



## Michael Baxter Thompson

June 12, 1938 - July 3, 2020

Michael Baxter Thompson passed away on Friday, July 3, 2020. Michael was born in Iowa City, Iowa to Evelyn Baxter Thompson and Jack Wiley Thompson on June 12, 1938. He was 82 years old. Mike grew up in Moline, Illinois. After 16 years of night school classes he graduated from Augustana College. He wore his class ring with great pride.

Mike is survived by his wife and companion of 33 years Jean Muccini, sister Gay Vencill of Allen, TX. His children with Karen Bump: Curtis Thompson of Steamboat Springs, CO, Montana Thompson of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, Laurie Colantuono of Denver, CO. and was predeceased by his son Jeffrey Thompson of Groveland, FL. Mike had 5 grandchildren: Maddie, Emmie, Charlie, Jack and Luke, and stepsons David and Jon Muccini.

Mike worked in sales for John Deere in Moline, IL and then joined Gestetner Corporation in Chicago, and began his transfers across the country. Diamond Bar, California, Shelton, Connecticut, and Bellevue Washington retiring to Lakewood Ranch Florida in 2009.

Mike loved to tell stories, sometimes over and over, but always with a smile playing to his audience. He loved to wear wild golf shorts even though he did not play golf. Nothing pleased him more than to drive with the top down in his convertible with his beloved dog Buford by his side. Jean and Mike held season tickets to Florida Studio Theatre and Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, they loved to travel when they could. With the move to Florida, Mike reconnected with his high school friends from Moline, who winter here in Sarasota, and enjoyed many wonderful times.

No service is planned. He asked that a toast be raised in his honor, should you be able to gather together again.

Memorial donations may be made to Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe in Mike's name.

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