



Michael Edward Riggs

March 17, 1963 - March 29, 2023

Michael Edward Riggs of Orlando, Florida, passed away on March 29, 2023. Mike was born March 17, 1963 in Clinton Heights, NY to Margaret and Michael Riggs.

Mike is survived by his wife Raquel Riggs, mother Margaret Ketzer and Joe Zelenke, sister Colleen and Bob Zapfel. He is also survived by a large extended family including aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mike was a kind, caring, hard working and fun loving spirit that was loved by all who knew him. He was a role model to all his nieces and nephews. Sharing his love of life and desires for their successes made him so easy to love. Mike's greatest joys came from spending time with his family, relaxing and vacationing with his wife and son. His smile and hugs comforted his family anytime they were needed. He would often say "Life is Good!", he truly lived by those words. He cherished each day he spent with his Raquel, Mikey and those he loved. Mike would say his greatest accomplishment was his family. Being the most amazing husband and father to Raquel and Mikey.

The year leading to his passing was one of the most challenging years. The loss of his son Mikey in a devastating accident left Mike with many severe injuries. Injuries he would overcome with the strength and perseverance he was known for. He had regained his strength and returned to work keeping his

promise, made to Mikey, that he would take care of his mom and those he loved.

We know his time with us is over for the time being. His family and friends will continue to mourn his loss but we are comforted by our faith and our loving memories of Mike. Our spirits are further comforted knowing he is with his Mikey. With broken hearts, until we are reunited, we will miss you both everyday.

Mike was so strongly committed to his family and especially his son Mikey. In honor of them both our family is asking for donations to be made to St. Jude. They would both want St. Jude to continue their quest in ending childhood cancers. The link below was established last year after Mikey's passing.

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/GiftFunds/GiftFunds?px=7504464&pg=personal&fr_id=39300

Previous Events

Public Visitation

APR 14. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory
9001 N. Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Funeral Service

APR 14. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Burial & Committal Service

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Queen of Angels Catholic Cemetery
1901 Queen of Angels Drive
Winter Park, FL 32792

Tribute Wall



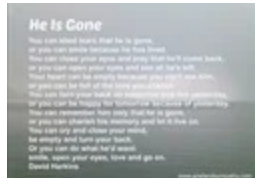
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Riggs.*



April 14, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to your family. It's heartbreaking- the loss of someone with a huge heart that was loved by so many people. Mike always had a way with winning everyone over 😊 he was a great storyteller and had a great sense of humor,he will be cherished and his memory will always be with us
To Raquel, may God bless you and shine his light over you and continue to comfort you, help you find peace and keep you strong.*




Cindy Riggs - April 13, 2023 at 09:38 PM



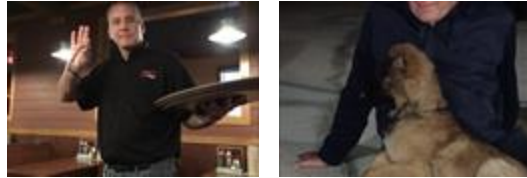
“ *Our Deepest sympathies, Kevin and Rachel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Edward Riggs.*



Our Deepest sympathies, Kevin and Rachel - April 13, 2023 at 03:23 PM


Colleen
Zapfel

“ 2 files added to the album Mike



Colleen Zapfel - April 11, 2023 at 04:43 PM

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During his time managing the Whistle Stop Restaurant at Zellwood Station, Mike gave his all while also having to deal with his son's illness. He was well liked and appreciated. It is so sad to learn this news of his passing and we wish his wife and family well as they come to grips with yet another tragic loss. Tom and Holly Anderson.

Holly Anderson - April 12, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Riggs.*



April 11, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Riggs.*



April 11, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ Paul Shirley & HMS Host Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Michael Edward Riggs.



Paul Shirley & HMS Host Family - April 07, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Riggs.



April 05, 2023 at 03:11 PM