



## Mr. Michael Alan Jackson

November 16, 1953 - December 25, 2019

Michael (Mike) Alan Jackson died on December 25, 2019, at McLeod Hospital in Florence after a brief and unexpected illness. He is survived by Janel, his wife; Amanda, his daughter; and 2 grandchildren Jackson and Dillon; as well as other family, friends, and his dog, Kylie. Although there is a pet cat in the home, Mike did not consider the cat his friend. His request was not to have a funeral or service and after cremation his ashes to have a final resting place in Key West. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mike was adopted as an infant by Leeman & Sarah Maye Jackson and raised on a farm in Iowa. He graduated from Sidney High School in 1972. He completed a BA in History in 1978 from Nebraska Wesleyan University and obtained a Masters in Education in Career Guidance & Counseling in 1990 from Northern Montana College. He was in the Air Force for 14 years and almost 20 years of employment with the US Government. With his job as a logistician, he was able to travel within the US as well as to several foreign countries. Over the course of these years, he met many people and long-time friendships endured. He loved his family and friends and never met a stranger as he would strike up a conversation everywhere we went. It is hoped those who knew Mike have some funny stories, so please remember those good times.

Mike married Janel Merical in 1977 and together had one daughter, Amanda.

Amanda and her children-Jackson and Dillon-reside in Michigan. Mike and Janel moved to Hartsville in January 2016 after their retirement. Mike loved music, golfing, smoking his cigar with friends, college football, and his dogs over the years. He was an active member of the American Legion Post 274 in Lusby, Maryland as well as Post 53 here in Hartsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post 53, PO Box 1286, Hartsville, SC 29551, or the Dr. David H. Mickey Scholarship Fund, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 5000 Saint Paul Ave, Lincoln, NE 68504.

# Tribute Wall



Gregory  
Kalinowski

“ Mike was my next door neighbor while we were stationed at Florennes AB Belgium, 485th Wing in support of the Ground Launched Cruise Missiles. We had many good conversations, but the favorite topic were the merits of Mike supporting Bitberger pils vs. my devotion to Stella Artois. So in memory of Mike, if you have the opportunity to raise a glass of his favorite beer, I wish you well.

*Sending my condolences to Janel and the rest of their family members.*

*Sincerely*

*Gregory Kalinoski, CMSgt, USAF, Ret*

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**Gregory Kalinoski** - January 05, 2020 at 10:03 PM

CB

“ So sad to hear about this, we talked a month ago.....which was regular Georgia Football...such a good person, Dad, and supervisor.....A true honest and good man, MJ will never forget you and my deepest condolences to the family.

**#RIHHEAVENMYFRIEND**

*Chris Brown*

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**Chris Brown** - January 02, 2020 at 02:12 PM

TL

“ Janel and Amanda, I was so shocked and saddened when I received the news of your Mike's passing. I am so sorry for both you and your extended families.

Thinking of Mike brings back so many memories of when we were much younger growing up as kids. Playing and working at the farm in Sidney. We would always connect during Christmas vacations from elementary through high school and later after my discharge from the Army and while he was still in his first tour with the AF, he introduced me to you. I knew then, that the two of you would be together. Memories of Mike is what remains inside of our hearts and minds. Which to continue to provide that occasional smile and laugh when that certain occasion and thought of him occurs. Mike will be missed as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and cousin. He has left memories for us all to enjoy.

Thanks Mike



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**Tom Lewis** - January 01, 2020 at 03:58 PM

TT

“ Janel and Amanda, Marci and I are stunned by the news of Mike's passing. I so very clearly remember Capt. Mike Jackson, USAF, when we first met working together on ATARS back in the early 1990s. His friendship was a joy to me, and I am delighted that I was able to see him last June, together with several of our mutual friends and former coworkers. I cannot even in this moment, think of him without smiling. With love, Ted & Marci Turner; Hollywood, Maryland

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**Ted Turner** - January 01, 2020 at 11:45 AM

AW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Mike was one of the kindest most accepting people. I had the pleasure of working with him fresh out of college. I enjoyed his stories, his sense of humor and his love of life. He used to tell me about the family, Key West, and his days in the Air Force. He tirelessly worked to put together a top notch golf tournament every year, we all had a blast. He will be dearly missed. All our love, Amanda and Jared Wood

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**Amanda Wood** - December 31, 2019 at 08:56 PM

ML

“ Mike used to come to my office in the mornings and share his wisdom with me. He always made me smile and he was a great friend. I will miss him and his advice he would give me when I needed it. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Michelle Looney** - December 31, 2019 at 08:06 AM

ML

“ 4 files added to the album Mike



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**Michelle Looney** - December 31, 2019 at 07:57 AM

JH

“ Janel, Julianna and I are so sorry to hear about Mike’s unexpected passing and are quite frankly shocked at the news. It was just this past Summer that we were having Breakfast with Mike at his favorite breakfast place in Solomons Island, Hidden Harbour. We will miss him greatly and especially our Frequent Chats to “catch up”. I enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to work with him and get to know him over the past 6.5 years. God Bless you and your family. /James Hudson

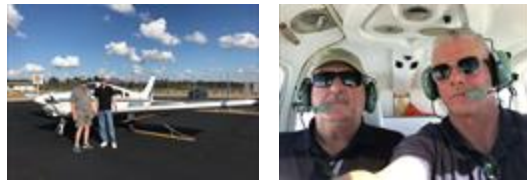


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**james hudson** - December 30, 2019 at 07:13 PM

MM

“ 2 files added to the album Mike



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**Mike McGinn** - December 28, 2019 at 10:40 AM

MM

*Mike and I first met in the summer of '97. He will be sorely missed. This was us flying South on our "guy's weekend" trip to Key West in Feb '19. We were looking forward to going again this July. Mike's ashes will find their final resting place in Key West...one of his favorite places on this planet.*

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**Mike McGinn** - December 28, 2019 at 10:45 AM

BB

“ *Mr Jackson did so much for my Legion Baseball program. I enjoyed designing the golf tournaments and the talks we had when he would pull up in the yard. I will cherish everything he taught me. Prayers for the family!*

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**Brad Boob** - December 27, 2019 at 09:46 PM

DA

“ *Janet,  
We are so sorry to hear about Mike. We enjoyed talking to him when walking the dog. Him & Bill would talk about golf all the time. We were shocked to hear the news. We will be praying for you. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know.*

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**Derry & Bill Atkinson** - December 27, 2019 at 09:10 PM

LL

“ *Lawrence & Cindy Lowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Alan Jackson*



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**Lawrence & Cindy Lowe** - December 27, 2019 at 08:14 PM

AC

“ *Anna Margaret Tucker & Family - Cheraw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Alan Jackson*



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**Anna Margaret Tucker & Family - Cheraw** - December 27, 2019 at 10:23 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album Mike



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**John Benjamin** - December 27, 2019 at 10:08 AM

JB

“ Janel - Mike was one of those "full of life" people one just has to like being around. I learned much from Mike in the two years we shared working together with Hartsville American Legion Post 53. He will be sorely missed.

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**John Benjamin** - December 27, 2019 at 10:02 AM

AA

“ Janet we are so sorry about Mike. He always made us feel welcome and loved. Your family is in our prayers and thoughts. We love you and if there is anything you or your family needs please let us know.

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**Amey Allen** - December 27, 2019 at 09:27 AM

JO

“ Mike Jackson was our immediate Past Commander of American Legion Post 53 in Hartsville. He was a tireless leader and worker for the Post members. We will miss him and his outgoing personality for years to come. He is pictured here on the golf course. One of his many projects was an annual golf tournament as a fund raiser for the Post. I am proud he considered me one of his many friends. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Jim Ousley

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**Jim Ousley** - December 26, 2019 at 06:44 PM



Michelle  
Kalpakci

“ *Mrs. Janel, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Mike's passing. We always loved seeing him come into the office at Jackson Family Chiropractic. He always cheered me up with his stories and advice. He will be missed.*



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**Michelle Kalpakci** - December 26, 2019 at 01:34 PM

TG

“ *We are so very sad to hear about Mr Michael's passing. We loved to see him in the office, he would always tell us stories of his travels and stories of when he was young. He was always smiling and always so kind. He will be greatly missed by our staff. We such heavy hearts we want to extend our condolences.*  
*- Dr Kevin Sponseller and Staff*

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**The Medical Group** - December 26, 2019 at 09:34 AM