



Michael Chafee

July 14, 2020

Michael Chafee, of Sarasota, passed away on July 14, 2020.

Born in Shelbyville, Indiana. Attended Shelbyville High School and went on to college at the prestigious United States Naval Academy.

A gifted athlete with an infectious smile, boisterous laugh and a quick wit. Michael's passion in life was music. A talented singer for which he shared the stage with the members of his beloved band mates throughout the years.

As an audio manufacturer representative, Michael was well regarded amongst his industry peers having won countless awards and recognition for his sales achievements. Many of which were adorned on his office walls.

As his career matured, so did his reputation as having an ear for precise sound. This ability garnered him great success acting as an authority consulting clients on their audio systems across the globe to achieve peak quality sound output.

Michael is predeceased by his wife Carole, married for 40 years until her passing, his sister Christie Chafee Waddell, brother in-law Jay Lancer and wife Barbara, sister in law Bonnie Bunting, two nephew's, Jason Lancer and wife Kim, and Jonathan Waddell, two niece's, Dr Lori Woehler, and Lori

Boutwell and husband Everett, 3 great nieces Katherine & Olivia Lancer, Tessa Boutwell and two great nephew's, Jonathan Waddell and Griffin Boutwell.

Funeral services will be private.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ Michael was my uncle, uncle Mike was a great role model and a positive influence. I'm sorry for the years that we lost. I'm grateful for the years that we had. Always in my heart, give aunt Carol a big hug for me.

Brian Goldsmith - February 12, 2021 at 08:43 PM

MC

“ Mike and I were classmates from kindergarten through high school and our group has kept in touch ever since. I always looked forward to our annual get together's, and remember Mike's excitement on our trip to Memphis when he was actually allowed to sing in one of the recording studios at Sun Records, where many of the Legends of Rock had recorded their hits. Sharing the same first name and last name alphabet meant we were always "close" in school. Will miss Mike, and the reminiscence of all the fun times we shared. Our deepest sympathy to his sister Christie and his extended family.
Mike Cooper

Mike Cooper - July 22, 2020 at 11:00 AM

BD

“ Michael, hard to believe we were friends for over 40 years. A lot of music and good times.....I know I miss you and Carole so much and the days at Jules. Thanks for being my friend!

Bob Dielman - July 21, 2020 at 12:34 PM

WG

“ Mike and I were classmates. That says it all! Although we were in different companies we got to know each other by way of a common thread...the Spiffies! My musical talent consisted of playing the radio. He, on the other hand, was the band's vocal and main man. However, during our 2/c year I was dragging (dating) a girl whose sister, Susan, was dating, and eventually married, another member of the band, Fred Posey (RIP). Consequently I 'hung around' the Spiffies quite a bit, culminating with a June Week cottage concert "extravaganza". Since then, at all reunions we mutually attended, the conversation always gravitated to those fond memories.

RIP Mike! You will be missed and thanks for the memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and offer all my heartiest condolences to your loved ones. You were one of the "good guys".

Walt Girdi

Walt Girdi - July 20, 2020 at 03:06 PM

AN

“ Mike (aka Man Mountain) blessed the members of the "Tiger 11th" and eventually the 35th Company with four of our formative years with many very fond memories, not to mention subsequent meetings over the years since leaving the hallowed halls of Mother Bancroft. Mike had such a positive attitude and an infectious laugh. Mike visited my home in PA on one occasion when we had a weekend off from USNA and my mother asked him where he was from. He replied, Indiana. My mother was confused because she couldn't understand why he didn't go home because Indiana (PA) was only 15 miles away. He set her straight Indiana state vs Indiana PA.

While at Little Creek VA second class summer, Mike and I decided to take a long weekend and go to my home in PA. With limited funds, we bought a bus ticket to Harrisburg PA and hitchhiked the rest of the way. We were picked up by a trucker who had one passenger seat and a sleeping berth behind the cab. Mike chose the berth and slept most of the way from Harrisburg to Nanty-Glo. The trucker dropped us off in the middle of town and we walked the last mile to my house. I honestly do not recall how we got back to Norfolk!

I, as well as many of our company mates, could probably write volumes on the many ways Mike enhanced our lives but let me close with our collective condolences to his family and loved ones. You were smart to elect to have a private funeral service or you would have had to find a stadium that would be large enough to allow all his friends to attend.

Andrew Normand

Andrew Normand - July 20, 2020 at 01:01 PM

DC

“ *Dennis Colin*
We will miss Mike as a friend and a classmate. He was a kind and giving person. His love of music was contagious whenever we were with him. Our prayers are with him and his family.

Dennis Colin - July 20, 2020 at 08:43 AM

CQ

“ *Mike - We shared many laughs as roommates at the Naval Academy. You do leave your Navy buddies with great memories of your “booming voice and the sounds of the Bitter Ends”. And because of your weightlifting routine, you were “the fastest amtrack on two legs” and, yes, Navy did not have leggings big enough to fit you! We will miss you dearly.*

Chuck and Susan Quandel

Charles H Quandel - July 20, 2020 at 07:18 AM

JA

“ *The 35th Company, Class of 1969, at the Naval Academy has lost a a compassionate, caring and loving friend. Speaking for myself, I am brokenhearted, remember distinctly our conversation after the 50th Reunion, and would love to have spoken with you just one more time. I will miss you terribly and wish you fair winds and following seas forever.*

*We love you,
John and Barbara Adams*

JOHN H ADAMS - July 20, 2020 at 12:57 AM

CR

“ *with my most sincere condolencesto all of Mikes family....charleen rosin*

charleen rosin - July 19, 2020 at 01:12 PM

WP

“ *With deepest sympathy on your loss. Mike will be sorely missed by all that knew him.*

Will and Sue Parry

Will Parry - July 17, 2020 at 09:11 AM

PS

“ *Our deepest condolences from the Naval Academy Class of 1969. Your classmate, Pat Stroop*

Pat Stroop - July 16, 2020 at 04:40 PM

JC

“ *We were honored to be his friends, and even more honored that he was our friend. We miss him terribly.*
- Jeff and Piroska Cantor

Jeff and Piroska Cantor - July 16, 2020 at 02:49 PM

VK

Rest in Peace Mike. I will always remember you and Carole.
Vikki Keyser

Vikki Keyser - July 21, 2020 at 11:17 AM

AH

I knew Mike from the audio business. When I first started my business in the mid nineties, he helped me a great deal in signing me on to many of the brands he represented. He had faith in me and my business and I will forever be grateful for that. I will miss his infectious personality and one of kind laugh.

Abel Hernandez - September 09, 2020 at 12:22 PM