



Michael Douglas Rader

December 28, 1951 - March 16, 2018

Michael D. Rader, age 66, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 16, 2018, at his home in Ft. Myers, FL. He was born in South Bend, IN, to Royce and Betty (Klinedinst) Rader and was the eldest of three sons. Michael is preceded in death by his mother, Betty Rader, and his nephew, Bryan Rader. He is survived by four children, David Rader, Kimberly (Mike) Perry, Melissa (Benjamin) Yaden, and Brooke (Michael) Wingert; his five grandchildren, Zephir, Colton, Eva, Henry, and Charlotte; his former wife of 37 years, Gayle (Light) Rader; his father, Royce Rader; his two brothers, Steven (Marie) Rader and Dennis (Dorothy) Rader; as well as nieces, nephews and many friends. Michael, also known as "Grandpa of the Lake," loved spending time with his grandchildren, going swimming, riding the Silver Beach Carousel in St. Joseph, MI, mushroom hunting, and eating chocolate chip pancakes. Michael's love of and skill in writing was apparent to family, friends, and readers alike as his witty and droll humor reached all. His enormous communicative talent will be greatly missed.

Michael practiced dentistry from 1979 until 2016, and was proud of the compassionate, skillful care he provided his patients. His contributions to his profession included serving the North Central Dental Society as president, the Indiana Dental Association as delegate, column writer for the Communications and Editorial Board, and the Peer Review Committee.

Michael began his love of travel as a dental volunteer on mission trips, and he continued on to travel to Peru, Vietnam and Cambodia, and was planning

future travel. He was also an avid outdoorsman. His love of nature, birds, canoeing, and hiking were essential to his travel plans.

A memorial service will be held at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at First United Methodist Church, 333 N. Main St., South Bend, IN. The family will greet friends from 4:00 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Tribute Wall



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Brent Klinedinst - April 14, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear the news of Mike's passing. I consider Mike a good friend. I was glad to hear that he moved to Florida, not far from our place. We had a chance to see his new house in December, and the wall of grandchildren that he was so proud of. We included Mike in our New Year's eve dinner and enjoyed his company and friendship. Mike made a big impact in organized dentistry, where we met. He had such a dry and spot on sense of humor. His column in the IDA journal revealed his humanity and high ethics. He lived a life of service to others. I held Mike in the highest respect. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Dr. Lou Sertich - March 20, 2018 at 02:51 PM

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Mike's life is certainly one to celebrate. I don't know how many lives he influenced with his writings and his humor, but we have all had a richer life because of having known him and how he lived. You will long be remembered and sorely missed my friend.

John R. Roberts, DDS - March 20, 2018 at 04:00 PM

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Have fond memories of Mike as a child. Having moved to Georgia, I never got to know him as an adult. May God reach out His arms and comfort all of the family. Uncle Brent

Brent Klinedinst - April 14, 2018 at 10:30 PM