



## Michael (Mike) Thomas McKendry

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IN LOVING MEMORY

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The day after his 71st birthday, Mike passed away peacefully at Sarasota Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Born in Detroit, Michigan to James and Margaret (Shields) McKendry, he was the beloved husband of Dorothy (Matouka); treasured father of Kelley Wiley (Zach); Shaun McKendry (Lindsey); loved step-father of Nicholas Pishko (Jenn); and Robert Pishko (Mandy); cherished Papa of six grandchildren: Macie and Carter Wiley; Sophia Pishko; Aiden Pishko; Ethan and Bode McKendry; dear brother of James McKendry (Barbara) (both deceased); William McKendry (deceased) (Esther); Mary Margaret Ross (Alex); Alicia Rourke (Gerald) (both deceased); and Suzanne Eaton (William). After earning his Master's Degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mike became a Detroit Police Officer. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, but instead chose to join the U.S Marine Corps, serving active duty then Reserves until he was Honorably Discharged in 1976. Professionally Mike enjoyed a successful corporate career, most notably as VP for Barton-Malow in Detroit, MI and then Atlanta, GA before joining his wife as a Realtor in Orlando, FL with Coldwell Banker and then in Sarasota, FL for Michael Saunders & Co. He was loved, admired and respected by all who met and worked with him. Mike was a die-hard University of Michigan sports fan, enjoyed long walks on Siesta Key

Beach, spending time with his friends and family, and loving his six grandchildren. He will be missed by many for his “twinkling eyes, smile, and big bear hugs.” Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 15th at Toale Brothers Funeral Homes Colonial Chapel from 2-4 pm and 5-8 pm. Mass will be held at 10:00am on Friday, March 16th at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Gulf Gate. To send condolences please visit [www.toalebrothers.com](http://www.toalebrothers.com). Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to a fund for his treasured grandchildren or to the Southeastern Guide Dogs, 4210 77th St. East, Palmetto, FL 34221. Toale Brothers Funeral Homes, Colonial Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ Dorothy, we were shocked to hear today of Mike's passing from this earthly life. He will be remembered for his sweet spirit and big smile. We were blessed to have you and Mike brought into our lives. It is with sorrow for your grief we send our love, hugs and prayers for God to give you comfort and peace only He can in these times.  
Ken and Carolyn Richardson, Virginia

Ken and Carolyn Richardson - March 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Had been looking for this and never saw it. Dorothy, you have to know Gregg & I would have been there. We are both so sorry for your loss. Mikey (that's what we called him!!) was a great guy and a wonderful listener. We will both miss him, greatly.

March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of my first cousins passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. Being the second youngest among the first cousins, I at times looked to Mike for guidance. He was always great to be around as laughter was so common. We lived relatively close to their family while living in Detroit so we saw each other fairly often. Mike's mother is my mother's oldest sister, and my mom looked up to her with such respect and admiration as did all of us. His father, my Uncle Jim, the very same. Mike always had a big smile on his face, sparkling eyes (a trait of the Shield's side), and gave great bear hugs. Rest in peace my brother. Until we meet again. May God provide you everlasting peace. A piece of me, and my love is with you cousin.

John Sloan - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Dorothy & Family,  
Our hearts are heavy as we think of you today at Mike's service. He will be so missed by everyone who knew him. A special person who always had a quick smile for everyone. Wish we could be there for you in person, but know you are in thoughts always and especially today. Hope we will see you soon in MI.



Love, Susan & Rod Hilton

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**Rod & Susan Hilton** - March 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dotty and Family,  
Our deepest sympathy in the tragic death of your dear Mike. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time!  
Lois and Wil Moellmann and Shei and Devin

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March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family, Dorothy. Mike will be missed by all. Carol & Bob Guthrie

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March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you celebrate Mikes life. What a great guy and am so blessed to have known him. He definitely will be missed by our family. May you find comfort in knowing that he is with God now. Love to all

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**Marlene Virgin** - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Mike...my First Cuz....so sorry to learn of your passing. We hadn't seen each other in too many years, but know that I will always cherish our special bond that we had, not only as cousins, but having both been Detroit Coppers. We always had that special bond. I will always remember your amazing smile and friendship, and especially your sincerity...you were the real deal Brother. We've got a lot of Family up there Buddy, so give em'all a kiss and hug for Marsha and I, and let them know we'll one day be there. Thank You, Brother, not only for your Service to the City of Detroit as a Police Officer, but to our Country as a United States Marine. "Welcome Home!" (will be with all the family in spirit at your Service.)

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**Terry Laurencelle** - March 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dorothy and Family... to know Mike, was to love Mike! His bright smile and welcoming spirit, always made you feel special. I am so very sorry for your loss of such an incredible husband, father and grandpa... He will sincerely be missed and cherished by many!

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**Paula Switzer** - March 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Dorothy and Family, For all that knew Mike was he made you smile! Will never forget His smile, his laugh and his big hugs. Dorothy all my Love to you.

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**Kim and Jack** - March 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dorothy, Kelley, Shaun, Nick and Bobby. I am so sorry I cannot make it to Florida to celebrate Uncle Mike's wonderful life. Sending big bear hugs, like he used to give, to all of you. Love you!!

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**Kathy McKendry** - March 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I am sooo sorry to hear this Dorothy! Im having a hard time believing this. I enjoyed every time we were together. Good man. My prayers go out to you and your family.

Barry Larsen - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Our deepest thoughts and sympathy, we all lost a special person in our lives. Joy, Roby and Marc

Marc Swartz - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ So very sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in our prayers .

Carole and Gary Booher - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Prayers for Kelley and family



beverly baker - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Prayers and thoughts from the McConnell' s Trace crew.

beverly baker - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sending our caring thoughts and prayers to you Dorothy and the entire family. Your beloved Mike is and always will be surrounded by love.*  
*Love, Andrejs and Bonnie - Sarasota*

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March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Praying for God to give you comfort, peace, strength and courage.*  
*Love, Mary and John Kylin*

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**Mary Kylin** - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *The days ahead will give us all a chance to celebrate the life of a special man! He's gone too soon. Sympathy, prayers & peace are wished for you, Dorothy & the family. Love, Linda & Bruce*

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**Linda Bastian** - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Al, Pat and MacKenzie Fish.*

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**Al Fish** - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of you all at this time..you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love Bill and Amy Wiley*

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**Amy Wiley** - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM