



## William Michael Norman

July 18, 1945 - May 23, 2018

William Michael Norman "Mike" of Claymont, Delaware passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 23rd. He was the son of Ruth and H. Louis Norman, and sibling to Susan, Marsha, and Patrick Norman. He is survived by his love, Gerri Russell; son, Eric Norman (Debbie); daughter, Heidi Sigmund (Rich); and grandchildren including: Zachary and Ryan Sigmund, Julian and Devin Norman, and Alex Sigmund. He graduated from the University of Buffalo and was a senior member of the Order of DeMoley and an Eagle Scout. Mike worked for Allied Chemical, ICI, Astra Zeneca, and Dow AgroSciences. He volunteered for a number of non-profits.

Mike was a man with a big heart and infectious energy. Known as an excellent dancer in his youth, Mike continued to dance through the years. He enjoyed country line dancing with his love, Gerri, many nights a week. Mike and Gerri also enjoyed traveling throughout the world and learning about other cultures and cuisines.

Mike loved to laugh. He was known for his collections of jokes (both email and in person). The length and the subject matter held no barrier for him. The worse the joke the better. Practical jokes were an additional interest for those he cared about.

Mike loved to dine out and try new restaurants, but he was also an excellent cook. He loved baking and cooking and could always be counted on to bring a crowd pleaser to both social and work functions. He loved to cook for people he cared for.

Mike was a special father and he loved his immediate and extended family. He was frequently the one adult playing with all of the kids, whether that be "Gator" in the pool or cliff diving. He loved to expose his kids to new experiences including food, culture, and history. He was a fan of Monty Python, the Greatest American Hero, he was a voracious reader of science fiction.

Mike will be missed for all of his special and unique qualities. He was truly one of a kind.

In July, a celebration of life will be held in Ashland, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his memory to Wounded Warriors or Delaware Veterans Trust Fund.

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