



Mike Rosenstein

February 15, 1954 - August 15, 2015

On the morning of August 15, 2015, Mike Rosenstein passed away peacefully with his loving wife of 33 years, Hollis Rosenstein, by his side. In addition to Hollis, Mike is survived by his three children, Stan Cope (Xiaoyu), Mary Halmhuber (George), Cindy Crowdus (Mark); his sister, Ranelle Mackey (George Stokes); nieces, Heather Mackey and Jenifer Taylor (Travis and sons, Jacob and Jordan); granddaughters, Morgan Wang, Bethany Ford, Olivia Crowdus, and Bailey Pedersen; and his great grandchildren, Annabelle and Gabriel Ford. Mike was preceded in death by his father, Sam G. Rosenstein, and his mother, Jeannette B. Rosenstein. If you asked Mike about his greatest accomplishment in life, he would undoubtedly say it is his family.

Born on February 15, 1954, Mike was a lifelong resident of Frankfort, KY and spent most of his life working to make his hometown a better place through his many volunteer, church, and community activities. Mike loved his family, church, country, community, and friends and his goal each day was to do everything he could to show his love and devotion. Goal achieved!

Mike was the Executive Director of Thorn Hill Adult Learning Center and was considered their champion, leader, and true friend to all at the Center- staff or student. He also spent many years at Kentucky State University where he was the Assistant Director of Purchasing and later the Director of Telecommunications. According to many, he opened the market for cell phones in Frankfort when employed by Bell South Mobility.

Mike was an Eagle Scout, former Captain in the U.S. Army, Third Degree Mason, member of the American Legion, and most recently was serving as President of the Optimist Club. Mike was also a former Lt. Governor of Optimist Zone 3 of the Kentucky/West Virginia District. Mike served as an Elder and Captain of the Sound and Video Team at Bridgeport Christian Church where he had been a member for over 20 years. One of his most enjoyable activities was his membership in the Bluegrass Theater Guild. Mike ran lights and sound for many performances over the years and shared at no cost his skills with many other community organizations, events, and individuals. He also had a recording studio in his home where made many recordings for special groups and his and other churches. Mike was an avid fisherman, Quarter Midget Car racing champion, boater, and enjoyed flying remote control airplanes. However, his favorite activity was spending time with his wife and family.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held on Thursday, August 20th at the Bridgeport Christian Church. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Rev. Keith McAliley and Rev. Philip Case will officiate. The service will be held at 12:00 noon followed by lunch. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Thorn Hill Adult Education Center where a scholarship in honor of Mike will be established. Mike Rosenstein Scholarship Fund, Thorn Hill Education Center, 700 Leslie Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bridgeport Christian
175 Evergreen Road
Frankfort, KY 40601
<http://www.bridgeportchristian.org>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Hollis,

I am so sorry for you and your family's loss. We will miss having Mike as a neighbor. I remember a couple of years after we moved on to the street Mike came up to me and complimented me on what a good mother I was and how he loved seeing how attentive I was to my children. He could have kept his thoughts to himself but I was so happy he shared, it made my day. If you need anything, we are here for you.

Lindsey Johnson

Lindsey Johnson - August 20, 2015 at 09:31 AM

RS

“ *Although I moved to Dallas, Tx in 1981, I remember Mike from Franklin County High. We also worked together for a while at Trigometer in Frankfort when he came back from the Army. Mike and I got to make a trip to Juarez Mexico together for Trigometer back in the late 70's. Mike was definitely a good person. Ray A. Singleton*

Ray A. Singleton - August 19, 2015 at 05:17 PM

AC

“ *Angela Cleveland-Holecek lit a candle in memory of Mike Rosenstein*



Angela Cleveland-Holecek - August 18, 2015 at 03:29 PM

Cathy Jennings

“ Mike was always so kind to me in the many years I taught Kickboxing and Pilates at the Thornhill Learning Center. It made such a big difference in my life to have had the opportunity to work there and earn extra money, Mike knew that full well and respected the difference it made in my life and my kids lives. I am truly saddened by his passing but I also rejoice in knowing where he is, may God lift up his family and hold them in this time of mourning. God bless you. Cathy Montgomery

Cathy Jennings - August 18, 2015 at 03:27 PM

CG

“ I'm not sure which memory to share because there are so many. The funniest is when I dressed up as Mike at the church Halloween party one year (I've got a picture with me walking around with Hollis!). He got me back the next year by dressing up as me (in that ugly green dress the kids said!) I love all the times the Jubilee Singers went on road trips and Mike always drove us. He learned that "what is said in the van stays in the van!" I'm sure he learned a lot more than he wanted to know from us girls! Fun trips to the cabin and on the pontoon. So many more that I will keep in my heart always. Love you Mike!



Cheryl Gayhart - August 18, 2015 at 02:17 PM

SE

“ Mike gave us an example of how to live a loving life. We must all strive to be more like Mike.

Shirley Elkin - August 18, 2015 at 10:25 AM

VM

“ Mike worked with me on getting a Path to Citizenship ordinance passed in City and County, and was a true champion of fairness and tolerance. His intelligence, straight-forwardness and charm will never be forgotten. To his family, you can be sure that this great man is doing great things still.....just in another place. Vicki Pettus

Vicki M.Pettus - August 18, 2015 at 08:33 AM

EK

“ Hollis and family,
What a great guy to have known! Loved working with him at Kentucky State University in the 80's. The world is a much smaller place without him. Know that he will be missed and missed greatly.
Ellen Silvers Kessler

Ellen Silvers Kessler - August 18, 2015 at 08:17 AM

TW

“ Tamara W. Wilson lit a candle in memory of
Mike Rosenstein



Tamara W. Wilson - August 18, 2015 at 06:59 AM

 Linda Osborn

“ I met Mike a little over a year ago when I started working for United Way of Franklin County. Mike was such an inspiration to all the rest of us working for non-profits. He had such a heart for Thorn Hill Education Center and the clients he worked with. His tireless efforts to create more opportunities and better opportunities for those clients shows in the success of Thorn Hill. I truly looked forward each month to hearing his reports at the agency directors meeting about what new projects he was working on! He had so much excitement and energy in his voice whenever he was talking about what was happening at Thorn Hill. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Hollis and the rest of his family at this time of loss. You will be greatly missed Mike!

Linda Osborn - August 17, 2015 at 01:02 PM

KP

“ I worked with Mike at KSU and he became one of my favorite people! He was so friendly and really knew how to work with people. What a wonderful guy!

Karen Powell - August 17, 2015 at 09:45 AM

JS

“ From Jeanne Suchanek: I met Mike shortly after I began working as the church secretary here at BCC. He shared with me his faith journey which continues to inspire me. I frequently mentioned Mike during a weekly bible study with my husband and neighbor, Betty, at our home. When I told Betty that Mike was in the hospital last week and reminded her about his journey and how he helped me in many ways, she texted me the following which I want to share with you: Betty wrote: "I will pray for him. Isn't it amazing that even in his final days on earth, God continues to use him as an encourager for other Christians. What he leaves behind is eternal! Quite a legacy."

Jeanne Suchanek - August 17, 2015 at 08:39 AM

DP

“ *Donna Potter lit a candle in memory of Mike
Rosenstein*



Donna Potter - August 17, 2015 at 08:24 AM

TS

“ *Teresa Snapp lit a candle in memory of Mike
Rosenstein*



Teresa Snapp - August 17, 2015 at 07:10 AM

JL

“ *Hollis, I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was a great guy and I
enjoyed knowing him. God bless and keep you.*
-Joe Lilly

Joe Lilly - August 16, 2015 at 05:47 PM

KB

“ *Ken Butler lit a candle in memory of Mike
Rosenstein*



Ken Butler - August 15, 2015 at 08:22 PM