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Winship, Michael Steven~ Born August 19, 1946 in Kahuku, Hawaii, and passed away February 10, 2011 in Dallas, Texas. Mike was raised by John and Gerri Winship. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years Diana L. Deshotels Winship, his son Michael and wife Laurel Winship, and his three grandchildren Michael Taylor, Hunter and Isabella Winship of Frisco, Texas. Mike graduated high school in Ft. Worth, Texas and immediately joined the Marines. He proudly served our country, volunteering for multiple tours in Vietnam. Mike was decorated for his valor, receiving several medals. He was honorably discharged from the military and began his life long career as a systems analyst working for many large companies in the Dallas area. He and his wife Diana planted their roots in Richardson, TX in the early seventies and have remained in that home since. One of Mike's proudest achievements was his seventeen years of sobriety and his service through his group. He was a well known speaker and widely admired by all who knew him. A friend wrote, "Mike exemplified for me what a trusted servant in the Fellowship is supposed to be: solid, calm, steadfast, resting on the bedrock of principle, welcoming and encouraging to the newcomer, able to see the humor in a situation while never forgetting the grave earnestness of our purpose." A memorial service will be Saturday, Feb 19, at 10:00 am at the Wildwood Chapel at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas. Please join the family for refreshments at their home in Richardson immediately following the service.



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JR

Jody And Laurie Roberts posted:

Mike, our paths crossed for only a short time, but you are still well-remembered. You mentored me not only in the technical workings of ancient computers, but in life, love, and happiness. Your words are still fresh in my mind, even as I teach others as you have taught me. It's been over 7 years since your passing, and almost 30 since we last spoke, but you are still well-remembered. Peace-

September 10 at 6:47 PM

DB

Daphne B. posted:

Diana, Michael and family – so sorry for your loss. Mike was truly an interesting soul in this momentary world that we share before our Lord calls each of us to Him. Death is not a period – – it's only a comma. – 1 Thel. 4:13

August 24 at 7:24 PM

JM

Jo-Anne M posted:

Mike was a great example to everyone who met him. He truly "walked the walk". He will be missed all through the "fellowship" for many years.

August 24 at 7:15 PM

MW

Mary White posted:

Mike, I could never thank you enough for being there for my son Michael. His heart is heavy with the loss of you but I know you will be with him always. May God look after Diana and help her grieving heart. Rest In Peace Mike

August 24 at 2:43 PM

LW

Lois Willis posted:

Mike was good friend and he will be missed. He served his group and Area well and sat a good examplpe for people around him. So long my friend.

August 24 at 1:55 PM



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JC

John Clariday posted:

Mike was a dedicated member of the program and a serious friend.

August 24 at 12:10 PM

BM

Bill N - Meadowbrook posted:

Mike was as dedicated a Trusted Servant as anyone I have ever known. His intensity left a mark on many Panels in our Area and I am honored to have served along side him.

August 24 at 9:48 AM

SG

Suzy M., Richardson Group posted:

Mike taught me that the GSR's most important role was as upholder of the Twelve Traditions, for which I am grateful.

August 24 at 9:20 AM

KM

Kay Mcintire posted:

Mike was such a support to our family when we lost our father over 5 years ago. I very much appreciate him being at the hospital with us and giving us a shoulder to cry on. Rest In Peace, Mike.

August 24 at 8:24 AM

LW

Les And Vicky Wilson posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are on Diana and the rest of the family at this sorrowful time. Remember, you have friends who will be there to carry you through.

August 24 at 4:27 AM

LO

Linda Orcutt posted:

Mike was a good friend. I learned so much from Mike. He had a great sense of humor, cared so deeply for his family, and cared for his fellows steadfastly. Say Hi to Tim, dear friend. Love, Linda Orcutt

February 9 at 7:00 PM



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FC

Frances Chandler posted:

My dear Diana and Family. Each of you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God just put his loving arms around you and comfort you, only in the way He can. When you need a friend, call. Your Higher Power will carry, each of, you when you can't walk. May God bless. Lovingly, Frances C

February 9 at 7:00 PM

LW

Luke W. posted:

Mike, you're a hero of mine, and I'm so grateful to have gotten closer to you than a lot of people might have had the chance to. Things aren't the same without you here, and not in a good way. I miss you terribly already, but I know I'll see you again. I love ya, Mike! I always will. Your friend... Luke

February 9 at 7:00 PM

NT

Norman Tabor posted:

My Diana & Family, I send my love and thoughts to you today and every day as you grieve the passing of your dear Husband, father & grandfather. He was a dear and special friend to me and I will miss him so very much as I know you do already. Please know that I love and support you in any way I can. Remember He has gone to be with his Heavenly Father and he will be watching over you. Nothing can ever take away his loving memory from you and us. With love in Christ, Norman

February 9 at 7:00 PM

ML

Mike L. posted:

No words could ever describe my love for Grumpy! He was me and I was him. Grumps made me a better man just through his example and he showed me so much love. Just being in the room with him or hearing his voice was all I needed to know that life is just fine one day at a time. We spent so much time together and never once did we have a bad word towards each other. We could share about life on life's terms and either agree or agree to disagree. I am so sorry for your loss. Through Grumps I was able to develop a relationship with his lovely Wife, Son, and Daughter in Law, and now I am fortunate to get to know his precious grandkids. My heart is heavy and my life has forever been changed. I loved that man so much. Thank you for sharing him with me. He was and always will be my best friend in the world. God bless and Semper fi.

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MH

Mitchell Hogg posted:

Hello Diana and Michael, While not unexpected, there is little one can do to prepare for the death of a person who was as significant as Mike was in so many ways to me. From our days at EDS, our shared experiences with my children, and that he was the one who carried the message to me when I was in my most vulnerable phase in life were life changing experiences. . Throughout the years, Mike has always held a special place in my heart, and he will be missed over and over again; he was a terrific mentor in many ways to me. Together we walked side by side one day at a time through what I considered some of the worst times of my life. He never said "No, I do not have time", "I will get back to you" and did not, etc. With no doubt or reservation, Mike will be missed by many in our Fellowship.

February 9 at 7:00 PM

MO

Michele Owsley posted:

Diana: You are in my thoughts and prayers. You have the love of many friends. May you find comfort and healing. Michele

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DP

Donna Payton posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Diana. I always got a kick out of meeting you and Mike out front with your dogs. Seems like our lives were too busy to do much more than that. We have been neighbors for nearly 37 years. If you need anything, I am right across the street.

February 9 at 7:00 PM

KL

Karen Leddy posted:

Mike was my husband's best friend and a trusted servant of our fellowship. We called him Grumpy. I was lucky to have served with him, he was an example of the traditions everyday. Mike and his wife ate breakfast with my husband every Saturday. I have been able to accompany them for the last couple of months, it will never be the same without him there. I know that Mike will be in Heaven with us one day, Grumpy t-shirt and all!

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Keith C. posted:

Mike exemplified for me what a trusted servant in the Fellowship is supposed to be: solid, calm, steadfast, resting on the bedrock of principle, welcoming and encouraging to the newcomer, able to see the humor in a situation while never forgetting the grave earnestness of our purpose. I will miss him, but I know that he and his good friend Ted K. are still in service, preparing the way for us to follow.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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