Mike was. I believe that Mike announced the high school football games around Lee County. Great person who will be missed.

**Jane Liles** - June 18, 2022 at 10:10 PM