



Michael Hanson Diffley

January 7, 1951 - December 21, 2022

Our brother, Michael Hanson Diffley, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2022.

Michael was the first born son of the late Lt. Col. (Retired) Thomas & Geraldine Diffley in Tokyo, Japan on January 7th, 1951.

The Diffley family moved to Sarasota in 1962. Michael went to Saint Martha School, graduated from Cardinal Mooney High School in 1969 and Georgia Tech University in 1973 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. While at Georgia Tech, Michael enlisted in the ROTC and served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and was a well-loved member of Theta Chi Fraternity.

After graduating from Georgia Tech University, Michael entered the Real Estate business and became the President of the Sarasota Board of Realtors in 1985.

Michael is survived by his three younger siblings, Patrick (Karen) Diffley, Kevin (Marie) Diffley, and Judi (Josh) Reynolds. He was adored by his nieces and nephews BJ (Katelyn), Kate, Thomas, Paige, Tyler, Elizabeth, and Emily (goddaughter).

Michael was known for his great sense of humor and always kept his loved

ones laughing.

Michael loved scuba diving, snow skiing, watching football, trips to Las Vegas, and his annual camping trips with his long-time Theta Chi fraternity brothers.

As a parishioner of Saint Martha Catholic Church, there will be a Funeral Mass at the church on what would have been his 72nd birthday, January 7, 2023, at 10 a.m. Please join us in celebrating a wonderful soul.

For donations, please contribute to Tidewell Hospice of Sarasota County, tidewellfoundation.org.

If you wish to send flowers, please use Michael's favorite flower shop, Aloha Flowers (alohaflowers.com) in Sarasota.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 7. 10:00 AM.

St. Martha Catholic Church
200 N. Orange Ave
Sarasota, FL

Tribute Wall

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