



John Michael Cordell

July 2, 1957 - November 27, 2018

John Michael “Mike” Cordell Sr., 61, of Chesterfield, Missouri passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, surrounded by family and friends at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri after a hard-fought battle with an aggressive brain tumor.

John “Mike” was born to John Cordell and Maxine Moritz (nee Kiplinger) on July 2, 1957 in York, Pennsylvania. At the age of 11, Mike moved to St. Louis, Missouri with his father. He attended Charless Grade School, where he built deep relationships with many lifelong friends. Throughout his teens and twenties, he held a variety of jobs; eventually finding his passion in business where he learned that he could earn a living while socializing and entertaining business partners and clients who quickly became good friends. In 1995, he started his own company, Transworld Sales and Marketing, which he ran successfully for 23 years with the help of his wife, Carla, and oldest son, John II.

Outside of running his business, Mike’s passion spread to various organizations in which he was actively involved. Shortly after being raised as a Master Mason, Mike joined the Shriners and quickly immersed himself in various aspects of the Moolah Temple in Creve Coeur, Missouri. Within the Shrine, he organized social gatherings, fundraisers, and most importantly, events for patients and their families such as an annual Christmas party. As a

member and Director of the Air Patrol, a favorite activity was transporting patients between the regional airports and the hospital. Most recently, he was appointed to a position on the Shriner Hospital for Children-St. Louis Board, with his term beginning in 2019. He was very proud of this and was eager to contribute more time and knowledge to the organization he loved so much. Mike was also heavily involved with the United Methodist Church of Green Trails, where he endeavoured to improve the church by serving as a handyman, groundskeeper, and all-around supporter of the staff.

Mike loved spending time fishing, golfing, biking, and relishing in social gatherings with dear friends and family.

Mike's spirit will lovingly live on with his wife of 28 years Carla Leigh Cordell (nee Bess), children John Michael (Kelly) Cordell II, Shannon (Jay Jones) Cordell, Tyler Cordell, and Austin Cordell, grandchildren Nicholas Cordell, Chase Jones, Jackson Jones, Layla Jones, Ryder Jones, and Violet Jones, sister Libby Cordell, brothers Bobby (Joyce) Cordell and James Cordell, and "the best friends and family in the world."

Services: Memorial visitation will be held at the SCHRADER Funeral Home & Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Memorial service will be held at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester, MO on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests that any memorial contributions for John "Mike" be made to the United Methodist Church of Green Trails, 14237 Ladue Rd., 63017 or to Shriners Hospital for Children - St. Louis. 4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110.