



Michael R. Staples

November 9, 1948 - August 22, 2016

Michael Randall Staples, 67, of Fort Collins passed away on August 22, 2016, while awaiting a heart transplant. He was born November 9, 1948, to Charley Sitman Staples and Velma Nation Staples in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was a proud graduate of University High in Baton Rouge. He went on to earn both a bachelors and a masters degree.

Mike was proud to have served in the U.S. Army - 1st Battalion, 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) at Fort Myer, Virginia. He was honored to participate in numerous burial ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. After his service was completed, he worked as a teacher, assistant principal, and school district transportation director. He then transitioned into the car rental industry as a manager. Mike lived in Louisiana, Texas, and Illinois before moving to Fort Collins in 1990.

Mike especially enjoyed being with his family. When his sons were younger, he enjoyed traveling with them, sharing sports, and working on cars. As they grew older, he enjoyed retirement with his wife Janet. He really liked their trips to Maui. He spent many happy hours with his granddaughter Kellie. He loved being with his Pekingese dogs and Himalayan cats. He also enjoyed playing golf and reading.

Mike was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife

Janet Katherine Staples, two sons Michael David Staples and wife Donna and Bradley Steven Staples, a granddaughter Kellie Renee Staples, and a brother Jeffery S. Staples and wife Susan. He also leaves behind a sister-in-law Virginia Davis and husband Edward, a niece Kristi Akers and husband Tim, a nephew Bryan Davis and wife Valerie, great-nieces Ainsley Akers, Mirabelle Esposito Davis, Zara Esposito Davis, and a great-nephew Wyatt Akers. He was preceded in death by a son Bruce W. Johnson, a brother Charley S. Staples, Jr., and his parents Charley S. Staples, Sr. and Velma N. Staples.

A family graveside service will be held at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago, Illinois, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Heart Association or to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mike and I were in the Army together serving in the Old Guard or the 3rd Infantry in Arlington VA. Even though we have not seen each other in over 45 years we have a connection that not many people have, you see it was our duty to perform funeral detail services to deceased service men, which at the time was to be a part of the last rights of service men coming back from Viet Nam that were killed in action. We always took our duty and jobs very serious and there was a connection for us that will forever link us together in a way that is hard to explain. He may be gone but he is still my brother in a way that not many can understand and it will forever bind us together in life and in death. I was there when his first child was born and I am so glad I got to celebrate that with him and see the joy in his face on that very special occasion. I am so sorry that I only recently found out of his passing, I would have loved to go golfing with him. See you on the other side my brother.



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