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Michael Anthony Barr, 62, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2020, at his home in Purcellville, Virginia.

Michael was very outgoing with an infectious personality, making friends wherever he went. He had a generous spirit and a passion for mentoring that touched many people. Michael served ten years on the Board of Trustees for PHILLIPS Programs for Children and Families.

He and Robin were married in 1981. Their children, Sean and Jessica, were Michael's pride and joy. He was ecstatic when his grandson Maxwell Michael was born, and he became "Boppa." Michael looked forward to large holiday family gatherings and loved the family vacation at Rehoboth Beach, an annual event that had been the highlight of his summers for well over 50 years. Michael was an avid sports fan, loyally supporting the Boston Red Sox and Washington Redskins. He liked to golf, play blackjack, cook on the grill, and cut the grass with his zero turn mower.

Michael attended Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria, Virginia, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Radford College in 1979. He started his professional career in information technology with Riggs National Bank in Washington, D.C., followed by Evans Financial Corporation. In 1984, Michael settled in at Freddie Mac for 26 years, where he was highly influential in the technology and infrastructure buildout of the secondary mortgage market. He next worked at Pragmatic Solutions, and then spent his last seven years with ALTA IT Services in Rockville, Maryland.

He is survived by his wife, Robin; son, Sean (wife Jenny); daughter Jessica; grandson Maxwell; stepfather Frank Harrison (wife Yolanda); brother Bob Barr (wife Annette); and sisters Cindi Jones (husband T.C.), Gayle Clary, Tracey Halman (husband Chuck), and Amy Harrison (husband Michael Beaulieu). He is also survived by ten nieces and nephews and their children, and a host of more relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother R. Elaine Harrison and father Robert Barr.



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A memorial service was held at his home on September 26, 2020. To honor Michael's legacy of mentoring others, donations may be made to PHILLIPS Programs at www.phillipsprograms.org or mail to 7010 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003.



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DA

Diane Allen posted:

I worked at Freddie Mac with Michael. I am saddened to read this. Gone too soon. My sincere condolences to the Barr family. Diane McSweeney-Allen

November 6 at 4:31 PM

MN

Mary Ann Neary posted:

Michael is one of the finest men I have ever known. He loved his family, friends and life. He was a man of integrity who will be missed by many. My heart goes out to Robin and family. RIP my dear, dear friend.

September 26 at 7:40 AM

DA

Diane Allen November 4 at 5:16 AM

Was there an obituary Mary Anne Neary?



Cheryl Aycock lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Robin and family, There are no words I can write that would truly express my sorrow hearing this news. May you find comfort in the memories of Michael's amazing life and rely on family and friends as you move forward through the difficult times. We are here for all of you.



September 17 at 3:20 PM

RG

Robert Gray posted:

Robin - if you search your memory back to Riggs Bank Days i have fond memories of Mike and the many fun Riggs Club events and the bowling league... my heartfelt condolences on your loss...Bob Gray (rgrayjr rg@gmail.com).

September 17 at 1:41 PM



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Mike Canney posted:

I am so sorry that this happened. I have been seeing Mike out on his tractor, he would wave with a big smile every time I drove or walked by his house. Recently, he had a grandchild on his lap driving the tractor, and seemed so happy. If we can be of any help, please ask. Diane and Mike Canney

September 17 at 11:26 AM



Diane Allen November 4 at 1:40 AM

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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