



Michael "Mike" Lewis Sauer

March 31, 1960 - June 16, 2024

Michael "Mike" Lewis Sauer, age 64 of Rocklin, California, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones.

Mike was born on March 31, 1960, to Christian and Madeline Sauer in Chico, California and graduated from Pleasant Valley High School in 1978. After graduation, Mike worked various jobs and was part owner of several local businesses including Star Liquors and McDuffy's Deli. He later built and managed the "Final Score" bar in Chico (now Riley's), a popular spot for students to hangout and watch games. After the sale of that business, Mike entered the telecommunications service industry which began in Iowa, designing and building the Iowa State Communications Network (ISCN). While working in Iowa, Mike met the love of his life, Judy Sonntag. Mike and Judy were married in 1994 and have two children, Alex (AJ), now 26 years old, and Madison, now 25 years old.

In 2000, Mike joined and became part-owner of ITC Service Group, Inc. (ITC), a company providing personnel staffing, construction management, engineering, and installation services for the construction and maintenance of communications networks on a national level, for various companies such as AT&T, Verizon, Google Fiber, and others. ITC had over 700 employees in over thirty (30) states when it was sold in 2016. Mike's dedication and hard work were evident in everything he pursued, leaving a lasting impact on colleagues and friends.

Mike, a beloved husband, father, brother, and a friend to many, led a life centered around creating memories for loved ones, providing for his family, and volunteering in his community. A family man at heart, his children will remember him for the spectacular childhood he helped create. No task was too small to make an impact. From replacing basketball nets at the elementary school, power washing the stands at the little league, hosting Camp Louie for his nieces and nephews, buying golf carts galore, to never missing a game, he was determined to be present and at the core of every memory. He was best known for his contagious smile, kindness, generosity, and most of all his sense of humor. He will continue to inspire and guide those who were fortunate enough to know him.

In his spare time, Mike enjoyed playing golf with his high school buddies, listening to music on his back patio, spending time at Lake Almanor, and watching the San Francisco Giants and 49ers.

Mike will be dearly missed by his six (6) sisters, Debbie Dutra, Lynette Coleman, Becky Gordon of Chico, CA., Stephaine Ciotti and Karin Thomas of Roseville, CA and Susie Hughes of Rocklin, CA. Also, his two (2) brothers, Chris Sauer of Glenbrook, NV and Tim Sauer of San Jose Del Cabo, MX; 13 nieces and nephews; and 6 great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on June 22, 2024, at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to Parkinson's Association of Northern California (PANC) in memory of Michael Sauer.

Please join us in celebrating the life of Michael Sauer, as we remember a remarkable individual whose spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

Rest in peace, Mike. You will be deeply missed.

Previous Events

Mass Livestream

JUN 22. 11:00 AM.

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<https://youtu.be/as21ete4yZ0>

<https://www.youtube.com/live/QknZZtlzdvQ>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 22. 11:00 AM (PT)

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic

4450 Granite Drive

Rocklin, CA 95677

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Judy, Marty and I have moved to SC beginning of July. I happened to be watching mass today at Sts Peter & Paul on line. Father prayed for the soul of Mike Sauer. Marty & I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our condolences from the Jenkins family. Mike always was so kind, with that great smile and sence of humor. I hope you find peace in all the wonderful memories you must have. Sending a big hug!! ❤️

MAUREEN JENKINS - August 18, 2024 at 01:07 PM

LI

“ Judy, AJ and Madison. My Mike and I send our deepest condolences to you all. We didn't know Mike outside of Rock Steady Boxing but it was enough to see what a great man he was. He was always cheerful, funny and encouraging to everyone around him. He made life more fun for the whole class in that short time. He will always be remembered.

Linda - June 22, 2024 at 07:02 PM

VS

“ My prayers have been with you and all in your family over the past few days. My mass on Tuesday was for Mike and all in his family.
Vince Ohlinger SVD

Vince Ohlinger SVD - June 22, 2024 at 04:25 PM

MS

“ Judy, AJ and Madison, Our hearts and prayers go out to you and to your family. Big Mike was truly one of a kind, nothing but fond memories and love. Sincerely, the Stemple's.

Mike S - June 22, 2024 at 10:35 AM

CS

“ Judy & fam, may your loving husband & father rest in peace now. And altho he may be gone, the bright star that Mike was will live on forever. Our prayers are with all of you during this difficult time but may the memories of a well lived life be his legacy. We only wish we could be there tomorrow but our hearts & thoughts will be. We'll miss you my friend!! Cathy, Randy & Ryan Smith ❤️

Cathy Smith - June 21, 2024 at 07:26 PM

KA

“ Dear Judy and family,
We feel truly blessed to have known Mike as our beloved neighbor for the past five years. His humor and charm captivated us from the moment we first met him. Mike's love and care for his neighbors motivated us to be better individuals. We keep you in our prayers and know that Mike is smiling upon us from heaven.

With love,
Kabir

Kabir - June 21, 2024 at 02:42 PM

DN

“ Judy, AJ and Madison, We were all so lucky to have known Mike. He was always such fun to be around. We have so many memories from when the kids were little and in recent years. Mike Sauer was one of kind! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Love from the Noble Family

Darlene Noble - June 19, 2024 at 07:26 PM

MM

“ Dear Judy and family, Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏🏻🕊️ Mike was truly a gem and will be missed. He sure knew how to make people smile 😊

Enjoy and cherish all your beautiful memories of your amazing husband.

Love, Marlene Merlo

Marlene Merlo - June 19, 2024 at 04:21 PM