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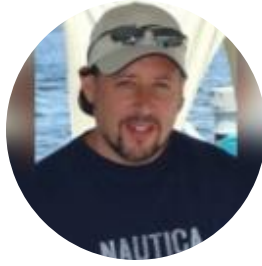
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**M**ichael John Murphy, “Mike”, age 53, of Pleasant Hills, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 17, 2019, surrounded by his entire loving family.

Mike will be greatly missed by his sons John Murphy and Justin Murphy; parents, John and Jean Murphy; siblings Joe (Debbie) Murphy and Suzi (Larry) Zampogna; nieces and nephews Steven and Amanda Murphy, Bailey and Tyler Sims, Matt and Josh Zampogna.

Mike touched many lives in his 53 years, and made friends everywhere he went. He loved his Jeep Wrangler, working on his Corvette, road trips with his buddies, hiking, biking, golfing, fishing, exploring nature, and of course, traveling to Disney World with family. His cancer diagnosis held him back for a few years, but experimental Car T cells gave him his life back last November, and he told many people that 2019 was the best year of his life, filled with adventures and family gatherings.

Mike was a VIP patient at UPMC Shadyside Hillman Cancer Center, whose staff treated our family like we were their own family. Extreme gratitude goes out to Dr. Mounzer Agha, Sarah McGregor, PA-C, and the entire staff of nurses, patient care assistants, and receptionists. He developed so many close bonds over the years, and we know his loss will be felt for a long time to come.

Mike graduated from Point Park University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering, and was employed for over 25 years by Nalco, who stayed loyal to him throughout his entire battle with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, please regularly donate blood or platelets, or make a donation to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation or UPMC Shadyside Hillman Cancer Center.



## Tribute Wall

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CM

**Colleen Miller** posted:

Our deepest condolences to the Murphy family. A donation has been made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation in honor of Mike. From the Ecolab Procurement Dept.

November 20 at 2:47 PM

PR

**Patrick Rodgers** posted:

Just 14 words, but they say so much: "Mike touched many lives in his 53 years, and made friends everywhere he went." Mike and I became best friends 41 years ago, and from the day I met him, he has epitomized true friendship. Whereas I consider Mike to be my best friend there are so many others that can rightfully make the same claim, in as much as that is the type of person he was. Mike was selfless, genuine, humble, good hearted, loyal, and forever supportive in good times and bad. Anyone who was fortunate to get to know him recognized that he was a caring person and a man of great integrity. He was a great example of how everyone should treat others. Many years ago, one of the most famous commercials and famous advertising jingles of all time was everywhere to be seen on television; it was a commercial for Gatorade and it starred Michael Jordan. A portion of that campaign said "Sometimes I dream that he is me - you've got to see that's how I dream to be - like Mike - if I could be like Mike - I wanna be - I wanna be like Mike" We should strive to be like Mike - the best friend, and brother, and son, and Dad, that anyone could ever hope for. Peace and Love my friend

November 18 at 10:39 AM

RP

**Robert Persichetti** posted:

My Buddy Mike was a Peace Maker, who took life's most difficult challenges in an extremely patient peaceful manner. Blessed are the Peace Makers. Life tries to pull us apart with health challenges, schedules, survival duties, other relationships, etc., but it does not succeed in the heart. You and your family will always be in my prayers. My Buddy Friend forever. Rob

November 18 at 8:55 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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