



Michael Anthony DiVenere

April 9, 1969 - June 25, 2018

Michael A. DiVenere, affectionately known in the professional sports world as MikeyD and career videographer for NBCSW, died suddenly of natural causes on Monday, June 25, 2018. MikeyD was on assignment in Dallas, Texas for the NHL Draft. He spent over 20 years covering Washington Sports, including 8 years on the Washington Redskins Beat. Born April 9, 1969, MikeyD grew up with a love of Heavy Metal, Adult League Hockey, the Washington Redskins and the Washington Capitals. He was rough and tumble hockey to the core.

This years "CAPS" run for the Stanley Cup was the pinnacle of his career. During Game 5 as Lars Eller scored the Cup clinching goal, MikeyD began to realize his dream of a Stanley Cup Championship was about to become hockey history. As the buzzer sounded, tears of joy flooded down his face. He loved this team as much as life itself. He knew first-hand the feelings of being a national champion when the DC Rattlers (a team he played on) won several Hockey North America Championships, many held in Las Vegas.

Michael is survived by the love of his life, Shannan Van Kirk, his parents, Pete and Marsha DiVenere, his brother Chris and his wife Krista, and their three children, Alexis "Queen Boo," Brenden and Camdyn. Michael was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Earl and Emma Smith and his cousin Jeff Smith.

Visitation will be from 10 am-12 pm on Monday, July 2, 2018, at Ox Hill Baptist Church, 4101 Elmwood Street, Chantilly, Virginia, with the Celebration of Life Service beginning at 12 noon. Family and friends will be received at 42473 Mandolin Street, South Riding, VA 20152 immediately following the service. Please share online condolences with the family at <http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com>

Events

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Ox Hill Baptist Church

4101 Elmwood Street, Chantilly, VA, US, 20151

JUL **Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Mike was one of my editor/shooters for SportsTalk at NC8... On the job, he was no nonsense but away from it all, he and I were kindred spirits who enjoyed metal music like few others. I had a chance to get him backstage to meet Metallica but thanks to some shenanigans by one of our well-known hosts from one of DC's pro teams, it didn't happen. He took it in stride but we got payback years later. That story will go untold but we all will miss his professionalism, work ethic and most of all, his friendship. Everyone else called him "Mikey D" but to me he was always "Divo". Rest easy, big fella.



TLC - July 01, 2018 at 10:47 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony DiVenere.



June 29, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ We were blessed to have dinner with our nephew Michael on his last evening with us. We laughed with him, cried with him, and enjoyed a meal at one of his favorite Dallas restaurants. These memories and the memories of Michael growing up with our children carry us through this difficult time. Michael was a passionate, loving and giving person, and his passing has left another agonizing hole in our heart. He will be greatly missed. Rest happily, Dear One.

Earl and Carrie Smith

Earl and Carrie Smith - June 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ From: NBC Sports Washington staff purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Michael Anthony DiVenere.



From: NBC Sports Washington staff - June 28, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ Michael was the love of my life, my rock, my world. I miss him, our dogs miss him. I dont know what i will do without him. Michael - I love you and miss you so much and I always will. Love, your Sugar



Shannan Van Kirk - June 28, 2018 at 06:22 AM



“ I am one of the lucky ones who had the opportunity to work along side MikeyD. We spent many games waiting outside the Capitals locker room, MikeyD steep stool in hand, waiting for the locker room to open so he could go and record player interviews. I would "borrow" the stool from his studio when I worked on the away show and MikeyD would come in to retrieve it with a bigger smile on his face teasing me for stealing his stuff. Always laughing, hard worker and a great guy. MikeyD you will missed.

Lorie G

Lorie G - June 27, 2018 at 02:29 PM