



## Michael Mingea

April 28, 1948 - April 10, 2016

Michael Mingea, 67 of Casselberry, Florida passed away Sunday, April 10, 2016. Mr. Mingea was born April 28, 1948 in Dyersburg, Tennessee to Jesse and Myrtle Dudley Mingea.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Ave  
Maitland, FL 32751  
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<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory

APR **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Estimada familia Mingea siento mucho la pérdida de su ser querido pero quisiera compartir con ustedes una consoladora esperanza que nos llena de mucho consuelo se encuentra en (Juan 5:28,29) allí Jehová Dio . Nos promete que : " va a ver resurrección así de justos como de injustos". Entonces vemos que misericordioso es nuestro Dios al dar promesas como esas de devolverle la vida a nuestros seres queridos que han muerto.espero que estas palabras les sirvan de aliento.*

*Acompañándolos en su dolor  
Madelyn*

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**Madelyn** - May 11, 2016 at 12:32 PM

MH

“ *Fitting day for Mike's celebration of life on Earth Day. Thank you Steve O and Jimette for being wonderful advocates for Mike.*

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**Marge Holt** - April 23, 2016 at 05:02 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Steve Holt** - April 23, 2016 at 04:39 PM

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*From Mike' reception this afternoon. 4/23/2016*

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**Steve Holt** - April 23, 2016 at 04:41 PM

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*Photo on right---Jamette, Steve, Marge, and Adele*

Steve Holt - April 23, 2016 at 04:51 PM

AS

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Adele Simons - April 23, 2016 at 07:42 AM

JD

“ *Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person; having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but to pour them all out, just as they are, chaff and grain together, knowing that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and then, with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away.*  
George Eliot

*Sometimes angels come into our life disguised as people, looking out for us when we think we are all alone. Mike was such a person. He would make time to visit this crotchety old women on holidays or if he was "just passing through" with no agenda other than to let me know he cared. He always made me feel better with a hug, a smile and a laugh. We would talk for hours about nothing in particular and I always felt less alone when he said good-bye. I will miss his "Hugs are better than drugs" and "Never a good day lately". The world will be a lesser place without him here to lift our spirits and fill our hearts with compassion and joy.*

Joy Dishman - April 22, 2016 at 07:13 PM

“Mike Mingea is a most memorable member of our "Real Florida" tribe. FANN members remember Mike from Green Images Nursery & Landscape in Christmas and his many years of service with the Florida Native Plant Society, Tarflower and Cuplet Fern Chapters, as well as a brief stint as FNPS Executive Director. Mike was much beloved in Central Florida as a champion for tree canopy and native vegetation. You never saw him without a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye and ready to make a wry comment. His sense of humor helped all of us laugh at the challenges of humanity vs. the natural world.

Mike will be much missed. In addition to all of his native plant work, he was a specialist in evaluating trees and plants in the urban environment, performed evaluations for damages and insurance purposes, as well as Environmental Impact Statements for Wetland Areas throughout Central Florida, taught classes for the Seminole County Agriculture Extension and participated in multiple community outreach programs through the Seminole County Master Gardeners. He served on the Orange County Hurricane Advisory and Restoration Board and was filmed by the Orange County Public Broadcast TV Channel for Adult Education.

Mike Mingea was an advocate for Central Florida's natural environment for decades.

*Michael Mingea*

*Master of Science in Biology*

*ISA Member since 1999; Taught Trees Florida class in Sarasota, 2009*

*City of Winter Springs: City Arborist, Environmentalist, & Horticulturist 1999-2011*

*Green Images Native Nursery, Research & Development/Plant Propagation 2001-Present*

*University of Central Florida Adjunct Professor of Biology – taught "Plants & the Urban Environment" Course 1993-1998*

*Florida Native Plant Society – Executive Director, 1992-1993*

*Orange Audubon Society – Former Board Member, 1984-1990*

*on behalf of Florida's native plant industry,  
Cammie Donaldson, Executive Director  
Florida Association of Native Nurseries (FANN)*

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**Cammie Donaldson** - April 22, 2016 at 02:25 PM

DJ

“ *I first met Mike in the mid 1980's as members of the Florida Native Plant Society Tarflower Chapter. Mike quickly became a tireless 'chapter volunteer' assisting numerous, (hundreds) of environmental education events and field trips over the following 30 years. Mike was a staunch advocate for natural area conservation in his work and during his free time.*

*Green Images, our native plant nursery in Christmas enjoyed many benefits from Mike's volunteer time provided during our retail hours on Saturdays for over twenty years. Mike truly loved sharing his knowledge and skills about gardening with native landscape plants and attracting butterflies and birds to urban landscapes. Native plants use in urban landscapes is more popular today vs thirty years ago, and Mike's volunteer time and effort was important to the cause. Central Florida is a better place that Mike was part of the fabric. You will be missed my friend.*

*David Drylie, Landscape Architect*

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**David M. Drylie Jr** - April 22, 2016 at 11:31 AM

JJ

“ *I hired Michael as the Arborist in my Division at the City of Winter Springs somewhere around 2000. He proved to be a valuable asset to the City, and his legacy lives on in the lovely mature landscape along SR 434, and the trail system. Michael became a dear friend and I will miss him terribly.*

*Jimette Cook*

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**Jimette** - April 21, 2016 at 12:49 PM

JC

“ *J.F. Mingea & Francis Mingea, and son, Charles purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Mingea.*



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**J.F. Mingea & Francis Mingea, and son, Charles** - April 20,  
2016 at 09:13 PM