



Michael Joseph Bonk

February 21, 1952 - September 27, 2017

Michael Joseph Bonk, age 65, passed away peacefully at his home in Sarasota, Florida on September 27, 2017 from pancreatic cancer after a 2 1/2 year battle which never claimed his remarkable positive attitude, spirit or sense of humor.

Mike was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts on February 21, 1952. His family relocated to Los Angeles, California in 1968. He received both a Bachelors and Masters Degree from California State University Northridge in 1972 and 1974. Mike was employed in the retail plants and pottery business for over 35 years with stores in California and Florida.

Mike married his best friend and soul mate, Maria A. Marin on November 7, 2010.

An avid golfer, Mike played wherever and whenever he could with his numerous golf buddies. He was an amateur magician, a member of the Magic Castle in Hollywood, California and loved baseball, hockey, fishing, music, writing, traveling, jet skiing, poker and spending time with his family and friends.

He will be remembered for his charismatic, positive personality and his magnetic smile. Mike took a genuine interest in everyone he met and always gave generously of his time and resources to those in need. He served on the Board of Directors for both the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club of Southern California for many years. In 2017 he graduated and served as a Volunteer in the Sarasota Police Department.

Mike is survived by his wife, Maria, his brother John of Idaho, sister Linda Thacker of Alaska, a niece and nephew, Theresa and Chad Thacker, and his dog, Gerti. He will be missed by Ann Magruder, his first wife.

The family requests that donations be made in Mike's honor to: the Sarasota Memorial Hospital, 1700 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34239 and Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

A memorial service will be held September 30, 2017 at 10:30 am at 608 Tremont Street, Sarasota, FL 34242. A separate memorial service will be held on the West Coast of California on a date to be determined.

From Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN: Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it? - every, every minute? The Stage Manager answers that humans indeed do not realize life, except for perhaps the saints and poets, maybe." And Michael Joseph Bonk.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Joseph Bonk*

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“ *Michael Joseph Bonk*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Rick Stoffer and I worked for mike many years ago fixing phones and computers and this week I found the MAGIC business card and letter he had given me in the 90s and never used. I never had the time to go but always have it as a keepsake of his outgoing support and laughter. Thank you Mike. Hans Dohm*

Hans Dohm - May 01, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Mike was an inspiration to us all both on and off the golf course. He displayed a love for life and simply would not give up, even in the face of this awful disease. Mike, you will be sorely missed and I am sorry I cannot be there with our friends for your service. Happy trails.*

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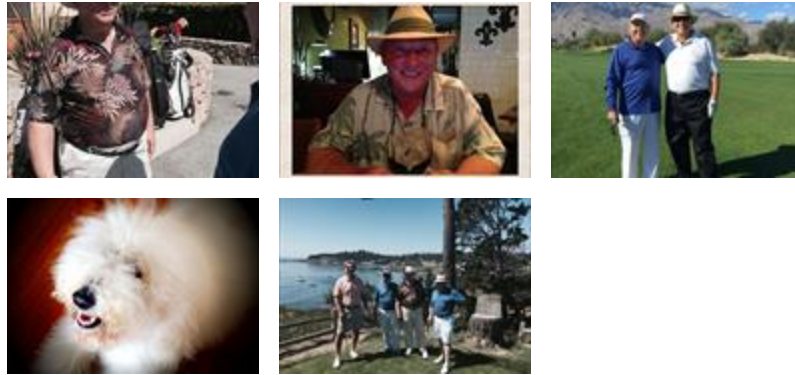
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“ I will always have fond memories of the many fishing trips I took with Mike, brother John and others at June Lake in California. We always had a who caught the biggest fish contest. Too many times I had the big fish until the last morning when Mike would "like magic" catch one just a bit bigger. He always got a big laugh out of that. I'm going to miss that laugh. Rest In Peace my brother.
Joe Magruder

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