



Ted Edward Michael

December 12, 1937 - December 19, 2008

Ted Edward Michael, died peacefully in his sleep on December 12th, 2008 at the age of 71. Ted was born on December 12, 1937 to Fred Michael and Monta Morgan in Payson, Oklahoma. After high school in Gainesville, he attended North Texas State University in Texas, graduating with a B.S. in Business. Following graduation he went to work for Chrysler Corporation in Allen while still attending college. Upon attaining his Masters Degree he went to work for the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas. In 1977 he left UTHSC and took a position at Sam Houston State to be closer to his brothers and sisters. Ted worked for Sam Houston State for 31 years as the Director of Human Resources. While at SHSU he also started and developed a Varsity Men's Soccer program and the Huntsville Youth Soccer Association, thereby bringing soccer to the city of Huntsville. Ted was highly respected at SHSU and had a very successful career. He was also the President of the Personnel Administrators of Texas Senior College Universities for many years. Ted was responsible for helping hundreds of young soccer players obtain scholarships and attend college. Ted was a strong and reliable leader and mentor who could be counted on to help anyone in need. He worked with and coached thousands of youth soccer players through camps, clubs, teams and associations. Ted was a loving, caring and giving husband, father and grandfather. He was very committed to his family and was there when anyone needed help. He is survived by his beloved wife Lisa and her daughter Alexandra, son Ted Michael Jr. of Huntsville, son Ronny Michael and

daughter-in-law Anita Laurentz and grand children Levi and Ryder of Austin, son Ricky Michael and daughter-in-law Debbie Michael of Hempstead, sister Sue Parks and her husband Cortney Parks of Huntsville, sister Minnie Lou Culp, sister Freda Brink of Travers City, Michigan , sister Jo Nell Hajovosky and her husband George of Houston, Fred Michael and his wife Kim of Houston, Sister Mary Beth Wilson of Bryan, brother Richard Michael and wife Judy of Kingwood. Visitation will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursday December 18th. The funeral will take place on Friday December 19th at 3 pm at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Pallbearers include Ted Michael Jr., Ronny Michael, Ricky Michael, Ron McMahon, Fred Michael and Richard Michael. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the Ted E. Michael Memorial Soccer Scholarship & Endowment at 135 Pin Oak Lane - Hempstead, TX 77445. These very precious words must be a party of this information. When I was growing up like many children, I looked outside my home for my heroes. I didn't have to look very far. I found my hero in my grandfather, Jack Vaughn. He was an athlete and a strong man with great character. Everywhere in Gainesville that I went, there was evidence to confirm my newfound hero. People would come out of the woodwork, look me in the eye, and tell me what a great man my grandfather was. I even wanted to have crow's feet like his, so I would squint and wink but could never achieve the desired trade marks. I never heard my grandfather once criticize or make trivial of something that any one valued no matter how ridiculous. He was a zen master and my chosen hero. Being the argumentative brother in the family, I often challenged and butted heads with my dad. One time on a driving trip to Gainesville, I had, in my mind, a great un-justice done to me by my dad over something now that was so trivial, I can't even remember what it was over. All I remember was the hurt and the anger. So, I got out of the car and searched out my hero, my grandfather, to tell on my dad. I was so sure that he would take my side because he was so fair and wise. I found him under a shade tree with his dogs and my uncle Don. I told Jack what

happened (I am sure in a bias way favoring my side). When I had finished, my grandpa, the greatest man I know, looked at me in a way I had never seen or have ever seen, and in a strong stern voice he looked me in eye and said, "Your dad is a great man, he is one of the greatest men I have ever known!" and got up and walked way with his dogs in tow. I stood there in total shock. Then, my uncle Don, who looked liked Steve Mc Queen's younger twin brother, looked down at me and said, "Ted has done more for this family than you will ever know" and also walked away. Jack knew then what we all know now in this room my dad was, and always will be, a great man! But now as I hear stories about my dad and read postings on the web site. I have realized once again how great he was. And now once again like that small child I once was, I realize once again how little of my fathers greatness that I knew. Don't get me wrong, I knew he had done many great things, but I had no idea of the magnitude. That is because he never boasted or bragged or even asked for a thank you. He just did it. Now, I look out and see all the people he had touched and who had touched him. And I just want to say thank you for sharing in his greatness and may we all go out of here today and continue to share his kindness, fairness and unselfish generosity with others. He is my Hero. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Ted Edward Michael*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Wow i just found out through some former players that Coach Michael's had passed away.... I am glad I got to play for him the years that I was there. Keith Campbell found a picture right after we beat A&M and we have been commenting on it. Brad Self was the one who brought up the funeral of Coach Michael's. I never came back for the Alumni matches because I never graduated from SHSU. I got married instead. I remember when Ronny played with us that one year. Thanks for letting me help out in one of the Summer Camps. I had a blast. My prayers and Condolences to the Michaels family. Hopefully one day we can all meet up and talk about all the good times. I played Goalkeeper in the early '90's.*

GEORGE LONGORIA - January 14, 2009 at 11:08 AM



“ *Coach, we had many, MANY disagreements when I played for you from '83-'87, but you proved what a big man you were by glossing over our disagreements and giving me a scholarship each year. I couldn't have completed my undergraduate degree without either that support or your faith in me. So thanks for looking beyond the whistle throwing and the red cards, and for giving me four memorable years as a Bearkat.*

Doc - December 23, 2008 at 07:16 PM

PK

“ Coach - thanks for taking a chance on me. Your blind scholarship offer brought me to a new country, allowed me the opportunity to meet my wife and provided the platform for my career. The years between 1984-88 were the best of my life and I have plenty of great memories from the roadtrips with non-stop Rod Stewart music and endless U-turns.....are we there yet???

Swede

peter karlsson - December 23, 2008 at 06:07 PM

JN

“ Ricky, Ronnie & Teddy,
I am so sorry about your father's passing. I worked for your father in H.R. in the last 80's & early 90's. The only reason I'm still not in his dept. is because I relocated to Chicago; I would have never quit working for such a wonderful person. He was so easy going (must have been that Zen influence) & kind. I was very ill at one point while employed under him & he so generously helped me keep my employment. He told me I would always be able to come back to SHSU if I wanted to. I feel so blessed to have known him, to have worked for him & felt his serenity & good humor. I extend my deepest sympathy to you, all of his family, friends & colleagues. He will be missed dearly, but a smile & warmth will come across my face & heart when I think of him. Rest in peace dear friend.
Jacqueline Nobani

Jacqueline Nobani - December 23, 2008 at 02:45 PM

CH

“ I was sorry to hear about Uncle Ted's passing. I only wish I had known him better. I have a few nice memories from childhood & Daddy's stories, but from all the wonderful comments left here, it sounds like he is leaving quite a legacy. Please accept my sincerest sympathies in this time of grief.

Cheryl Michael Hubert - December 20, 2008 at 02:02 PM

SW

“ For Ted's Family,

My deepest sympathies to you.

*Sarah Woods
SHSU Business Office*

Sarah Woods - December 19, 2008 at 12:55 PM

RM

“ Ricky, Ronny, and Teddy:

Thank you for sharing your Dad with me for the last 32 years. Ted was my role model, my business partner, my best friends' father, and my second father. I will never be able to fill the void in my life caused by his passing.

I will forever be in his debt for the positive influence he had on developing my character, my integrity, my dedication, and my commitment.

I mourn with you my brothers and I stand strong to support you as you pay final respects to your father, The Family Rock.

Ron McMahan - December 19, 2008 at 12:16 PM

RD

“ My condolences to Ted's family and friends. Ted was a colleague at Sam Houston and I appreciated his friendship, his easy going nature and friendly smile. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. Robert Dunning, University Registrar-Retired.

Robert Dunning - December 19, 2008 at 10:28 AM

HF

“ Ricky, Debbie and the family -- So sorry to hear of your loss. Ted served as a model for us all. His story inspires me to work harder on living up to my potential.

Helen & Don Hodges Family - December 19, 2008 at 10:08 AM

KK

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I didn't know Mr. Michael personally but have heard of his wonderful reputation both personally and professionally while working at SHSU. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God Bless.

Kristie Kelarek - December 19, 2008 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ My condolences go out to Ted's family and friends. Ted gave me my first opportunity to work in the fascinating field of HR, something he was passionate about. He was a great mentor, friend, and a pretty good airplane pilot! He will be missed by many who's lives he touched.

Jay Stuart - December 19, 2008 at 09:22 AM

MG

“ *To the Michael family
I am very sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I will always carry good memories of all the times we spent together. Your father played an important part in my life and he will be missed by a lot of people. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely
Marco*

Marco de la Guardia - December 18, 2008 at 11:54 PM

WF

“ *Ricky, Debbie and family, We are so sorry to hear about your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless.
Kathy, Steve, Rachel and Zach*

Walton Family - December 18, 2008 at 09:25 PM

RL

“ *Thanks coach - for all you did for me and my family - thanks for taking me in like a member of the family, thanks to Helen, Ronnie, Ricky and Teddy for so many lifelong memories, thanks for the cookouts at the cabin, thanks for the many road trips, thanks for all the camps and friendships made.
So many wonderful memories
Bearth
81-86
Robert*

Robert LR - December 18, 2008 at 07:35 PM

DJ

“ *Ricky, We're sorry to hear about the passing of your Father. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

Doug Jackson - December 18, 2008 at 07:24 PM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Ted was a wonderful and very gracious individual. Your family was very lucky to have him as a husband, father and brother. May the Lord's blessings be with you and yours.

Jim and Terri Carver - December 18, 2008 at 07:16 PM

LS

“ I am sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lisa Schlimgen - December 18, 2008 at 06:07 PM

KK

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. I too played under Coach Michael back in the 90's. One of my fondest memories was flying to an away game with Coach. At one point, he took us down pretty low and asked me to read the signs on the Interstate so he could figure out where we were. Sure enough, we had to turn around because we had flown too far. Then, when we got to our destination, we had to make several passes because of the cattle on the "runway" (It looked more like a field to me). Coach was a great man and will be missed.

Karl Kuhlman - December 18, 2008 at 05:09 PM

OG

“ As a former Coolegiate soccer player under th direction of Ted Michael I learned alot about the game of soccer and course of life. Ted was omeone you looked up to in every respect. He is the one you trusted with your life, especially a few thousand feet in the air in his plane. He was also dedicated to making sure that each soccer player learned how to leave his program sucessful in every way. I just saw you a few weeks ago as a friend in soccer Ted, but I will always remember you as Coach. Sincerly Robert, Elaine, and AJ (Alexandria)Gatewood.

Officer Robert Gatewood - December 18, 2008 at 03:58 PM

TA

“ Ricky, I am sending my condolences you, Ms. Deb, and Ronny and his family. SHSU, the city of Huntsville, and the game of soccer lost a good man when yor father passed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless.

Tagle - December 18, 2008 at 01:38 PM

CH

“ I too am a former player on the Men's Soccer Team that played under Coach Michael. It is with a heavy heart that we have to say farewell to a man that is and will always be a part of my and many others college history. We will all miss him but will keep many memories of him at the practice and on game days. I will always appreciate his belief in me as a player and as a person. My heart goes out to his family in their time of need, and to all the former players of Coach. Thanks Coach, we'll miss you.

Chris Herrera - December 18, 2008 at 01:13 PM

TF

“ *The Hinners Family would like to send our condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*John, Patti, Bailey & Aubry Hinners
Westlake High School Soccer Family*

The Hinners Family - December 18, 2008 at 11:02 AM

AJ

“ *I had the privilege to work in Human Resources/Sam Houston State University for 7 years, under the guidance of Ted Michaels. He was a great man and a great boss. He will be missed.*

Allyson Jordy - December 18, 2008 at 09:43 AM

HD

“ *We here at Hercules Offshore would like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences. You and your family are in our prayers. May God strengthen you and your family in your time of sorrow. God Bless.*

HERCULES OFFSHORE-AP Department - December 18, 2008 at 09:38 AM

DC

“ *We worked together for many years and I'm so sorry to hear of Ted's passing. He will surely be missed. My prayers, quiet moments and positive thoughts will be with his family as they travel through this time.*

Debi Cardwell - December 18, 2008 at 09:18 AM

LD

“ I'm also a former player. Coach and I didn't always get along during my playing days, but he was always genuinely happy to see me at alumni games. Playing at Prichett Field won't ever be the same. We'll miss you, Coach. Rest in peace.

Lee Doctoroff - December 17, 2008 at 10:57 PM

DM

“ I played for Coach Michael at SHSU in the mid-90's, and I'm happy to say he gave all of the players plenty of laughs over the years. I saw him just a month or so ago, during our annual Alumni Match, and he still had a familiar grin on his face. He seemed genuinely happy to be spending time with his former players, and learning about what we've made of ourselves.

Our prayers are with Ronny, Ricky, and the entire Michael family.

RIP, Coach.

David Marshall - December 17, 2008 at 09:41 PM

NJ

“ So sorry to hear about Ted! My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Norma Dell Jones, former SHSU Alumni Director (1977-1992) of Lovelady.

Norma Dell Jones - December 17, 2008 at 04:44 PM

BN

“ So sorry to hear of Ted's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - December 16, 2008 at 01:27 PM