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Mike Penne, 80, of Howey-in-the-Hills, passed away Saturday, October 17, 2020. He was born in Mankato, MN July 6, 1940 to Raymond and Catherine Crawford Penne. He was like a rolling stone, who enjoyed moving to new locations and traveling extensively. He served two brief tours in the U.S. Army during his college years. Mike graduated with a BA degree in Economics in 1967 from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he met his wife, the former Rachel Paulson, the couple worked as Government contractors in Virginia, Puerto Rico, Florida (twice), Alabama, New Jersey, and Texas. He worked as a software engineer, then systems engineer, and program manager. While living in Houston, Mike and Rachel became involved with a foreign exchange student program, hosting 11 high school students from Europe over several years. Each student came to America to spend a year attending an American high school. The Penne's have enjoyed close friendships with several former students over the years. Mike and Rachel traveled to Europe to see their friends, meet their families, and welcomed European friends who have traveled to the U.S.

Mike is survived by his wife, son Jake (wife Joanne Cappucci), grandson Matt and granddaughter Grace of Glenview, IL; brothers John (Marty) of Orlando and Tom (Gretchen) of St Paul, MN; and sister Mary Jo Schreiber (Larry) of Roseville, MN; 2 nieces, and several cousins.

A welcome for family and friends is scheduled for Friday, October 23 from 10:30 to 11:00 AM at the Steverson Hamlin Hilbish Funeral and Cremations, 226 E. Burleigh Blvd, Tavares, FL 32778, (352-343-4444). A celebration of life service will begin at 11:00 AM.



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To view the service online, click the link below:

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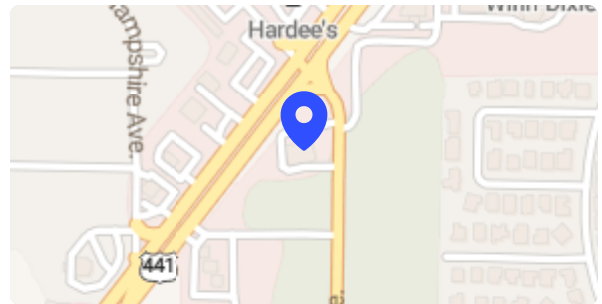
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Gathering of Family and Friends

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 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET


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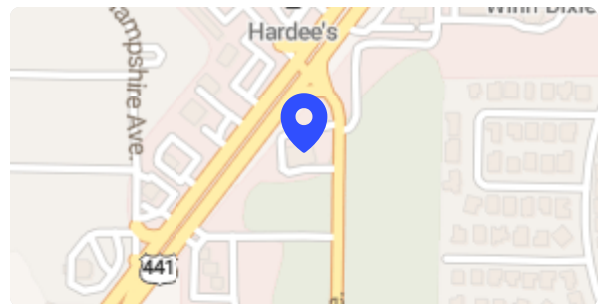


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October 22 at 1:42 PM



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Enrica October 23 at 4:03 AM
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Michele posted:

Dear Rachel and family,My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always keep a wonderful memory of Mike.HugsMichele

October 24 at 4:35 AM



Jan Schweiger posted:

Rachael, Sending my sympathy and lots of hugs as you navigate your way through this sad time. I'm grateful you have such a wonderful support system. Be kind to yourself in the coming weeks and months. I will keep you close in my heart and prayers.Love, Jan Everett Schweiger

October 23 at 1:42 PM



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TJ

Tom & Janice posted:

Rachel, While I know there is some peace with the end of a struggle, I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was always a friendly face when we would see you in Chicago and appreciated him as a father and grandfather. You are in our prayers for comfort and peace during this season of life. Tom & Janice Cappucci

October 23 at 7:48 AM

MA

Marie October 23 at 8:21 AM

Dear Rach and Jake, we are sending Love and Prayers to you. Glad Mike's suffering is over and will keep you all in our Hearts and Prayers! Love the McCrones



Tanja Nielsen posted:

Rachel, Jake and family, So sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of you and Mike going back to my foreign exchange year in the early 90's in TX.

October 23 at 5:14 AM

JD

Jeanette Dean posted:

Mike and Rachel have been fabulous friends for many years, having met them both working in Houston, TX. Sharing exchange student journeys made our time together even more special. Your travel adventures were an inspiration to us and we have followed in your footsteps with many amazing traveling adventures. We are keeping Rachel, Jake and his family in our thoughts and prayers. Jack and Jeanette Dean

October 22 at 12:20 PM

LP

Linda Purswell posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Mike and Rachel for many years in Houston, Texas. We have always stayed in touch with each other. My thoughts and prayers go out to Rachel, Jake and family. Linda Purswell

October 22 at 6:13 AM



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Ingrid Gonano posted:

Mike you will always be my American Dad! Forever in my heart!

October 22 at 5:26 AM



Martha Suau posted:

Rachel, We feel very sorry for your loss. Your neighbors, Martha and Miguel A. Suau 9228 San Jose Blvd.

October 21 at 6:36 PM



Martha Suau lit a candle in honor of Michael.



October 21 at 6:30 PM

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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