



Michael Patrick Zewalk

November 15, 1937 - September 29, 2023

Mike was born in Akron, Ohio on November 15, 1937. It was there that he began his hat-blocking career (albeit short-lived!) and met and married his first love, Marilyn Faye Kish. They had five children: Michael, Melissa, Michelle, Mark and Matthew.

Mike's 34 year career with General Motors led him to twelve different locales, from Cleveland to Albuquerque, culminating at Executive Office in Detroit. He began as a claims adjuster in the insurance division and completed his career as Director of Educational Services. As a Director for General Motors Acceptance Corporation, he traveled throughout the United States and abroad. In 1996, he was named Man of the Year by the Association of Finance and Insurance Professionals.

Mike's sunny and comical disposition served him well in all his endeavors, including securing the hand of his latest love and wife of 32 years, Patricia Terebessy of Monroeville, PA. Mike and Pat retired to Naples, Florida 24 years ago. They immediately joined Imperial Golf Club where Mike fervently began working on his golf game. There, he served on the board three times and was elected President twice.

Mike is predeceased by his parents, Michael and Margaret; first wife, Marilyn; oldest son, Michael; and his sister, Margaret and brother-in-law, Joe Guenther

of North Canton, OH. He is survived by his wife Pat; daughter, Melissa and son-in-law Robert Wadsworth of Weddington, NC, son, Matthew and daughter-in-law Paulette of Butler, PA, son, Mark and daughter-in-law Katie of Waxhaw, NC, daughter Michelle and son-in-law Mike Pope of Pittsburgh, PA; brother, Martin Zewalk and sister-in-law Nancy of Naples, FL, brother, Mark Zewalk and sister-in-law Joyce of Tampa, FL; wonderful and talented grandchildren, Graham and Maggie Wadsworth, Tristan Zewalk, Zachary and Sophia Zewalk and Madeline, Eva Marie, Michael and Nina Pope; sister-in-law, Sue McAdoo and brother-in-law Gary of Jupiter, Florida, brother-in-law, Mike Terebessy and sister-in-law Audrey of Oakmont, PA, brother-in-law, Jeff Terebessy and sister-in-law Sandy of Crossville, TN, and sister-in-law, Dee Kehlert of Plum, PA; many incredible nieces and nephews and several very special and long-time friends.

Mike began every day with a smile on his face. His happy disposition shown through even in his final days. Mike accepted God's will with grace and was called home on September 29, 2023 from the effects of a cancerous brain tumor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Pat - Our sincere condolences for your loss. We first learned of his passing today while searching for another member of the team. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during these difficult times. Mike was a phenomenal man who always led by example and chose the high rode ever time! I'd follow this guy anywhere! My wife and I so enjoyed hearing his contagious laugh that was no doubt part of the story. I recalled the F&I Conference openers with Joe Theismann trying to convey some inspirational leadership topic. We both would hear Mike's laugh which was the highlight of the conference for us. Words of sympathy feel inadequate in expressing our grief for losing this great individual. Sending a warm embrace and all our love during this sad time. Hope that time helps heal your loss as you navigate life's journey. Thanks again for sharing Mike along our journey with GMAC Educational Services!

Steve & Lisa Hopkins - July 23, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ Michael Patrick Zewalk

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Patrick Zewalk.



October 03, 2023 at 03:10 PM

CB

“ Dear Patty,

I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I only met him once, so I did not know him well. But you shared how truly happy he made you. How wonderful to have all those years together to enjoy retirement (and golfing).

It sounds like he was a blessing to many people. I hope all the fond memories will help you through this difficult time. Thinking of you and your family and sending you all lots of love.

Carole Ann Boyer - October 02, 2023 at 06:36 PM

MI

“ Dearest Pat...our deepest sympathies are with you. Your grace, dignity and love shown along this journey with Mike are an inspiration to all who know you.

The grief of his dying is upon all of us who knew him...even so slightly. Our prayers are for your strength to live fully and with the joy of knowing Mike is with the Lord and the family that has preceded him. May God bless you and keep you. Midge and Lowell

midge - October 02, 2023 at 12:51 PM

MT

“ Patty...Mike was an amazing and unique husband, father, brother-in-law and friend. He was always gracious, had a great sense of humor and was quick witted! Mike was a pleasure to be around and it is an honor to say he was our brother-in-law and friend. We will miss him very much. God bless you always. Audrey and Mike

Mike Terebessy - October 01, 2023 at 05:38 PM

LI

“ *My Uncle Mike is/was a remarkable man. As all the Zewalk men, he was a self made success. In business, yes, but as a caring, solid, loving and empathetic man you could find none better. I love and miss you, Uncle Mike.*

Linda - October 01, 2023 at 04:02 PM

JB

“ *jill binkley lit a candle in memory of Michael Zewalk*



jill binkley - September 30, 2023 at 11:13 PM

PZ

“ *Though we are sad to see you go, we are also privileged to have shared our lives with you. You taught us so many things that we promise to pass on to the kids. Thank you for all the love, support and laughs over the 29 years of being your Daughter-in-law . I will forever miss and love you. Paulette*

Paulette Zewalk - September 30, 2023 at 10:17 PM

ZZ

“ *Grandpa was and will always be a fantastic grandfather. I will miss getting news article clippings in the mail about sports, education, or a massive gator being caught. We will miss you, Grandpa, and we will never forget the lesson you taught us!*

*We love you, Grandpa,
Zachary & Sophia*

Zachary Zewalk/Sophia Zewalk - September 30, 2023 at 09:25 PM