



Michael John Hoyt

April 29, 2021

On Thursday, April 29, 2021, Michael John Hoyt, loving husband and father, passed away at the age of 61. Mike left this earth after a short but courageous battle with cancer at home in the arms of his wife, Jackie. Mike was born on September 5, 1959, in Cambridge, MA, to Norman C. Hoyt and Mary T. Long. He grew up in a large family, the youngest of five siblings. An electrical engineer, he was an alumni of the University of Massachusetts Lowell class of 1981 and Northeastern University class of 1986, where he received his master's degree.

A New Englander through and through, Mike grew up in Waltham, later spending much of his life in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, before finally settling in Rhode Island.

A passionate American, Mike gave much of his free and later professional time to the lives of young adults: a Cub Scout leader and Scoutmaster for Scout Troop 25 of Uxbridge, Narragansett Council, a youth soccer coach, and later a teacher for Job Corps. Mike spent the final years of his life piloting and creating a program to educate our nation's youth. An Advanced Manufacturing Instructor, his legacy and passion for engineering and education lives on. He considered it his dream job.

A family man, Mike noted his greatest accomplishments were watching his

children and stepchildren excel as caring and compassionate members of society.

In his final months, Mike kept a note as a reminder: “A scout is cheerful.” When faced with a terminal diagnosis, he was able to keep his light and levity. Even during COVID, his spirit enabled him to gather all five of his children and six grandchildren, staying up late to joke and play with them.

Mike leaves behind his wife and partner of twenty years, Jacqueline Jean Herock-Hirsch. He now joins his parents, Norman C. Hoyt and Mary T. Long, as well as his sister, Karen Hoyt (Stanley), and brother-in-law, Dave Stanley.

Mike is survived by his eldest son, Alan John Hoyt and his wife Lelia Hoyt, his son, Eric James Hoyt and his wife Karly Hoyt, and his daughter, Julie Anne Scannell (Hoyt) and her husband Michael Vincent Scannell, as well as his stepchildren, Tyler Joseph Hirsch and Verity Rose Hirsch, and six grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Richard Hoyt (wife Linda) of Arizona, and Ken Hoyt (wife Deborah) of New Hampshire, his sister, Dianne Hoyt (husband John) of Florida, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The Hoyt family would like to sincerely thank HopeHealth of Rhode Island and their nurses for allowing Mike to live his final days on his own terms—something a stubborn New Englander values above all else.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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Dianne Latter - May 13, 2021 at 06:54 PM

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Great Family

Bruce Hoyt - September 05, 2022 at 12:44 PM

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Mike was my best friend in high school. Simply a wonderful and guy, wiser than his age. Reading what has been said about him, it is abundantly clear to me that he became a great man who gave much to the many he loved. I believe we would have had much to share as we grew older and that, had we not drifted apart, he would have made my life richer than it has been.

Gil - December 15, 2024 at 07:45 AM



“ My little brother turned from a "tag" along kid to me and my friends to a babysitter for my children, even then he always wanted to share some ideas with the kids. Always first to offer hints about camping, recipes, animals, family and friends. I helped take care of him as a toddler, because I was older, and he was "the baby" of the family. It was easy, he loved puzzles, games and running around outside. I remember his love of photography and his motorcycle as a young adult. I'm most proud of Mike for his mentoring in the boyscouts and his respect and gratitude for my dad and the PT boats. I have lot's of great memories hangin out with him, dad and the fam at Battleship Cove. In recent times, he called me every few weeks on his way home from the Job Corp he was employed at , just to check in and "shoot the breeze" about family, the weather, car troubles, politics, and how much he enjoyed his "new" job. He had found his calling. Always the mentor. Two words describe my brother Mike, kind and fun. I love him and miss him.

Dianne Latter - May 13, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *Mr. Hoyt drove the bus to the Ed Hub and his Grafton Job Corps Students in Advanced Manufacturing were lined up at the Welcome Center on the assigned days ready to get on board. Mike was literally delivering on the promise of Student Success and his Students would always be there and ready to engage in the journey and the end results - good manufacturing jobs that started great careers. Gratitude for his humor and charm on and off center can not be understated. Mr. Hoyt rocked the van and his Building 26 Classroom, gently and firmly!*"



Martin Yenawine - May 12, 2021 at 10:41 AM

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“ Stargazing on the front lawn with him and seeing Hale-Bopp. Helping to reshingle the roof. Countless camping trips. Christmas and Halloween parties. Sledding with him on the side hill on chocolog. Having stories read to me. Shooting with him in the backyard. Watching him fight a bat. Help and guidance from him in every aspect of my life ❤️

alan hoyt - May 10, 2021 at 08:18 PM