



Michael Kenneth Hardy

April 9, 1944 - July 1, 2021

Michael Kenneth Hardy, partner, father, grandfather, friend, left for the beautiful golf course in heaven on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at the age of 77 years old.

Mike was a true example of resiliency. He fixed the things he could and moved forward with the things he could not change. When he learned his cancer was terminal, he simply said, there are some things I need to get in order. He made a “to do” list and checked them off.

He spent every moment with family and friends, created memories in his new pool, hosted a pool party for all his golf family, his home became the “19th hole”, completed chores including replaced the water heater just because it should be the next appliance to go, went golfing one last time and most importantly told his loved ones I LOVE YOU every chance he had.

Mike was born April 9, 1944, to Kenneth and Jean Hardy in Salt Lake City, Utah. He graduated from Olympus High school and enrolled eight years in the Army Reserves. He married Dianne Wilson in 1964, later divorced. Together, they raised 3 children KayLynne, Julie and Kenny.

Mike was the best dad and devoted to his children. He lived for family-time, which was typically spent camping, boating and playing in the family pool. As

the kids grew older, he made a point to keep the family together. They spent the next 25 years making memories together at Pineview Reservoir and an annual Lake Powell trip. His grandchildren will forever remember him for his love of boating and ice cream.

Mike retired from General Electric in 2006, after 40 years. He started his career on the loading docks and worked his way to be a MASTER salesman. His career took him to San Francisco and Seattle. In the last year at GE, he was recognized as a Top Vendor by Ivory Homes. This award was a direct reflection on the work ethic Mike lived by, "You get it done."

Mike found true love and companionship later in life. In 2009, Mike met Diane Johnson. Together they built a perfect life spending time with family and friends. In 2013, they sold their homes in Taylorsville and Bountiful and moved to Sun River, St. George full-time. There they had a wonderful group of friends. Their social calendar was always full of dinners, cards, and time spent with friends.

Mike was the secretary of the Sun River St. George Men's Golf Association as well as his Sunday group. "He brought organization and a lot of new games that the group may never see again." In loving memory, the Sunday group will forever be known as the Mike Hardy Sunday Golf Group.

Mike, Dad, Grandpa, friend will be missed dearly by all who knew him. Mike leaves behind partner, Diane Johnson, his three children, KayLynne Bischoff, Julie (Caryn) Hardy and Kenny (Kristie) Hardy. Also, Diane's three children Cari (Neil) Moss, Melyn (Farel) Osmond, Paige (Brett) Porter, combined 14 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. Proceeded in death by both his parents, a stillbirth son and former wife Dianne Hardy.

In honor of Mike's final wishes we will be hosting 2 celebrations of life, one in

Salt Lake at the River Oak Golf Course, 9300 Riverside Dr., Sandy UT 84070 on July 17th, 2021 at 1-4pm. The other in St. George, in the ballroom at the SunRiver Community Center, 4275 S. Country Club Drive, 84790 on July 31st, 2021 at 1-4pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 17. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

River Oak Golf Course
9300 Riverside Dr.
Sandy, UT 84070

Celebration of Life

JUL 31. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

SunRiver Community Center
4275 S. Country Club Drive
St. George, UT 84790

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Mike was one of those wonderful "acquaintances" of mine here in SunRiver...always a friendly smile to go along with that "Good Morning", and an obvious sincerity to promote golf here and all the good things that go along with it. His contributions will be so difficult to measure, but suffice to say he will be dearly missed by so many of us. A truly kind and great man that so many of us were blessed to know. May he rest in peace.

Dick Johannsen - July 06, 2021 at 06:46 PM

RG

“ Mike was always a good friend both on and off the golf course especially while traveling with a group. He was soft spoken, and didn't let things bother him. Mike and Diane were great board and card game partners and best yet breakfast partners while traveling. Mike knew many here in SunRiver and would always be there to help. Since we all lost that darn red ball I hope he gathers a few so we can play when we meet again. I'll miss our early morning chats and coffee, so rest in peace until we meet again
Ron Gustafson

ron gustafson - July 06, 2021 at 01:23 PM

LA

“ I am sorry for your loss. You are a good woman. He was blessed to have you in his life.
Lynda Arnell

lynda arnell - July 05, 2021 at 09:43 PM

FB

“ I'm very glad that I had Mike in my life as a good friend , excellent card player, great golfer and planner. I'm proud to say that I was the first to lose the "red ball" which was one of his favorite golf games. As we say " we are but a memory" and he is a great one

Fred Baker - July 05, 2021 at 09:38 AM

SU

“ I'm so sorry for all of your loss , he was is a good man

Susan - July 04, 2021 at 05:22 PM

LA

I am so sorry for your loss. You are a good woman.
.He was blessed to have you in his life.

lynda arnell - July 04, 2021 at 11:34 PM

TH

I loved Mike's smile and his willingness to help whenever I asked. He was always so kind.

Tina Harris - July 06, 2021 at 01:38 PM

SS

Mike was always willing and ready to do what ever needed to be done. His accomplishments are immeasurable and Sun River golf is better because of what he did. Sun River is a better place because of Mike. He will be sorely missed. Rest In Peace my friend. My best to his family. Till we tee it up again. Rich Squitiero

Shirley Squitiero - July 06, 2021 at 04:36 PM

JM

*Mike was one of the most genuine people I ever met. His love of life was infectious to anyone around him. Mike was always there to lend a hand with anything. Very generous with his time and money to help a friend. I wish I had a chance to sit down one on one before he passed. Always a true friend and I will truly miss his presence around Sun River, enjoy your rest my friend you surly earned it, Love you bud.
John Mayer*

John Mayer - July 06, 2021 at 06:43 PM



Going to miss you Mike.... Thank You for always working hard for us at Appliance Wholesalers, and being such a great friend!

Jesse Shipp - July 07, 2021 at 11:57 AM

RG

I was one of the lucky ones to be with Mike the day he passed. It was a quiet conversation with me doing most of the talking, because Mike was on his way to the great golf course in the sky. Now his new golf group will see the great person that we had the pleasure of knowing here. Mike will be missed more that can be explained. A great person, a great friend.

Ron Gage - July 08, 2021 at 05:37 PM