



Michael Lewis Seitelman

September 7, 1941 - January 22, 2021

Michael Lewis Seitelman, age 79, of Wilmington, Delaware passed away surrounded by his loving family on January 22, 2021. Mike was born in Bronx, New York to the late Belle and Nathan Seitelman. He had a lifelong love of radio which began as a child with a ham radio and culminated in a career as a professional radio disc jockey. Mike had his first job just after high school at a radio station in Florida and later worked in New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware's WJBR under the professional name Mike Saunders. Mike's love of radio also led him to the love of his life, his wife Linda. Linda frequently called the station to request he play her favorite song. He began to teasingly refer to her on air as the "Gwinhurst Pest" and their conversations eventually led to dating and marriage. Mike worked hard to provide for his family, often maintaining several jobs at once. He further developed his penchant for the entertainment industry as the host of a local cable TV show, scripting and performing in radio and TV commercials, and his business as "Sondeen the Clown" magician and puppeteer. Mike was very artistic, was an accomplished painter and jewelry maker, and enjoyed sculpting. He liked to watch Phillies baseball and usually had his faithful dog Bernie at his side. Mike was a fighter to the end despite struggling with multiple health issues. He leaves a legacy of love for his family and will be deeply missed.

Mike is survived by his wife, Linda Seitelman; his children: Natalie A. Ayers (Mike), Laura L. Bridgeford (Bob), Marcus L. Seitelman (Lisa), and Dianne E. Correia (Mikey); his grandchildren: Michael Ayers Jr., Britney Ayers, McKenna Seitelman, Jaiden Sammons, Dylan Seitelman, Mei Bridgeford, Daniel Bridgeford, and Weston Sammons; his great granddaughter, Addison A. Klingler; and a host of extended family and friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Arlene Seitelman; and his granddaughter, Heather Ayers.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, services and burial will be private at this time. A memorial service in celebration of Mike's life will be held at a future time to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the National Kidney Foundation serving Maryland and Delaware, 1301 York Rd, Suite 209, Lutherville, MD 20193 or the American Heart Association, 131 Continental Drive, Suite 407, Newark, DE

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Family Funeral Home

302-731-5459

Cemetery

Private

Comments



“ Thirty years ago I moved to Delaware and was fortunate to meet "Sondeen". I was a newly wed working for minimum wage, he booked my clown act and made it so that we could pay our bills with less effort. He was a friend when I needed one . His whole family became my best friends. I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful, kind and supportive friend to so many, He will be missed.

Linda Jennings - January 30, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ I met an engrossing clown named Sondeen at a birthday party when I was a teenager and later in my 20s became good friends with his wife while we were in nursing school together. What a great, close family you have. I am sorry to hear about Mike's death. May you all be a comfort to one another. My thoughts and well-wishes are with all of you. Love, Leah Panella Stuardi

Leah Stuardi - January 25, 2021 at 07:03 AM



“ Linda & Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. We hope your fondest memories of time spent together will bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

With Love & Sympathy,

Your Chandlee Cousins

Evelyn Chandlee Heal - January 24, 2021 at 03:36 PM