



## Michael John Hennessy

May 1, 1947 - July 20, 2020

Michael John Hennessy, aged 73 of Sherwood, Oregon, passed unexpectedly on July 20th due to complications from surgery.

Mike was born on May 1st, 1947 in Sitka, Territory of Alaska, just 8 months after the birth of his "Irish Twin", Mitch. At the age of 2 the family settled in the Portland area, where he had a wonderful childhood growing up in a family of 6 children and surrounded by many adventures and very special family friends, the Graf family.

He graduated from Estacada High School, class of 1965. In 1967 he entered the Jesuit Seminary intending to become a priest following in the footsteps of his oldest brother Jave. Mike's life diverted from that path and that worked out pretty great for Shirlene. He met Shirlene, in September 1970. They would go on to be married on November 6, 1971.

Shortly after their marriage, in 1972 they left Oregon for Fond du Lac, Wisconsin for new adventures and new opportunities where they would remain for 24 years raising 3 wonderful children that he loved very much. He worked as a pressman, operating a large printing press for much of his career.

In 1996, they decided to return to Oregon, settling in Oregon City, where Mike continued on as a pressmen, along with doing graphic design work until his

retirement. After retiring, they moved to Sherwood, Oregon, in 2013 allowing Mike to be close to his only Grandson, whom he adored spending time with.

Mike had five loves: his love of God, love of family, love of music, love of being Irish and love of football. Mike was a big fan of the Green Bay Packers and Notre Dame. He was an even bigger fan of watching football each season with his son and watching his grandson take the field.

Mike's love of music was an integral part of who he was. He instilled that love of music in his children. Seeing Peter, Paul & Mary, with his two daughters was a really special moment for them. He was also quick to provide Simon & Garfunkel trivia facts... "hey, did you know "Bridge Over Troubled Water" was written on a napkin?", Mike would say, and his children would groan and laugh... "yes dad, we know".

Mike was a giver and he was always there for anyone in need, he was willing to listen, to brighten your day with his infectious smile or would himself on home improvement projects. He had a wonderful wit about him and brought joy to any room he entered. You were never a stranger for long in the presence of Mike Hennessy and he left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Mike is survived by his wife of 48 years, Shirlene, son Brian and wife Mary, daughter Anna and husband Randy Fischer, daughter Angie and husband David Sookdeo, his two favorite grandchildren Liam Hennessy and Emily Sookdeo, sister-in-law Anna Marie, sister-in-law Kathy, brother-in-law Curtis Watts, brothers Denny and his wife Marie, Tim and his wife Katie, and many wonderful nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Francis Hennessy and Mildred Rehberg Hennessy Wright, and his older siblings, brothers John Vincent (Jave) and Robert (Bob), and sister Michelle (Mitch) Watts.

In lieu of flowers, Mike would love for you to lift two-fingers of Jameson “and drink a health whate'er befalls” while listening to a few Irish jigs and reels.

His family finds comfort in knowing he is with our Lord and Savior and he would want you to feel that same comfort.

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Michelle Ansrews lit a candle in memory of Michael John Hennessy*



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**Michelle Ansrews** - August 01, 2020 at 03:08 AM

GF

“ *We remember fondly Mike (& George) delivering an old upright piano (boy that was heavy) to Pat for a surprise Mother's Day gift. To get Pat to notice and come out of the house (apartment), Mike was playing away outside for all to hear. What beautiful music he made and what a great gift for Pat. By the way we still have that piano and Pat still plays it. Thanks Mike!*  
*Love,*  
*Pat & George*



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**George & Pat Feudner** - July 30, 2020 at 08:48 PM

NJ

“ *Anna, Brian, Angie and Aunt Shirlene- your tribute to Uncle Mike is beautiful! As with all Hennessy siblings we have lost, I wish we had more time together. Love you guys!*

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**Nikki James** - July 30, 2020 at 04:43 PM

NG

“ Mike and I played "Road to Zion" in front of church together. Mike also played and sang at our wedding. He was a tremendous support as I went through very difficult waters early in my life. I can't wait to spend eternity with him.

Nate Grahl - July 30, 2020 at 09:25 AM

LK

“ Linda Koenig lit a candle in memory of Michael John Hennessy



Linda Koenig - July 30, 2020 at 12:12 AM

TH

“ Just spent a good part of the afternoon today with my brother Denny and we shared some fond memories about our brother Mike. He definitely had a full life and was blessed with a great family in Shirlene, his wonderful children, and grandbabies. My love to all of you.

Tim Hennessy - July 29, 2020 at 11:04 PM

DH

Great to see and share fond memories of brother Mike with Tim and KT! On our back patio!!! (Appropriate Distancing & CDC GUIDELINES ADHERED to..However it was very difficult to not hug Tim or Katie 😊🙏

Denny Hennessy - July 29, 2020 at 11:59 PM

DH

Our love to all ❤️🕊️🎹🎵🌈🙏

Denny Hennessy - July 30, 2020 at 12:01 AM

AN

“ Besides instilling a deep love of music and that the Irish pride in being a Hennessy, the greatest gift my dad gave me was trust. He trusted me to move out at 18, he trusted me to move 2000 miles away at 19 and he trusted me to go on great adventures throughout the world. Dad never once showed showed his hand that he'd rather have me near and know for certain I was safe. He'd look at me, he'd smile, tell me to be safe and that I'll be great and then hug me goodbye. He never made it about him and what he wanted. He trusted me enough to say goodbye and to always be great on my next adventure. What a gift from a pretty extraordinary man. Thank you, Pa, for always trusting me.

Anna - July 29, 2020 at 07:58 PM

BH

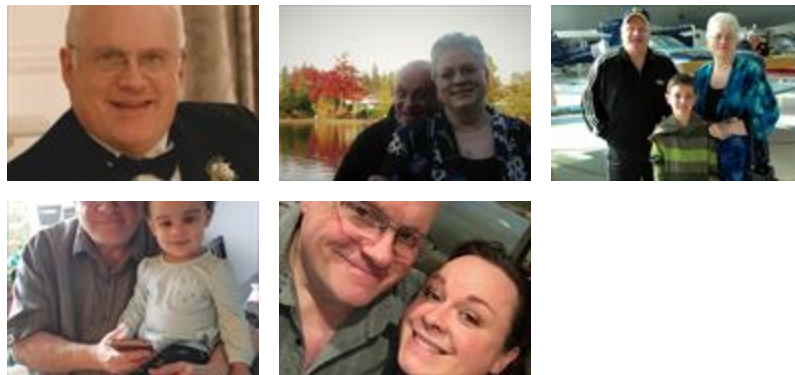
“ Brian Hennessy lit a candle in memory of Michael John Hennessy



Brian Hennessy - July 29, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Michael John Hennessy



Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel - July 29, 2020 at 05:53 PM



*Absolutely beautiful.*

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**Shirlene Hennessy** - July 29, 2020 at 06:17 PM