



Dr. Michael Reynolds

July 5, 1943 - May 10, 2020

Michael Claude Reynolds, 76, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020, with his family by his side at the House at Midland Care Hospice after a courageous seven-year battle with cancer.

He was born July 5, 1943, at Wesley Hospital in Wichita, Kansas, the son of Claude and Irene (Howard) Reynolds. He graduated from Highland Park High School in 1961 and was the salutatorian of his class. He was a three-sport letterman in football, basketball and track for the Scotties. He attended Hutchinson Community College for one semester and then transferred and graduated from Washburn University in Topeka earning a Bachelor of Science degree. He was then accepted into the University of Missouri-Kansas City Dental School and achieved a DDS, Doctor of Dental Surgery, degree in 1969.

Upon graduation from dental school, he accepted and completed a two-year internship at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles, California. He then returned to Topeka and established a successful 45-year dental practice in his hometown.

Mike and Susan Diane Downey were united in marriage on November 29, 1969, in Lawrence, Kansas; she survives of the home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Irene Reynolds, daughter, Rebecca Michelle

Reynolds, in-laws, Harold and Alberta Downey, sister-in-law, Sharon Downey and niece, Heidi Garren-Everley. He is survived by daughter, Kristin Malinda Reynolds, Topeka; brother, Russell Lowell Reynolds, Topeka; brother, Douglas Howard Reynolds (Linda), Topeka; grandson, Griffin Michael Reynolds (the light of his life the past three years), Topeka; and several nieces and nephews.

Mike was a faithful member of Countryside United Methodist Church. He was a member of a weekly men's Bible study group for over 20 years that provided continuing comfort and support. He served the Topeka community on various boards including Family Service and Guidance Center, past president Washburn University Athletics Ichabod Club, Valeo Behavioral Health Care and past president Valeo Foundation Board. He was very active with NAMI Kansas and served as a Central Regional Dental Board Examiner for many years. He was a long-time volunteer for the Kansas Senior Olympics Track Meet and was a coach and player for local slowpitch softball teams for many years in Topeka.

Cremation has taken place and a private family burial at Mount Hope Cemetery was held in May 2020. With COVID-19 pandemic restrictions being lifted, a memorial celebration service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Countryside United Methodist Church, 3221 SW Burlingame Road, Topeka, KS. Immediately following a celebration reception is scheduled from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the Topeka Country Club at 2700 SW Buchanan Street.

Memorial contributions may be made payable to, NAMI Topeka at P.O. Box 5073 Topeka 66605; Family Service and Guidance Center at 325 SW Frazier Topeka 66606; Valeo Foundation Board at 2401 SW 6th Topeka 66606; Countryside United Methodist Church Foundation at 3221 SW Burlingame Road Topeka 66611; or Washburn University Foundation (Excellence in

Athletics Fund) at 1729 SW MacVicar Topeka 66604.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Countryside United Methodist Church
3221 SW Burlingame Road
Topeka, KS 66611

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Michael Reynolds*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *To Mike's family: When I was in high school (Highland Park), I was a baby sitter for Mike and his siblings. I always enjoyed my time with the Reynolds "kids." (Our fathers were both on the Highland Park High School faculty, and our parents were good friends.) Sarah Harvey, San Antonio, TX,*

Sarah B. Harvey - May 10, 2022 at 11:00 PM



“ *Joe & Pauline Conley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael Reynolds*



Joe & Pauline Conley - September 11, 2021 at 07:15 PM



*Dear Susan and family,
We were so sorry to read of Dr. Reynolds passing. He was our Dentist since 1975, the kids loved him and even our son Pastor James C. Conley would come home from Delta, CO. to go to him for years. He pastors First Baptist Church at Delta, CO.
May God give you His comfort at this time in your life.
Our Love, prayers and sympathy,*

Joe & Pauline Conley & family

Joe - September 11, 2021 at 07:23 PM

JP

“ July 18,2021

Dear Susan and family;

I was sorry to read of Michael's passing. Words say very little at a time like this, but knowing family and friends are thinking of you, maybe helps. I hope so. I know you all have wonderful memories of him.

God Bless You.

Jackie Campbell Petersen

JJackie Campbell Petersen - July 18, 2021 at 11:01 PM

DE

“ *Doctor Mike played on our Wheatland Antique softball team for several years. He was a great player and a great person and helped us to win many games. He had to quit because of his health. We will be placing a plaque with his name on it on our team bench in Felker Park. Dick Edington and the Wheatland Antique Team*

Dick Edington. - July 13, 2021 at 12:32 PM

SR

“ *Dr. Reynold's Family,*

We will keep Mike in our thoughts. He went to Highland Park and University of Missouri-Kansas City Dental School school our our dad Paul.

~The Rebek Family

Stacy Rebek - July 12, 2021 at 05:23 PM

SB

“ *Susan and family:
Mike was our family dentist for over 40 years. Have really missed him at the office, but glad that he was able to retire and enjoy life before he passed. He will be missed.
Know that you will be lost without him. You are in our prayers.
John & Sally Brooke*

Sally Brooke - May 24, 2020 at 08:38 PM

EW

So sorry God Bless his family and may Mike Rest In Peace.

Ed White - July 09, 2021 at 12:38 PM

EW

So Sorry.God Bless his family.

Ed White - July 09, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Reynolds.*



May 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM

AG

“ *The Claude & Irene Reynolds family lived across the alley from my family in Highland Park. In those days, alleys were not just a way to short-cut through the neighborhood, but often a place of fun, commerce and adventure. The Evans kids commonly spent more time in the Reynolds' back yard than our own. They created a place to practice pole vault, long jump and high jump! Neighborhood youngsters dug a cave large and deep enough to accommodate numerous 'occupants' in its damp, earthy innards. The Reynolds dog, Chips, was a fine fellow - even though he was often seen sparring with the Evans' black and white cat, Cedrick. Mike, Russell and Douglas were intelligent, athletic and fun to be with. I did not know Mike well as an adult, but, as a young man, he was unfailingly amiable, congenial, thoughtful and courteous - which says a lot about the man he grew to be. I send fondness and sympathy to all members of the Reynolds family.*

Annie Evans Gaddy

Annie Gaddy - May 18, 2020 at 08:06 PM

HS

“ *Dear Susan,*

We were sorry to read the sad news about your dear Miike. We remember so well when Mike opened his dental practice. You were the most handsome couple in Topeka, and one of the nicest. Mike was a credit to his profession, his family, his church, and certainly to his community. It was an honor to call him a colleague and a friend. We know that you will miss him very much, and so will everyone who knew him. We send to you, Kristin, and Grandson Griffin our deepest sympathy. With affection, Herschel and Jacque Stroud

Herschel & Jacque Stroud - May 16, 2020 at 05:36 PM

JP

“ May 16, 2020

To The Reynolds Family,

So sorry to read of Michael's passing. Words say very little at a time like this, but knowing friends and relatives are praying and thinking of you, maybe helps. I hope so. I know you all have wonderful memories and he was so kind in all the ways he helped your family and others too. I got to know you both through NAMI and I along with everyone else appreciate what you had done for so many people.

Please accept my deepest sympathy.

God Bless You.

Jackie Campbell Petersen

Jackie Petersen - May 16, 2020 at 11:07 AM

CW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mike. It was always so fun to see Mike at all the Washburn activities. We went to the same dental school, same fraternity and many activities. I (we) will miss him.*

My sympathies to the family.

Ed Webber

Charles E Webber - May 16, 2020 at 09:37 AM

SC

“ *Susan and Kristi,
Steve and I were sorry to hear of Mike’s passing. We have fond
memories of days at the pool and enjoyed watching him play with
Griffin. We will keep you in our prayers.*

Steve and Dee Dee

Steve & Dee Dee Clifton - May 15, 2020 at 06:26 PM

PA

“ *Dear Susan and Kristin,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. We pray that you both
find strength and peace in your time of need and may the grief of
your loss begin to heal fast.*

*Michael is for sure in peace, because it cannot be any other way for
individuals who give so generously of themselves when they are
living.*

Patty and Bachu Amin.

Patty Amin - May 15, 2020 at 01:03 PM

JE

“ *The Claude and Irene Reynolds' family were an important neighbor family to the Joe and Faith Evans family in Highland Park in the 50's and 60's. The Reynolds had 3 boys and the Evans' had two and two, and my mother, Faith Evans and Irene were the best of friends. Summers were real fun in our neighborhood since we had numerous BBQ's and gatherings. The Reynolds boys, Mike, Russell, and Doug were looked up to by the other kids since their dad was a popular coach at HPHS and the boys were athletically gifted. Their back yard was our sports arena. I have many fond memories of our Leave It To Beaver neighborhood in Highland Park. For Mike, RIP, and for the remaining family, live in Peace.*

John Evans, brother to Mary Faith Evans and Annie Gaddy (Evans)

John Evans - May 14, 2020 at 11:45 PM

CH

“ *Our paths have crossed many ways over the years starting my senior year of high school when Mike became my dentist. He knew me through my KSU cheer years, when I met then married Brad and after I became a mom. We also saw Susan in the office many times through the years. Then church and Briarwood and Topeka High. So sorry for your loss. Mike will be missed by family, friends and community.*

— Cindy and Brad Horchem

Cindy Horchem - May 14, 2020 at 08:30 PM

LM

“ Dear Susan and Kristin,
The Morrison family want to send our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Michael had been our family dentist for years and I thought of him as a friend as well as our Doctor. He was an exceptional man in so many ways and gave so much to the community. He will be missed and never forgotten. My heart is heavy. Blessings to you, Susan, and to you, Kristin at this very painful time, and to all of his family who loved him so. And to Michael's grandson, Griffin Michael, who carries his name, he will always be with you, in spirit and in your heart. He will always be a part of you ❤️
Lynda Ridgeway-Morrison and family.

Lynda Ridgeway- Morruson - May 13, 2020 at 07:24 PM

LW

“ Susan and family,
Our sincere and heartfelt condolences. Mike was our dentist, but more than that he was my friend. We shared a connection because you lived by my sister Judy Wagstaff. We are also Washburn boosters and if Mike seen me he always found the time to say hello. We will miss him. ❤️

Lee Williams - May 13, 2020 at 07:01 PM

CP

“ Susan, to you and your family, we share our our deepest sympathy. We are thankful for the way in which he shared his life with so many of us. His precious spirit of love and compassion always came through. Please know that our prayers are with you in the days ahead. We grieve with you. Much love,

Claire Phillips

Claire Phillips - May 13, 2020 at 05:51 PM

RC

“ To Susan, Russ, Doug and all the Reynolds family: I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was a special person. For me , he was a great neighbor , a great teammate, a great dentist and a close friend for over 70 years. He will always be missed. Randy Currie

randy currie - May 13, 2020 at 03:15 PM

WH

“ Russ, Doug and family and friends of Mike: My condolences on Mike's passing; he was a great guy and a good dentist and always with a smile on his face. I had not seen Mike for several years and as I sit in my office and read the other wonderful tributes to him, my mind keeps wandering back to those vicious cob fights in Newell's barn when in high school. I hope all these memories will bring you some peace.

Warren "Cricket" Hummer
Grapevine, TX

Warren Hummer - May 13, 2020 at 02:10 PM

FH

“ Susan and family,
We are so saddened by the passing of Dr. Mike. What a wonderful man he was and such a gift to Valeo and to the entire community! Thank you Susan for sharing him with us. We are all better because we had the privilege of knowing Mike. Our prayers are with you as you grieve and mourn this tremendous loss. May you be comforted in the memories you share and the sacrificial life he lived.

Frank and Lorraine Henderson

Frank and Lorraine Henderson - May 13, 2020 at 01:24 PM

BW

“ Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers for Mike and his family. I have such great memories of Mike as a friend in high school. He was always so caring and a true gentleman.

*Bev (Abmeyer) And Joe Wood
Orlando, FL*

Beverly Wood - May 13, 2020 at 01:09 PM

SS

“ Have known Mike from neighborhood, elementary through high school at Highland Park, then again with children at the same schools! A great guy and a loss to our community.

Happy memories and Blessings to the families in their loss.

Sharri Shehi - May 13, 2020 at 12:53 PM

MW

“ We enjoyed getting to know Mike through his work with NAMI. Our condolences to Susan and family during this difficult time. Virtual hugs to you.

*Marilyn and Steve Waugh
Topeka*

Marilyn Waugh - May 13, 2020 at 12:27 PM

MH

“ Susan/Kristi, love you both. I'm so sad he is gone but glad he is no longer in pain. I wish I could be there to give you both the biggest hugs. He was such a good man.

Malinda Hostetler - May 13, 2020 at 12:25 PM

PC

“ Susan and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Mike was our family dentist for his entire career in Topeka. A trip to the dentist was more like a visit with a friend. Just a vibrant guy gone far too soon. Wishing you peace and solace in memories of happier times.

Pam and Richard Carlson - May 13, 2020 at 12:01 PM

HS

“ Dr. Reynolds was a great Dentist, citizen, and humanitarian. I am so glad my family and I knew him.
Sincere condolences to Susan and Family, and to the great office staff.

Henry Spangler - May 13, 2020 at 11:52 AM

TS

“ Susan and Family, So sorry to learn of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Mike was such a wonderful person and dedicated volunteer. Tom Siridge

Tom Sirridge - May 13, 2020 at 10:50 AM

NB

“ Deepest condolences to you Susan and to your family. Mike was much loved and appreciated by the NAMI community. Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Neil Buono

Neil Buono - May 13, 2020 at 10:27 AM

LC

“ He had been my dentist from 1970 and was until he retired. He was loyal and caring and always asked about my daughter on every visit. Even after he retired I would ask Brenda on every dental visit how he was doing. I had visited with him once at the cancer center when I took my Mother. I will always remember him. Susan your life was so enriched for having him in it. Blessings to you all. You are in my prayers.

linda cornelison - May 13, 2020 at 10:08 AM

BM

“ Susan and Family,
Dr. Mike was such a cheerful man and I always enjoyed our visits. May he rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Barb Montgomery - May 13, 2020 at 08:59 AM

SC

“ Hi Russell & Douglas, you are in my thoughts & prayers.
Susan Chubb, Washington, DC

Susan Chubb - May 13, 2020 at 08:19 AM

CC

“ My sincere condolences to Mike's family. So sad to lose another classmate.
Connie Bernhardt Carson
Queen Creek, AZ

Connie Carson - May 13, 2020 at 07:52 AM

SD

To the family of Dr. Mike Reynolds, we extend our sincere sympathy to you and his dedicated office staff on his passing. He was a very kind man and a wonderful dentist. We have been patients of his since the '70s until his retirement. He will be missed. Sincerely sorry. Sharon Dister (Dan) and Donna Saile.

Sharon Dister - May 14, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JM

Dear Susan, Kristin, Griffin Michael and family. We want to send our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. John and I enjoyed our visits with Mike at the Washburn games. We enjoyed hearing about Griffin Michael as we shared about our 3 year old grandson! Mike and John enjoyed visiting about when Kristen and Angie played Basketball together and how Washburn current games were sizing up.. May those Special memories you shared with a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend to many be with you at this difficult time, Our thoughts and prayers, John and Vicki Moomaw

John and Vicki Moomaw - May 15, 2020 at 10:06 AM