



Michael Lee Rains

June 15, 1967 - February 8, 2021

Michael Lee Rains, 53, of Collierville, TN, passed away Feb 8, 2021 as a result of Covid related pneumonia with kidney and liver failure.

Michael was born and raised in Nashville, TN, He graduated from Christian Brothers University with a BS in Electrical Engineering. His FEDEX career spanned 23 years starting with FEDEX Express, where he expanded to the Enterprise Architecture community. He continued with his vast international experiences and culminated in his final role as the Technical Director guiding the technological direction for all of the FEDEX Freight operating company. He was adept at guiding and leading technical decisions from a place of quiet leadership and the respect he garnered followed him everywhere he went. When Mike spoke, people always listened and learned. He was well versed in late breaking software and hardware trends and brought a logical, engineer-first mindset to every situation. Because of that, he enabled multiple innovative solutions from concept to implementation including his work within FEDEX Express to solutioning next generation data center hosting strategies. He was instrumental in designing and implementing solutions worldwide and never shied away from hopping on the jet to be a part of the team helping solution business needs. His absence and loss will be felt throughout FEDEX as his contributions were far reaching.

His greatest accomplishment was that of a loving father, husband and Christian. He lived his life to the fullest and taught his family how to love each other and how to take chances. He taught them how to be a family and how to be the best version of themselves. He showed them the world, literally. He loved camping, hiking and fishing. He led Boy Scouts for years and saw his sons reach Eagle Scout. He also loved wood working, golfing, music and coached/supported any sport his sons participated in.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Donna and two sons, Colin and Kyle. He leaves behind his sisters Debbie (Mike) Bumbalough, Drusilla Rains, Melanie (Jim) Martin and brother David (Lori) Rains, loving nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Jeanne Rains.

A private service and burial for the family only will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery followed by a visitation on Wednesday, February 24th from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, 38119.

Lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy which has been working since 1925 to preserve and protect the 250,000 acres and 2,200 miles of the Trail.

Those who are unable to attend the service will live streamed from this link <http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/48869>.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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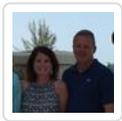
Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

Comments



“ We love your family! Sherry and I will always remember our weekend camping trips with our Coleman pop-ups to Heber Springs and the Little Red River when our kids were small. Uh-hum, I remember the nickname "stinky Pete" that young Colin gave me. I remember the camp fires, the fishing, and the good food. There would be hot days with bugs and Mike would build a fire. I still remember him pointing out that no matter how hot the day was, "if you have a good fire, it will make you cooler..." (after stepping away from a blazing fire). May God bless you and the boys with eternal memories of Mike's love for you! And may He comfort you with His.

Tim & Sherry Carroll - February 24 at 02:18 PM



“ Thank you for the memories and for coming to the visitation. We appreciate you!

Donna - February 27 at 09:26 PM



“ Michael was my youngest cousin, our baby. Loved babysitting him and watching him grow up. He always had such a good heart, such a sweetie from the day he was born. I regret we didn't stay in contact as he grew into adulthood, but I never doubted he would mature into a great man, husband, and father. I am so sad that he is gone, but so thankful for his life. God bless all of you, you were blessed with one of the best.

Betty Menees - February 23 at 11:05 PM



“ Yes we were. He was a really good man. Thank you!

Donna - February 27 at 09:27 PM



“ Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Rains.



February 23 at 08:41 PM



“ Betty Rains purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Lee Rains.



Betty Rains - February 22 at 08:18 PM



“ Betty Bruce and Robert Menees purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Michael Lee Rains.



Betty Bruce and Robert Menees - February 22 at 04:35 PM



“ Donna, Kyle & Colin - We were so shocked and saddened to see your news on Facebook. Michael will be remembered fondly by our family and especially Nathaniel for taking him on a weekend 25mile stroll through the wilderness as his Boy Scout leader and other adventures. Nathaniel was blessed to be friends with Kyle and experience the Boy Scouts with Michael as his leader. What a generous and kind hearted man.

Heather Milde - February 12 at 08:15 PM



“ Thank you Heather!! I remember that hike. They were preparing some Scouts for the Philmont hike out West. Thank you for these memories and kind words!

Donna - February 21 at 04:58 PM



“ Donna, I’m truly sorry for you and your sons. Mike was in my class at Madison High School. We played baseball together. Mike was soft spoken but very fun to be around.

I have a big circle of high school friends and teammates of Mike’s that feel the same way about him.

May God bless Mike and you, Colin, and Kyle.

Chuck Glover

Charles Glover II - February 11 at 10:06 PM



“ Thank you Chuck!! We appreciate these kinds words more than you know.

Donna - February 21 at 04:59 PM



“ I didn't get to meet his family, but I worked with Mike very closely as a vendor 10 years ago. We did some really good work together, and enjoyed many lunches together. Mike was a great engineer, and a better person. My life was certainly enriched by knowing Mike. My condolences to his family and friends.

Scott Crawford - February 23 at 05:27 PM