



Michael (Mike) Joseph Martin

September 23, 1952 - April 15, 2024

Michael (Mike) Joseph Martin, 71, of Monroe, GA, GIVEN BY GOD:

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Mike was born in Platteville, WI on September 23, 1952, 10 minutes ahead of his twin

sister, Mary, to Bette (McGowan) Martin and F. Vincent Martin. He attended Belmont High

School and graduated in 1970.

Anyone who knew Mike knew of his passion for cars, more specifically, Mustangs. He

started at a young age being a hard worker helping on local farms, working at Jim's Mobil

Gas station and his Dad's Implement business in Belmont, WI - although it is believed he

may have cost his Dad more in repairs of Mike beating the tractors, Cub Cadets and trucks

to ruin, rather than assisting with the business. Mike had an unbelievable sense of humor

with very little filter and seemed to get away with sharing whatever he was

thinking

without offending, as he would follow up with a charming hug and a smile. His generous

heart was a quality and characteristic that may not have ever been truly known. He was a

fun, mischievous and loving guy who would do anything for anyone and often favored the

less fortunate to reach out to and try and make a difference in their lives.

In 1972, Mike married Sharon Ziegler and had two sons, Shane and Shawn.

In 1975, Mike and family moved to West Palm Beach, FL and worked various jobs until he

started his own Martin's Detail Shop. He worked tirelessly and was a Master of his

craft. He was known for his perfectionism and would not allow the tiniest shortcut to be

taken at the expense of his trusted customers. Mike moved back to Wisconsin for a short

while and in 1994 decided to move to GA up until his death.

Mike ran into his Belmont High School classmate at his 20th class reunion and was

introduced to a job working as a "Field Service Specialist" providing technical assistance for

maintenance and repair of rotary mineral processing equipment for A.C.

Equipment. Mike

worked with the paper, cement and chemical industries in 30+ states and in Jamaica. His

extensive travel would be exhausting but he never complained and only would respond

with how grateful he was to have the job and the amazing opportunity. His clients greatly appreciated his expertise and most became close friends that he stayed in touch with up until his death.

His hobbies included working on his cars, sharing his Mustang passion with his sons, Shane and Shawn, and watching football and always remained a loyal and faithful Green Bay Packer fan. He would laugh at also being mentioned as a Reality TV fan although he would never work too hard to keep it a secret. Mike made us laugh, made us cry and there will never be another Mike Martin quite like the guy that we all knew and loved. We miss him terribly.

Mike is survived by his sons and their families, Shane (Charlene) Dawson, Blake; and Shawn (Jen) Shelby, Sam, Landon, Sawyer, Cassidy; brothers, Jack (Cathy) and Mark; sisters, Mary Voigts (Harry), Jeanne and Joni Maresch (Matt); sister-in-law Patsy (Jim) and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who he loved dearly and loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vince and Bette, and brother Jim.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Mike's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=wtg-mm-btn-donate-now.