



Tom Michael Louie Jr

May 1, 1964 - July 7, 2022

Tom Michael (Mike) Louie, Jr., 58, passed away tragically on July 7th. He was born on May 1, 1964, in Jacksonville, FL., and was a longtime resident of Lakeland. Mike was married for 37 years to the love of his life, Virginia, whom he called his “everything.” They have two children, Michael, and Zachary. Their five grandchildren were the light of Mike’s life. For over 30 years, Mike was a dedicated, passionate, and creative executive in leadership roles with hospitality-minded companies such as The Walt Disney Company, Pizza Hut, and Arby’s. As a University of Georgia alumnus (Class of 1985), he was a loyal and enthusiastic Dawgs fan. Mike was thrilled to see his Dawgs win two National Championships in his lifetime.

As the son of Salvation Army pastors, Mike grew up with a love for Christ. His faith sustained him in difficult periods of his life, especially during recent years. He was immersed in music from a very young age, and an accomplished and talented musician of virtually every brass instrument, piano and guitar. Having a voice compared to both Keith Green and Neil Young, Mike wrote, composed and recorded his own songs. Mike was incredibly proud of his Greek heritage. He was competitive in sports, playing high school football, church and recreational softball, and participating in the amateur bicycle racing circuit. Motorcycle riding, kayaking and fishing brought Mike much pleasure in his free time. Mike will be remembered for his quick wit, sarcastic sense of humor, wry smile, and especially his uncanny ability to get people, especially Virginia,

to fall for his jokes and pranks. He loved his family and friends deeply and fiercely. He took immense pride in taking care of, providing for and protecting those he loved most.

Most recently, Mike had been struggling with alcoholism and depression. Mike was kind and generous to a fault. He found it a blessing to help a stranger. His positive outlook on life, and desire to make everyone around him smile hid the incredible inner turmoil he struggled with in private.

Mike is survived by his spouse, Virginia, sons, Michael (Sarah) and Zachary; his mother, Ann Louie; grandchildren Max, Killian, Violet, and Indigo Louie, and Teylie Sloan-Louie; sisters Laura (Todd) Schindler, and Kelly (Leon) Williams; best friends (whom he considered as brothers) Mark Hollifield, H.B. Smith, and John Schaufelberger; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. His father, Tom Michael Louie, Sr., preceded him in death.

A celebration of life service for Mike will be held on Saturday, July 30, at 11a.m. at the Salvation Army Church, 2620 Kathleen Rd., Lakeland, Florida. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Humane Society of Tampa Bay. The family thanks the organization, We Are The Essentials, for their tireless efforts and support.

<https://afsp.org/>

<https://humanesocietytampa.org/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Salvation Army Church
2620 Kathleen Rd
Lakeland, FL 33810

Tribute Wall



“ *Tom Michael Louie Jr*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Hi Mrs. Virginia,*

My name is Tracy Hines and I am the social services case worker at The Salvation Army in Winchester, VA. I know that you have no idea who I am but I came across the plea for prayers for all of you on the Sal. Army shared web portal. It has weighed heavily on my heart & mind. I wanted to reach out not just as a part of the Sal army but because it has personally stayed with me .I just learned of Mr. Mike's passing today. On behalf of the Salvation Army in Winchester, I am sending love & prayers to you, your family and to all that that loved him. It seems that he made a great impact on many & will continue to do so! In early July, I lost a beautiful cousin to what I say was a broken heart, even though he exuded happiness and light, he was totally empty inside. Both he and your husband are no longer sad & will continue to spread that bright light for all of us. I pray that your beautiful memories will help lessen your heavy hearts. If you are ever in the Northern Shenandoah Valley, stop in, I would be honored to give you a great big squeeze from all of us here in Winchester!! God Bless all of you, Mrs. Virginia!

Tracy Hines - August 05, 2022 at 11:08 AM



Thanks you so much for your kind words. We lived in Frederick, Md for a few years and Mike worked for an Arby's franchisee who had locations down in Winchester. I'd love a great big hug from all of you! I'm so sorry about your loved one, and agree that he and Mike are free from pain and suffering, praise God. ❤️🙏

Virginia Louie - October 02, 2022 at 02:22 PM

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“ I will always remember Mike's beautiful voice and guitar playing in church. He was so kind, and loved to laugh. We are praying for you all.

Suling Caballero - July 30, 2022 at 08:25 AM

VL

Suling, Mike loved listening to your violin performances in church too. The violin was one instrument (like cello, viola, bass) that he couldn't master, so he respected your talent tremendously. ❤️

Virginia Louie - October 02, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Thinking of You Combo Tin was purchased for the family of Tom Michael Louie Jr.



July 25, 2022 at 04:25 PM

SS

“ Tom/Mike Louie, to know you was to love you. You were kind, fun, generous, and warm. You were a great friend, a forever friend. Your devotion to your family was immeasurable. Your presence on this planet will be sorely missed. May your memory be eternal. Rest in peace.



Sybil & Pete Savas - July 25, 2022 at 04:13 PM

VL

Sybil & Pete, thank you for your kind words about "Tom/Mike." He loved both of you so very much! I will cherish our friendship and happy memories from our years in Atlanta forever.
Love, Virginia ❤️

Virginia Louie - July 26, 2022 at 01:12 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Tom Michael Louie Jr.



July 25, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tom Michael Louie Jr.



July 25, 2022 at 12:15 PM