



Michael Thomas Hughes

September 10, 1956 - December 10, 2020

Michael Thomas Hughes passed on December 10 in Butler Pennsylvania. Mike was born on September 10, 1956 in Washington D.C. to the late James Thomas and Eugenia Francis Hughes. The family lived in Rockville, MD, San Jose, CA, and Cincinnati, OH before settling in Fairview, PA in 1970.

Mike graduated from Fairview High School in Erie, Pa in 1974 where he played on championship Football and Baseball teams while earning All-Erie-County honors in both sports. He joined the Navy shortly after high school and completed Radar School at the top of his class in April 1975 at Great Lakes, Illinois. After suffering a traumatic injury in the Navy, Mike was honorably discharged and moved back to Erie. Mike married his future wife Sandy and eventually moved to Butler, Pa. Mike is remembered by his nephews as the Uncle who was "always active with us kids, playing sandlot football and making himself available to us." 'Uncle' Mike was an encouraging influence to his nephews in their academic, athletic, and musical activities. He had an excellent memory, never failed to send a birthday card or greeting to family when it was really needed. Mike made himself available via Zoom meetings in the last months of his life, encouraging and complimenting family members in his thoughtful manner. Mike is missed, but his memory remains an example to follow.

He is survived by 4 siblings: Elizabeth "Lisa" Ann (San Francisco, CA), Anthony "Tony" Joseph Hughes (Tucson, AZ), Lindsay Hughes Baynes (Walnut Creek, CA), and Katherine "Kate" Hughes (Delray Beach, FL). Mike is also survived by 4 nephews Zachary Hughes (Philadelphia, PA), Jeffrey Hughes (Erie, PA), Liam Baynes (Washington State), and Anthony James Hughes (Tucson, AZ), many Cousins, and a multitude of friends around the United States.

A memorial service will be held at a future date likely to be in early summer 2021.

Arrangements by Young Funeral Home, Ltd., Butler, PA.

Comments



“ 1973 Fairview Tigers Baseball
Great Season
Great rally
Great team
RIP Mike Hughes

The Ellis Family - August 28, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ Of the fourteen of us first cousins Mike had to have been the sweetest and most gentle. Always a smile and a warm greeting. His smile was always there.

It's been fun to read about Mike's athletic abilities. A three-on-three basketball game on Pasadena at Kate's graduation weekend is still fodder for bragging rights around here.

He was a champ!

Blessings to you all.

Chris and Gerry Higdon

chris cosgrove higdon - December 24, 2020 at 05:47 AM



“ I am so sorry for you all. I saw many a baseball games he played with my brother Tim Slaven . They won a championship together. The most exciting game ever. He also had a great laugh and personality. All the Hughes kids did!!

terri stalmach - December 21, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“Charlie and Don reminded me of the Championship Baseball game at the end of the 1973 season ... against Harborcreek: Fairview was down 2 runs in the bottom of the last inning with 2 outs. Mike hit a single, then stole second base, and the 3 run rally was on! That never say die spirit was inspiring to us younger guys. Mike was the best High School center fielder I ever saw. No bloop singles ever dropped in front of him. When a ball was hit to center, we all knew Mike would catch it. Reliable! Thanks for the memories guys!

Tony Hughes - December 20, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“Best memories of Mike were around playing baseball and he was a great teammate. Every time I watched Josh Reddick play, he reminded me of Mike, and that was every time and many times... Mike was always a perfect gentleman, and although I know he could be tough, he had a soft side and big heart. I liked him....

Don Rutz - December 19, 2020 at 07:00 AM



“This news shocked me! RIP old friend! Mike and I were very good high school friends and played ball together. He was part of our baseball ECL championship team in 1973. I will miss him!

Charlie McDougall - December 19, 2020 at 06:01 AM



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Tony Hughes - December 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“Mike as a Freshman at Cathedral Prep ... before he changed to Fairview High School ... a great move for Fairview!

Tony Hughes - December 19, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ Mike and I shared bunkbeds together and a room together up until High School. We played on volleyball and basketball teams together at the YMCA as kids. Our teams would usually win because Mike was very competitive ... and talented. When we were very young, we would get up before anyone in the house to watch Cartoons on a Saturday morning. Most of the time the cartoons weren't on yet ... only a test pattern and a constant tone from the TV. Mike called it the "Oooo" show. He had a great laugh and sense of humor! That was before cable when there were only 3 TV stations. We lived at the bottom of a hill on Pasadena Drive. In the winter when cars would get stuck going up the hill, Mike would usually grab me so he and I would often times push the car up the hill.



Tony Hughes - December 18, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ Mike was a great athlete and had a great memory.
He is missed!



Anthony J. Hughes - December 16, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ Anthony J. Hughes lit a candle in memory of Michael Thomas Hughes



Anthony J. Hughes - December 16, 2020 at 04:11 PM