



Dennis Michael "Mike" Stillwagen

January 30, 1951 - October 18, 2018

Memorial service for Dennis Michael "Mike" Stillwagen, 67, will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, with Pastor Timothy Dorsch officiating, under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home. Burial will be later in Floral Haven Cemetery, Tulsa. Visitation with the family will be Friday evening 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, at the funeral home.

Mike was born January 30, 1951, in Tulsa, OK, to Michael Lawrence and Mildred Irene (Quist) Stillwagen, and passed away on October 18, 2018 following complications from surgery.

Mike grew up cherishing fond memories of his childhood and teen years. He was athletic and excelled at all the usual activities for boys; Cub and Boy Scouts, archery, baseball, high school football, dove hunting, and water sports. He loved the water, whether it was swimming, skiing, fishing with his family, boating, or completing his life saving certification. He continued his love for water activities by joining the East China Sea Sailing Club while being stationed in Okinawa.

When he was 12 years old, he began throwing newspapers from his bicycle at 5:00 AM for the Tulsa World. That newspaper route came in very handy when he met his high school sweetheart, Diane, during his junior year. He was 16 and she was 15. All that peddling to deliver those papers provided Mike with

money to take Diane on dates and earned him the title, “Mr. Pretty Legs” in high school. They married June 8, 1974, and spent 44 more wonderful years together.

Mike graduated from Northeastern State University in 1978 with a B.S. in Botany. He laughed about taking the eight-year plan. The plan included a four-year stint with the United States Army, where he served in Okinawa during the Vietnam War. He and Diane enjoyed traveling throughout Asia and embracing the customs and delicious food.

May 1981, Mike received his MS degree in microbiology from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He then completed his medical technology certification and went to work for St. Mary’s Hospital lab in Enid. He eventually moved to Bass Baptist Hospital laboratory and transitioned from med tech to senior business IT analyst supporting medical laboratory computer software systems. After 29 years, he retired from Bass and went to work for Diagnostic Laboratories of Oklahoma as a senior systems analyst. In addition to his medical career, Mike taught evening phlebotomy classes for 17 years at Autry Technology Center.

Mike’s true passion was building homes and woodworking. However, he was a Jack of all Trades, and would tackle any task. He built stage props for dance competitions, school drama/music productions, furniture for his daughters, an altar for Redeemer Lutheran Church, and whatever else he was asked to make.

A long-time member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, he served as an elder, trustee, vice president of the congregation, and dependable supporter of all events.

He is survived by his wife, Diane, daughter Kimberly and husband, Josh

O'Neill and granddaughter Riley, Enid; daughter Audrey and husband Philip Crum, Tulsa; sister Sheryl Broderick and husband Ed, TN. Other relatives include three brothers-in-law and wives, and seven nieces. He is preceded in death by his father Michael, mother Mildred, and a niece.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Redeemer Lutheran Church Building Fund or Wounded Warriors.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

OCT **26.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home
Enid, OK

Memorial Service

OCT **27.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church
215 S. Cleveland
Enid, OK 73703

Tribute Wall

AH

“ I worked with Mike in the laboratory at Bass from 1996-2000. When we switched computer systems, he was my instructor. He was a good guy, and will be missed. 🌹🌹

Anita Hamblin - October 29, 2018 at 07:16 PM

DY

“ Diane, Kimberly & Audrey, I was so shocked to hear of Mike's passing that I just don't have the words to tell you how sorry I am for your loss! I worked with Mike at Bass Hosp. over 20 years ago and he was always so helpful to me and to many others. I have run into Mike several times over the years and he has always had a hug and a smile for me.

May God's Light Bless you with Peace and Comfort in the days to come.

Dede Young

Dede Young - October 25, 2018 at 09:56 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Michael "Mike" Stillwagen.



October 25, 2018 at 02:40 PM

CK

“ Diane and family-So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We worked together as med techs at St Mary's and had such fun, even when we managed to knock off 40 some "pips" from a rather new machine. When I decided to give up medical technology to go to nursing school he told me I couldn't be a nurse. When I asked why, he said "you are too smart and too thin". When we both ended up working at Bass we renewed our friendship. When I retired he was happy for me and told me of his plans too. He will be missed. He was a great guy.

Cindy Keiffer

Cindy Keiffer - October 22, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis Michael "Mike" Stillwagen.



October 22, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Dennis Michael "Mike" Stillwagen.



October 21, 2018 at 05:47 PM

HK

“ Dear Diane and family,
We were so sorry to learn of Mike’s passing. It seems like only yesterday we were all together at NSU, enjoying Mike’s infectious smile and gregarious laugh. What great and special times those were. Please except our sympathies at this difficult time. Holding you in The Light of God’s love.
Howard and Melanie Kelsey.

Howard Kelsey - October 21, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Michael "Mike" Stillwagen.



October 21, 2018 at 04:17 PM

GC

“ Mike was such a great guy and I can’t begin to express how much Brad and I and all of his Redeemer family will miss him. I started trying to list all of the things he has done for our church and there was just no where to stop. And I’m sure there were many more i was not aware of. I can still hear his laugh and see the smile that was always on his face. Our heart goes out to you Diane, Kim, Audrey and your families. Praying Gods comfort for all of you in the days ahead.
Brad and Gloria Choat

Gloria Choat - October 20, 2018 at 10:42 PM

NC

“ *Diane, Kim and Audrey words can't express my sadness at Mike's passing. He had an infectious smile and laugh and just made you feel happy to be around him. My grocery trips to Jumbo would always extend to more than an hour if I ran into Mike and we would catch up and laugh as if we were meeting for coffee, not standing in an aisle at the grocery store. He was just like that, always happy to see you. May you keep your most precious memories close to your heart to help sustain you in the coming days. My love, Nancy Close*

Nancy Close - October 20, 2018 at 07:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis Michael "Mike" Stillwagen.*



October 20, 2018 at 07:22 PM