



Michael Terpak

May 21, 1940 - July 4, 2020

Michael Terpak 80, passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2020 at Heritage Hall in Leesburg, Virginia. Born in Carbondale Pennsylvania on May 21, 1940, he was the son of the late Michael S. Terpak and the late Stasia (Lisowski) Terpak. Mike graduated from Fell Township High School in 1957 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1961. He was awarded a Masters Degree with honors in Economics from Pennsylvania State University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from George Mason University. Mike retired from the District of Columbia government in December 1997 after nearly 32 years as a Budget Analyst, and held analyst positions in the public and private sectors before and after his service with the DC government.

Mike married Mary Louise Burke on December 30, 1965 in Quincy, Massachusetts. Mary and Mike lived on Capitol Hill in the District before moving to their small farm near Lovettsville, VA. From the late 1960's until two years before his passing Mike spent much of his time restoring the farm and late 18th century farmhouse and tending to their dogs, cats and horses. He enjoyed fishing, bird watching, gardening, history and mystery novels. He was thoughtful and funny and got along with everyone.

Mike is survived by his wife Mary, sisters Louise Sterner of Vienna, VA and Frances Terpak of Sherman Oaks, CA, son Stephen M. Terpak of Springfield, VA, daughter Ellen M. Dague of Alexandria, VA, and two grandchildren, Sofia Terpak and Max Dague. He is also survived by two nieces and a nephew, a grandniece and grandnephew, and several cousins.

A private graveside service will be held at Hillsboro Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741 would be greatly appreciated. Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 198, Lovettsville, VA 20180.

Comments



“ I would like extend my sincere condolences to the Terpak family. I worked with Mike as a young budget analyst with the District government in the early nineties. He was always kind and helpful to me. He shared his many years of experience with me as new hire.

He also invited our Budget Office to his family farm for a retreat/office party. He opened up his home to us. I remember meeting his lovely wife and children at the time. I'm from the country in Texas and that was such a welcome relief from the hustle and bustle of the city.

I'm a Black Man, although it shouldn't matter, Mike and his family were kind to me and others like me who attended the retreat at his family home. I will always remember Mike...

Mike was a GOOD MAN...

Kenneth R Davis - February 10, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Terpak.



July 21, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ Mary and Family,
So sorry to learn of Mike's passing. I remember his great smile and genuine laughter when I lived beside your family on Bolington Road in Lovettsville. I'm sure he will be greatly missed.

Sandra Wenner Tucker, Jefferson, MD

Sandra Tucker - July 19, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ My condolences to the Terpak family. I have many fond memories of sharing the daily train trips to and from DC with Mike.
Charlie Herrmann

Charles Herrmann III - July 17, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Mary and the Terpak family,
Kirby and I both are so saddened to learn of Mike's passing. We have some fond memories of Mike at various office gatherings among coworkers and various county events. He always had a great smile, friendly to all and was a lovely host at the Terpak farm. You all are in our thoughts and sending you much love during this sad time.

Leslie and Kirby Bowers

Leslie Bowers - July 17, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Dear Mary and Family:
My sincere sympathy goes out to you. I was reading the Washington Post this morning and saw the notice of Mike's passing. You may remember me, I met Mike when I was hired by Comer Coppie in 1975 as a Budget Analyst in the DC Budget Office. Later Mayor Barry appointed me as DC Budget Director.
Mike and I worked together for eight years. I was always impressed by his excellent performance and dedication to duty. He was also highly respected by the DC Departments officials, the Mayor and the City Council. Mike could always be counted on even though he made a very long daily train commute from West Virginia.
I am sorry for your loss.
Gladys Mack
Washington, DC

GLADYS W MACK - July 17, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Mary, very sad to hear about Mike. You all always had such a nice family. I was reading the obituary. Did not recall Mike graduated from RPI. Our oldest grandson Wyatt, Lisa's son, starts at RPI this Fall. He plans on studying computer science, electrical engineering and play lacrosse if colleges field teams. Wish Stevie and Ellen our best. Vernon Hollidge

Vernon Hollidge - July 17, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ Mary. We are sorry for your loss. I just heard the sad news yesterday.
Tony Cockrell

Tony Cockrell - July 16, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ Mike was a great guy. Smart, funny, and cheerful even when the day was tedious.
Take care, Mary.
JB

John Burger - July 10, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ Mary, we are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Our hearts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. You know we are here for you if you need anything.

Bernie, Darlene, & Bralen Lamoureux - July 07, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to you Mary and to the entire family. May you be comforted by the memories of a wonderful life and of the many moments spent together. Petrina & David Dawson

Petrina Dawson - July 07, 2020 at 10:45 AM