



Michael Wayne Bernhardt

November 18, 1945 - October 12, 2022

Michael W. Bernhardt (76) of Mooresville, NC passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, in Aswan, Egypt where he had been vacationing. Born November 18, 1945 in Rowan County, NC. He was the son of the late Walter A. and the late Carolyn E. Bernhardt. Mike graduated from East Rowan in 1964 where he was a multi-sport athlete and excellent scholar. He went on to N.C. State where he earned a BS in Textile Chemistry. He later earned an MBA from the University of Delaware. On January 11, 1969 he married Brenda Hoffner. They celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in 2022. They have two sons. Chad Michael from San Diego, CA and Sean Michael from Wilmington, NC. Mike worked for the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware for 36 years in a variety of technical, sales, marketing and business management positions. Before retiring in 2004 he was the Global Technology Manager of the Vespel Division. Mike was a family man. He reveled in spending time with his family. Soccer, swimming, lacrosse, camping, gardening, scouting, band, school and church all presented time for him to share with his family. Family was important! His primary outside interest besides family was the Boy Scouts of America where he was a 65-year veteran with 40 years as a Scoutmaster. He served Troop 50 in Delaware for 25 years and Troop/Pack 377 for 15 years. He had a servant's heart and wanted the best for America's young people. He felt that Scouting helped build character and prepared young people for a lifetime of leadership and service to others. He influenced many scouts throughout the years! He has earned

many Scouting citations: Eagle Scout, Order of Arrow, District Award of Merit, Council Silver Beaver, Lutheran Lamb Award, Methodist Cross and Flame Award, and National Eagle Scout Association Outstanding Eagle Scout. He was chosen as one of the top 75 Scoutmasters and as one of the top 50 Cubmasters in the United States. Serving as scoutmaster or staff member he has attended 14 National Jamborees and 4 World Jamborees. He has led contingents to ALL of the BSA High Adventure Bases. Mike is survived by his wife, Brenda H. Bernhardt; son, Chad (April) and son, Sean (Stacy); granddaughters, Eleanor and Brooklyn; brothers, John (Jodi), Steve (Cathi) and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; nephew, Ryan and niece, Allison. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 11 am at Rocky Mount Church, 1739 Perth Road, Mooresville, NC. Pastor Jamie Hamick will officiate. Interment will be private. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of BSA Troop 377. For livestream, please visit, www.rockymountchurch.com/mike. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any contributions be made in his name to Rocky Mount Church, 1739 Perth Road, Mooresville, NC 28117 or to the Fort Defiance Historical Museum, P.O. Box 686, Lenoir, NC 28645.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rocky Mount United Methodist Church
1739 Perth Road
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Brenda we were on our way to Michael's funeral when Judy became ill. I so wanted to hear about the many lives Michael touched. He was a special cousin and always had a beautiful smile. Family was so important to him. I am so sorry for your loss and pray the family's memories will comfort you and your family.*

Brenda Purcell - November 05, 2022 at 05:57 PM

AM

“ *On behalf of the BSA Alumni, we are heartbroken to learn of Michael's passing. He was a Scout always, and we will never forget his service to the BSA mission. A Scout leader by example, he made a difference for many youth. You are missed by BSA, Mike. Regards, Anna Marie Moran Director-BSA Alumni and the National Eagle Scout Association.*

Anna Marie Moran - November 01, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Bernhardt.*



October 31, 2022 at 05:53 AM

BW

“ It is sadness that I learned about his death. I have enjoyed working with Mike in Scouting on the past several years. He served as a mentor to me as I served as our Council Commissioner. I regret that I will not be able to attend on Saturday due to a conflict in my schedule that I cannot miss. I will keep all of his family in my prayers. He had a hard time telling me no when I asked him to help with a task except when it came to his grandchildren, and he quickly would tell me no and I completely understood him being a grandfather myself. If I can be of any help, please reach out to me.
Bob Wright, a fellow Scouter

BOB Wright - October 27, 2022 at 08:20 PM

LR

We are deeply saddened by the news of Michael's passing and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He was a great friend of the Demo Garden whom I knighted a honorary member.

Lovina Rodriguez

Lovina Rodriguez - October 28, 2022 at 08:27 AM

FB

Being part of the Ballintyn Family (all 4 guys earned our Eagle awards with Mike's assistance) we express our deepest condolences and hold your family in our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ballintyn

Frank Ballintyn - October 28, 2022 at 09:31 AM

JS

I am deeply saddened by Mike's passing I have only known him a few years working on the council commissioner team he was a friend and mentor to me he will be greatly missed

Joe styers - October 28, 2022 at 10:05 AM

MB

I was shocked to hear about Mike's passing. I met Mike in 2013 at the National Scout Jamboree. We worked and bunked together at the 2013 and 2017 Jamborees. Mike was always fun to be around and I enjoyed working with him. I was fortunate to be able to place his NOESA pin on his Scout uniform. He returned the favor by giving me mine. This year's Jamboree will not be the same without Mike. Thanks for being a good friend.

Michael Buras - November 04, 2022 at 06:40 PM