



Michael Francis Florence

September 9, 1947 - December 2, 2020

Michael Florence passed away on December 2, 2020 in his home. Mike was born in Texas City, TX on September 9, 1947. He was raised in La Marque, TX, graduated from La Marque High School in 1965, and completed his bachelor's degree from Southwestern University in 1970. He met his wife, Helen, at Southwestern and they were married June 6, 1976 in Huntsville, TX. Mike was the son of S.M. and Juanita Hensley Florence.

Mike taught for 32 years and spent most of his teaching career at McCullough High School and The Woodlands High School in The Woodlands, TX. He particularly enjoyed teaching AP economics and playing The Houston Chronicle Stock Market Game. Mike's students appreciated his larger than life personality and voted him "favorite teacher."

Mike and Helen loved to travel. Their favorite spot was Jackson Hole, WY with a view of the Tetons. They also enjoyed taking care of the family farm and cows in Willis, TX. Mike was a long time member of the Texas A&M 12th Man Foundation.

Mike is survived by his wife Helen Andes Florence, brother David John Florence and wife Lisa, nephew Jacob Samuel Florence, and great niece Alexis Florence.

Mike will be remembered for his strong Christian faith, personal integrity and great sense of humor.

A Memorial Service will be Sunday, December 6, 2020 immediately following Sunday Service at 11:30am at Change Pointe Church, 400 Sgt. Ed Holcomb

Blvd. N., Conroe, TX 77304. There will be a Graveside Service at Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville, TX 77340 on Monday December 7, 2020 at 2pm. Mike will be buried next to his paternal grandfather, Samuel Mack Florence, Sr. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Change Pointe Church Building Fund. P.O. Box 253, Conroe, TX 77305-0253. You are invited to leave a written condolence on our website at www.shmfh.com. To view livestream of Memorial Service go to www.ChangePointeChurch.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 6. 11:30 AM (CT)

Change Pointe Church
400 Sgt. Ed Holcomb Blvd. N
Conroe, TX 77304
edith@shmfh.com

Graveside Service

DEC 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Francis Florence*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I had Mr Flo for Economics my senior year (1993). He was really passionate about the stock market, and had us play a stock market game. He actually made the stock market fun! Despite his tough exterior, I could tell he had a good heart and really loved his students. I'll never forget that when we were leaving he'd say, "goodbye and don't get run over by a Mack truck!"*

Sonia Walker-Aki - December 18, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ *I loved Mr. Flo and looked forward to his class. He hated freshmen and made it abundantly clear but he was nice to me so it made me feel special. He truly knew how to make economics fun and interesting. I'll always remember the fun we had in his class. He'll be forever missed.*

Kim McPherson - December 18, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *Flo was the best. His style of teaching made me excited about economics. He truly cared about his students and has left the world a much better place thanks to his great influence on so many people.*

brad chappell - December 17, 2020 at 09:33 PM

RN

“ Teachers are a special breed and Mr. Florence was more than special. He once allowed a couple of us students to present our 1952 presidential election report as a video. We did not want to disappoint him and were very committed to the project. We spent hours and hours creating costumes, a script and even shot commercials. Mr. Flo was a very compassionate and caring teacher who let us be ourselves. He was also a sniper with that water bottle if you dozed off in class. You will be missed Mr. Florence.

Rob Nite (Class of 90)

Robert Nite - December 17, 2020 at 09:14 PM

 Jamie
McPherso

“ So sad to read of his passing. I worked at McCullough High school with he and Helen. Both were wonderful people. My kids loved Flo and had daily classroom stories, he was a great teacher and all kids loved him. He was always so kind to me and was so fun to be around.

Praying for Helen 🙏

Jamie McPherson - December 17, 2020 at 08:35 PM

GE

“ *Mr. Florence was my U.S. History and Economics teacher. I had Mrs. Florence for Latin 1 & 2. He was a great influence with his humor and unique way of teaching. He was the foundation of my US History knowledge. He was not only a great teacher, but a terrific and warm hearted human being.*

I remember how he protected me during my freshman year from 2 bullies in our classroom who used to pick on me due to my small stature in High School. He placed my desk right next to his desk for protection. LOL!!! I will never forget him!!!

Our prayers are with you Mrs. Florence through this difficult time. May he RIP.

-George Boctor, MD (CLASS OF 1990)

GEORGE - December 17, 2020 at 07:25 PM

DJ

“ *It is an understatement to say that Mike Florence was a loyal friend as well as a terrific teacher. He, Helen Florence, Bart and I had many grand times before and after retirement. One particular hilarious moment occurred right after we'd parked to see an A&M home game. Mike ran way ahead of us to the stadium to be the actual first person at the game in order to win the \$50 prize. We'll remember Mike as a first class person with the best sense of humor; he'll remain in our hearts and minds, Deborah Jealous*

Deborah Jealous - December 10, 2020 at 07:59 PM

SW

“ I was fortunate to have Mr. Florence for government. He put on a tough guy appearance for the riff raff, but was always kind underneath. I also had Mrs. Florence for Latin at the same time. We had these wonderful folks as chaperones on a UIL trip to San Antonio. As I recall: Veni, Vedi, Vici. Thanks for the memories Mr. Florence, Rest In Peace!
Scott Wight, Class of 1990

Scott Wight - December 08, 2020 at 08:22 AM

IF

“ It still makes me laugh thinking about his “Did everything come out okay?” as anyone returned from the bathroom. Seemingly a funny and subtle way to discourage us from leaving his classroom in the limited time he had with us. To me this spoke to the fact that he genuinely really cared about us and our presence in his class. He was one of the few adults who cracked the code on how to effectively communicate, connect with, and impact the often elusive teenage audience. I think it is safe to say the world lost one of the greatest teachers who has ever lived. Rest In Peace Flo. - Ilia Hall (Class of 1999)

Ilia Fox - December 07, 2020 at 04:25 PM

AJ

“ Class of 1987
I had Mr. Flo for history my 9th grade year. He was such a great man and I think everyone enjoyed going to his class. I also had Mrs. Flo for English. Neither will know the impact they had on so many lives. RIP Mr.Flo and Mrs Flo I am very sorry for u and your families loss.

Alan Johnstone - December 07, 2020 at 08:15 AM



By far my favorite teacher. Keith Collier was in my class too. We were a pretty obnoxious group. I think it was the last class of the day. He was extremely patient, to say the least. Very kind man, but put his foot down when he needed to. - Class of '88

Kim West - December 09, 2020 at 10:11 AM

PH

“ *I remember having Mr. Florence in Knox and McC. He was always caring and often checked on me when he saw me having trying times. He was a great guy and often think of him. My love and prayers to you all..*

Pete Haviland

Class of 85

Pete Haviland - December 07, 2020 at 02:19 AM

A(

“ *Class of 2002*
Mr. Flo was an amazing teacher and man. To this day when I listen to Marketplace I'm reminded of his class and his teachings. We loved his hilarious antics, yelling "Opportunity cost" at us and telling us stories. We learned so much and were left with such fond memories, looking at all the remembrances it's amazing just how many decades of students he impacted. I'll never forget coming back to TWHS after my first year of college to say hello and seeing the tears in his eyes to see one of his former students. He was an authentic person who was well loved and will be sincerely missed.

Anna von Holt (Stephenson) - December 06, 2020 at 11:28 PM

TS

“ *Class of 1995 - I have never forgotten Flo and his hilarious antics. He had his own way of teaching and a memorable one. I know he has touched many many lives over the years. Rest In Peace.*

Tara Sowell - December 06, 2020 at 09:57 PM

BR

“ *The class I had with Mr. Florence was incredibly engaging. His antics were so over the top that I was completely delighted and aww struck most of the time. I also absolutely enjoyed my Latin classes year after year with Mrs. Florence as well. I was always dumbstruck as to how loud and “crazy” Mr. Flo was compared to Mrs. Florence being so incredibly sweet. I will always remember them both fondly and forever.*

Brandon Reynolds, class of '91.

Brandon Reynolds - December 06, 2020 at 09:16 PM

TB

“ *I was Class of 1989 and I remember his class like yesterday. He was one of the great ones! He passion for economics was inspiring. I never forgot where I learned the law of supply and demand! He was hilarious and came up with nicknames for all of us. Mine was “bubble brain” because I couldn’t seem to remember to bring a pencil to class for the scantron tests. Ever. I had to give him my shoe on more than one occasion to borrow his. 😂 My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.*

Tracey D’Avignon Bieser - Class of 89

Tracey D’Avignon Bieser - December 06, 2020 at 07:56 PM

EH

“ Flo was one of my favorite teachers from high school. I was in his AP Eco class and I remember all the crazy abbreviations he would teach us to remember stuff for the AP test. I also learned to play Hearts in his classroom and we played cards often (though we were still all well prepared for the AP test). He was hilarious and always made us laugh and kept us entertained. Sending love to his family. He was a great man.

erin hall - December 06, 2020 at 04:21 PM

SF

“ I knew Mr. Florence because his wife was my Latin II teacher my sophomore year at McC. I don't remember the reason, but I do remember going to dinner with the Florence's at Hof Brau house in Conroe. Flo was larger than life and I always enjoyed being around him. My condolences to Mrs. Florence. So many people lost this year that will be greatly missed. Scott Frnka, McC Class of '89.

Scott Frnka - December 06, 2020 at 03:53 PM

PM

Incredible man, teacher and mentor. Loved his class. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this time.

Thank you Flo for being you! It was awesome and you brought it every day. RIP.

Penn Mallery '88

penn mallery - December 09, 2020 at 07:59 PM

HF

Thank you to all who have made comments. I enjoy reading them. We were married for 44 years. I am missing him so much. God bless you all, Mrs. Flo

Helen Florence - December 10, 2020 at 05:36 PM

CW

Hello Mrs Florence . So sorry to hear the sad news . Take care of yourself and if you need anything please let me know .

*Carl Walk
Lansdowne Moody Co.*

Carl Walk - December 16, 2020 at 11:13 PM

SJ

Mr. Florence is nothing short of a legend. There's not a chance that anyone who had him as a teacher doesn't have at least one rich memory and story to tell. He received the antics as well as he dealt them. I remember leaving class one day right around Tax Day to call into his temporary building pretending to be a tax auditor notifying him of his delinquent and past due taxes. He was fit to be tied when he figured out our 10 minute banter was a hoax.

Sarah (Skodack) de Jong - 1996

Sarah de Jong - December 20, 2020 at 12:45 AM