



Michael Hardesty

March 31, 1946 - April 28, 2021

Michael Hardesty, 75, passed away at his home on April 28, 2021. He died peacefully with the presence of his sister, children, grandchildren, and, most important, his loving wife of 50 years.

A lifelong resident of Louisville, he attended St. Columba Elementary, Flaget High School and the University of Louisville. Later in life, Michael would also receive a certificate in creative writing from Stanford University which, for him, served as a source of great pride.

He founded a marketing communications firm 40 years ago where his appreciation for the written word began to develop. He would become a published author and poet, but it was his heartfelt, personal writing that resonated most with those he loved and those who loved him. His interests ranged from field hockey and fishing to horse racing and the arts, but, above all, Michael was forever devoted to his family. Throughout his life, he found no greater joy than that of spending time with his grandchildren, always taking the extra step to ensure those moments were meaningful and memorable. Poppa will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Francis and Mary Hardesty; his brother, George Hardesty; and his sisters, Jeanne Allin and Margaret Hardesty.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Barker Hardesty; children, Paul (Dana) Hardesty and Suzanne Pritchard (Willy); grandchildren, Sara Beth Hardesty and Owen and Thomas Pritchard; and sister, Mary Jo Roberts.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 – 4:30 PM Sunday, May 2, at Pearson's, 149 Breckenridge Lane. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may go to The Louisville Orchestra.

Events

MAY	Visitation	01:00PM - 04:30PM
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	Pearson Funeral Home	
	149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207	

Comments



“ I did not realize of his death until today. I just want to say he was the best boss I ever had and a good friend. Thinking of his family.

Lisa Orourke - November 20 at 09:38 AM



“ I had not idea Michael had passed away until I looked up his FB account tonight. I am almost at a loss for words. This is such a loss to so many who knew and loved Michael. I met Michael when he was in the 8th grade. He played in a band with my brother. He was so smart, fun, serious, thought provoking, and somewhat of a rebel back then. I liked him from the day I meet him and was so lucky to connect with him again several years ago. I spent a memory filled evening at his house where we shared a night of memories both good and otherwise. We caught up on our lives that night, and I was so happy to see that he and Martha had made such a good, happy life together.

Martha, I am so, so very sorry for the loss of your best friend and longtime partner. I know you two were meant for one another and had grown together in such a positive way. I am sorry for your grandchildren who I know Michael adored and for your children who I know loved him so much as he did them. I hope your memories provide you with moments of happiness knowing how your lives had been so happily shared for so many years.

This is such a loss for so many people who loved Michael. He will be missed by many and never replaced!!!!

With deep sorrow,

Paula Jansen Shafe

Paula Jansen Shafe - October 13 at 06:51 AM



“ Michael was a great friend to know because his mind was so active, creative and unbound to convention. We had many wonderful Discussions over lunches and i came to know him as a much deeper person than the businessman, horse racing enthusiast, and guy you saw on the street. I am just now learning he has passed and it leaves a large hole in my heart to know so. To Martha, Paul and others in the family I am so sorry for the loss. I will remember Michael for many reasons all the days of my life.

Bill Medley - May 03 at 06:51 PM



“ So glad Willy posted this, so Stan and I can offer our condolences to Suzanne, Willy, the boys and the rest of the Hardesty family. It must be a heartache for all of you.

Sending love at such this very sad time.

Sally and Stanley Macdonald

sally macdonald - May 01 at 12:13 PM



“ My Uncle Mike was an important part of my life growing up, even though we lived far from each other. My yearly visits to Louisville were always enjoyed with wonderful family dinners, watching Mike play baseball, and trips to the amusement park. Mike was always such a part of these events. My sympathies to Mike's family. RIP Mike.

Jeanne M. Verity - May 01 at 11:56 AM