



Michael "Mike" David Castleberry

October 14, 1942 - November 18, 2020

On Wednesday, November 18, 2020, Michael (Mike) Castleberry, passed away after a hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mike was born on October 14, 1942 in Springfield, Missouri to Marvin and Jean Castleberry. He enjoyed an idyllic childhood with his brother Ed and a menagerie of pets exploring the outdoors, camping, fishing, playing sports and other school activities. He studied at Durey College before completing his degree in Petroleum Engineering at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla, Missouri in 1965. After a few years in the workforce with Amoco Petroleum, Mike enlisted with the Navy. After OCS in Newport, Rhode Island, Mike was stationed in Okinawa Japan. His final tour was back in Newport where he met his wife of 49 years, Joan Mullare. Mike returned to Amoco. His career with Amoco continued for thirty-five years and nine cities in two countries ending in retirement in 1999.

Mike retired in 1999 and settled in Bentwater on Lake Conroe in Montgomery, Texas. Mike took full advantage of retirement filling his time with golf, travel, photography and books from his trips. He was also active in the Bentwater Men's Organization, Saint Vincent DePaul Society and as President of the Lake Conroe Community Network. He and Joan traveled to many areas of the globe including Europe, Russia, Iceland, Peru and the Galapagos Islands; the favorite being two safaris in Africa. His travel provided him beautiful subjects for his photography, his photo books, slideshows, cards and calendars.

Mike always considered his greatest accomplishments were his family and the

many friends he made along the way.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents and sister in law, Gail Mullare. He is survived by wife of 49 years, Joan; daughter, Kristen Castleberry of Houston, Texas; and son, David Castleberry of Montgomery, Texas; brother, Marvin (Ed) Castleberry (Elizabeth) of Lacey, Washington; brother in law, David Mullare of Hanover, Massachusetts; and many loving nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church under the outside pavilion in Plantersville, Texas on Monday, November 23rd at 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center – Pancreatic Cancer Research in honor of Michael Castleberry, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or www.mdanderson.org/gifts.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Plantersville, TX 77363

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" David Castleberry*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Photos of Mike resulting from all the trips together.
I forgot to mention in my first note, Mike was one of the original
members of the "Texas Tour" travelling golf group.
Bob Bierman*



Bob Bierman - December 02, 2020 at 11:07 AM

BB

“ Here's Mike:
Never a bad word for anyone, ever the optimist and never dwelling on the negative.
Golf: I always said he has such a simple swing, he would never make a bit mistake.
One of the four original founders of the "Tuesday Golf Group".
Fishing: Brought good food to Fayette each year and was a good fisherman.
Loved wine on our patios overlooking the lake.
Loved the birding trips and was the expert photographer in the group.
And last but not least, the first thing that comes to mind is that he is: "Mike the rules guy".
Bob Bierman

Bob Bierman - December 02, 2020 at 10:56 AM

CL

“ Stacey, Sydney and I always enjoyed spending time with Mike and Joan at Lake Conroe. Good memories of golf, cards, good wine and watching Mike enjoy time with our daughter Sydney. He was a natural at making people feel welcomed. Mike, you will be missed. Rest in Peace. God Bless.

Chris, Stacey & Sydney Laired



Chris, Stacey & Sydney Laired - November 23, 2020 at 10:41 PM

TS

Enjoyed Mike and Joan dropping by our home in Springfield, Mo while they were in town for Mike's Parkview High School Reunion...Peace of the Lord be with U, now and forever 🙏

Tom and Joyce Samsel

tom and Joyce Samsel - November 24, 2020 at 09:54 PM

LB

Great friend. He always was friendly and totally enjoyed life. He will be missed.

Larry Boberschmidt - November 29, 2020 at 04:08 PM

SH

“*Mike was a great friend and super person. He was mentor to us on all things Lake Conroe and Bentwater including fishing and lake level anxieties. Great memories of playing golf with Mike mostly in the longstanding Tuesday group of outlaws and also of the last couple of years we lived in Bentwater when we were a team trying to keep divots filled on #12 Weiskopf. We are still using the beautiful cards he created featuring his outstanding bird photography. Rest in peace Mike.*

Stan and Miriam Hemmeline

Stan Hemmeline - November 23, 2020 at 12:51 PM

DL

“*Mike was a fraternity brother at MSM, a lifelong friend and extended family. R.I.P.*

David and Dora Lee

David Lee - November 22, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *Mike was a great man. He was a good Brother, Father and Husband, a good Christian and Humanitarian, and a very successful Businessman. My childhood memories of the things we did together are indelible.*

I am proud to be his Brother.



Ed Castleberry - November 21, 2020 at 02:39 PM

KR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Kristen - November 21, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JC

Thank you Kristen and David for putting this great slide show together!!
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joan castleberry - November 21, 2020 at 06:46 PM

SL

Kristen and David did a great job on the video. I especially enjoyed the early pictures. You can't say that Mike didn't live his life to the fullest!

Sally Lee - November 22, 2020 at 08:13 AM



Great job with the photos! You are in our thoughts.

Ed Castleberry - November 23, 2020 at 01:03 PM

MD

“ *What a blessing to get to know our beautiful neighbors in this amazing place we live. The wine walk will miss you Mike!*



Mary Frances Doris - November 21, 2020 at 09:14 AM

DO

“ *Mike was among the first I met when I first arrived in Rolla. I came from the California oil fields. Mike was from a non energy state. I never understood why he went into the oil business but he did and he did in a big way. And in so doing he taught me alot about professionalism and honor. Thats what I remember most. That Mike Castleberry is an honorable man. ...*

Donrellison@hotmail.com - November 20, 2020 at 07:01 PM

JS

“ *Jack and Barb Strouts purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Michael "Mike" David Castleberry.*



Jack and Barb Strouts - November 20, 2020 at 03:02 PM

MP

“ *Whale watching and swimming in the Blue Lagoon in Iceland in August 2018. We have seen the world with Mike and Joan and loved every minute of it. You will be missed Mike. Rest In Peace dear friend.*



Mary Peterson - November 20, 2020 at 12:26 PM

JF

“ *We were privileged to know Mike and shared many great golf and fishing outings with him. A nice guy and a real gentleman. Rest in peace!*



Jeff and Marilyn Fortezzo - November 20, 2020 at 12:16 PM