



## Michael Lee Hendershot

November 5, 1944 - May 3, 2017

Michael Lee Hendershot, 72, of Miromar Lakes, FL, passed peacefully after a long illness on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. He was a respected professional and beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Formerly of Louisville, KY, he had been a resident of Miromar Lakes for the last 15 years. Mike, as he was known to his friends, was born November 5, 1944 in Charleston, WV, the son of Albert E. and Mae (Rawlings) Hendershot.

Mike put himself through college and law school working as a research chemist and later as a patent agent. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Charleston, where he was President and Chaplain of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Social Fraternity, and a J.D. from Washington College of Law at American University, where he served as President of the Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity.

His legal focus on intellectual property and international law took him around the globe to dozens of countries throughout Asia, Europe, South America, and Africa. He spent over twenty years of his career with Brown & Williamson, where he rose to Assistant General Counsel before being named General Manager of BATMark Ltd. in London, England, where he was responsible for all of the company's intellectual property globally. He is fondly remembered by colleagues for his personality and professional creativity, which led to innovative practices that were ahead of their time and remain in place today.

In 2002, Mike and his wife Rose retired to Florida where he could enjoy his passions for golf, swimming, travel, and politics. Even in retirement, he remained active in his community and was elected multiple times to the Board of Supervisors for Lee County representing the Miromar Lakes Community Development District. While a leader throughout his life, he was happiest with family and friends who will all miss him dearly.

Mike was predeceased by his brother Albert "Butch" Hendershot. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Rose (Fazio) Hendershot; his beloved children, Kerry (Timothy) Stahl of Montclair, NJ and Michael C. (Melina Patterson) Hendershot of Palo Alto, CA; and three cherished grandchildren, Caelyn Stahl, Kaliope Hendershot, and Caleb Stahl.

A Celebration of Mike's Life will be held later at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the American Lung Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.shikanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.shikanyfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Lee Hendershot*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Rose, we were saddened to hear about Mike's passing. His warm smile, his sincere hugs and his wonderful view on life will be missed. Know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Deb and Rick Eudaley*

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**Deb** - May 16, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mike and I were in band together and the class of 1962 at Charleston High School.*

*Sincerely,  
Dianne Lloyd James*

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**Dianne Lloyd James** - May 14, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ *Worked at Brown & Williamson with Mike for many years. He was a pleasure to be around, a perfect gentlemen, intelligent, kind and friendly. So sorry for your loss. I'm certain he will be missed by many.*

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**Jeanne Jessee** - May 14, 2017 at 04:28 PM



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



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May 14, 2017 at 03:34 PM



“ *Rose, I am so saddened at Mike's passing. My thoughts and prayers will continue for you. Karen Fritz*

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**Karen Fritz** - May 14, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ *Rose, I am so, so sorry. Mike was such an accomplished man, as well as being such a good man. I loved seeing the two of you at our last high school reunion and sitting with you all at dinner. I will treasure that memory along with all the others. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Debbie Agsten*

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**Debbie Agsten** - May 14, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ *Rose, I just saw the sad news about Michael. I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know you're in my heart and prayers. Debbie Clark*

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**debbie clark** - May 14, 2017 at 12:34 PM

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“ I'm Michael's first cousin, Dianna Simms, (Dianna Parsons). His mother Mae was my mother's, Mary Martha, sister. I now live in Gandeeville, WV, have four living children and remember Michael in earlier days. I'm an artist and writer, now retired from Bayer CropScience. In case anyone is working on a family history, you can email me at [diannasuesimms@yahoo.com](mailto:diannasuesimms@yahoo.com). Or google me or visit the webpage, [artwanted.com](http://artwanted.com) and search under my name. Michael and I never really stayed close as we grew older and had families. I used to see Butch at the tracks but that was many years ago. The photo shows him favoring the Parsons' side of the family. Sorry that he passed.



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**@Dianna Simms** - May 14, 2017 at 05:23 AM