



Michael Rebel

April 19, 1947 - January 30, 2022

Michael Rebel, 74, of Eustis, Florida, passed away in Georgia Sunday, January 30, 2022, after having a stroke.

Mike was born April 19, 1947, in Eustis, Florida, to Ben and Helen (Lynch) Rebel. He graduated from Eustis High School in 1965. Mike attended Florida State University briefly, transferring to the University of Arkansas, where he met and married Kay Rutland, June of 1969. After he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1971, they moved to Eustis. During this time, Mike dabbled in many different job fields. He was a science teacher, a longline fisherman (out of New Smyrna), a landscaper, as well as worked at the Florida Game and Fish Commission. In 1980, he started Rebel's Landscaping company in Southaven, MS/Memphis, TN.

After his divorce in 1982, Mike moved back to Florida. He received his master's degree in counseling from Stetson University in 1990 and was certified as a licensed Mental Health Counselor. He had finally found what he was meant to do, and he loved it. He counseled others up until his final days. He loved nothing more than sharing his knowledge and helping others. In 2003, he published a book with Charlene R. Johnson called *Animal Angels*. A book about the special bonds we share with animals and the life lessons they can provide.

In his spare time, he could be found fishing, riding his motorcycle, playing his wooden bass flute, or out hunting with his favorite dog. He was always up for a new adventure. Mike lived life to the fullest, and he loved sharing it with all those around him.

Mike's last four years were spent living with his daughter in Georgia due to his vascular dementia. He knew he needed to be there, but he truly missed his home and his friends in Florida.

Mike is survived by his daughter Stacy Fisher and her husband Jeff Fisher of Senoia, GA, and son Michael D. Rebel and his wife Pam of Peachtree City, GA; three grandchildren, Ashley (Tim) Jackson, Adriana (Dillon) Lawter, and Tristan Fisher; his brother Ben Rebel of New Smyrna, FL, nephew Aaron Rebel and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life service will be held this summer in Florida. We will post on his Facebook page once plans are finalized.

In honor of Mike's and his family's love of animal's donations can be made to one of his daughter's rescues. We have one for dog lovers, Hearts 'n Homes Dog Rescue, Sharpsburg, GA (<https://heartsnhomesrescue.org/donate-1>) and cat lovers, Fayette County, GA Humane Society(<https://fayettehumane.org/donate-now/#memorial-donate>). Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Michael Rebel*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - February 05, 2022 at 11:45 AM

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“ *I just read of Mike's passing in the online Daily Commercial obituaries and extend my deepest sympathies to his family! Mike was a big help to me in the 1990's and I have always remembered his huge smile and always "huge" laugh! Knowing Mike, I feel sure he will be watching out for everyone and, once your sadness at losing him has passed, he will rejoice with you in sharing laughter about the good times you all spent together! RIP Mike! Anne Louise Smith*

Anne Louise Smith - February 10, 2022 at 09:23 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album A glimpse into Mike's life.*



Stacy Fisher - February 08, 2022 at 02:18 PM

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“ *Jan Rucci lit a candle in memory of Michael Rebel*



Jan rucci - February 07, 2022 at 12:50 AM

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“ *Jan Rucci lit a candle in memory of Michael Rebel*



Jan rucci - February 07, 2022 at 12:49 AM

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“ *Hello Ben & Cookie*

Although I did not know Michael, I know that grieving is eased by someone who you knew and worked with reaching out with heart felt condolences.

Mike & Jan Bryie



Mike Bryie - February 05, 2022 at 11:15 AM