



## Michael John Finnegan

July 6, 2014

Michael John Finnegan, 58, of Cape Girardeau, MO, formally of Skaneateles, NY, passed away on Sunday July 6, 2014 in Cape Girardeau, MO surrounded by his children. He was a beloved father, uncle, son, brother and friend and he will be missed by so many. He was married to Annie Frye Finnegan in Cape Girardeau, MO in 1996. He was born in Utica, NY to Eugene Finnegan and the late Virginia ♡Gussie♡ Finnegan on September 15, 1955. He graduated from Skaneateles High School in 1973 and received a BS in Chemistry, Polymer Science from State University of New York College of Environment Science and Forestry in 1978. He also graduated from Ohio State University. Michael was distinguished in his profession as a Polymer Scientist. In 2007 two of his inventions were issued patents United States 7,189,666 and United States 7,160,939. When Michael was not working he enjoyed spending time with his children, coaching soccer, reading and entertaining. Michael was a big Dave Matthews fan and his favorite quote was "life is short but sweet for certain - DMB" Michael is survived by his father, Eugene Finnegan of Skaneateles, NY; his 4 children: William Michael Finnegan of Columbus, OH; Jordan Lowry of Cape Girardeau, MO; Layne Finnegan of Cape Girardeau, MO and Holly Finnegan of Cape Girardeau, MO; his 3 brothers, Thomas Finnegan of Rochester, NY; Robert (Kathie) Finnegan of Uxbridge, MA; Paul Finnegan of Chattanooga, TN; and his 4 sisters, Mary Hoare of Liverpool, NY; Carol (Bob) Ciullo of Hamilton, VA; Laura (Ryan) Fannon of Alexandria, VA and Sharon (George) Azzam of Skaneateles, NY. He is also survived by 19 nieces and

nephews. Michael was predeceased by his mother the late Virginia ♦ Gussie ♦ Finnegan in 2002. In lieu of flowers the family has set up a Trust for Michael's children called the Michael J. Finnegan Children ♦ s Trust, c/o Anne Finnegan Trustee, 1521 N Henderson Street Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Funeral mass will be held 10:00 am on Monday July 14, 2014 at St. Mary's of the Lake, 81 Jordan Street, Skaneateles NY 13152.

# Tribute Wall

GH

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**Gwen Holbein** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ I am filled with sadness at the passing of Mike. My deepest condolences to his family. I have so many wonderful memories of our years in high school, the activities we were involved in and the friendship that we shared.

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**Renee Jerva** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Michael was such a good person. I still carry his photo in one of my old wallets. I am so sad for all his family and my friends who once knew him! He was the life guard in the park with the bleached blond hair, the hockey player who worked at the skating rink. In Drama club he played the Prince in the 12 Dancing princesses (and I was one of the princesses). He and Alan Jerva were best of buds. We went to all the school and church dances and had such a good time. He played trumpet in a real band, not just in the school band. That is how I met him, at one of David Chase's parties. Little did I know in 8th grade that Mike and I were soon to become inseparable, throughout most all of high school! He would always meet me at my locker in between classes just to carry my books to my next class. Always such a gentleman! We even dated a couple of times after we had left high school. He was my date who took me to a formal dinner ball put on by the Skaneateles Bank where I had then gone to work. We lost touch sometime after that and then life happened. I last spoke with him I think in 2008 or 2009 when he shared with me pics of his lovely family. I am so pleased that we had the chance to once know each other, and I am very sad to hear of his passing. He was a very dear friend!

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**Robyn Lee Paul McKinney** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Mike was really nice in school. He was a year behind me. RIP Mike.

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**Sue Reilley Safemaster** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM