



Michael B. Doherty

December 15, 1942 - April 15, 2020

Michael B Doherty, 77, of Columbus, formerly Pickerington and Reynoldsburg died April 15, 2020 after a 36-year journey with cancer, maintaining a wonderful attitude until the end. He was born December 15, 1942, in Yonkers, New York, to Michael and Mary Catherine Ward Doherty. A graduate of Manhattan College, Mike started his work career as a field Engineer with Babcock and Wilcox starting steam generation power plants in Mexico, Korea and several places in the US. He joined American Electric Power in 1970, and became a fuel specialist, retiring from there after 36 years of employment. Mike was known for his ready smile and friendly spirit. He loved to travel and especially enjoyed visiting museums, where he never came across a sign he didn't want to read. An avid birder, he combined that activity with every trip he took. He was a volunteer for the Metro Parks, maintaining bluebird and purple martin boxes for many years. A member of the Scioto Model A Club, he traveled many places in their 1931 Ford. He also served as a eucharistic minister for St. Thomas More Newman Center at the OSU Medical Center. Preceded in death by parents and sister Mary Catherine. He is survived by Shirley, his wife of 49 years; son, Michael Jr. (Nikki); daughter, Colleen (Jack) Summanen; five Grandchildren, Caitlyn, Lexi, and Nathan Doherty, Jack and Emily Summanen; brothers, Roger Doherty of St. Dizier, France and John Doherty of Hastings on Hudson, New York; as well as several nieces and nephews. A private ceremony will be held with burial at Green Lawn Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas More Newman Center or Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

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Cemetery

Green Lawn Cemetery

1000 Greenlawn Ave.

Columbus, OH, 43223

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Kerry Fine - May 11 at 12:41 PM



“ Shirley I was so sorry to hear of Mikes passing. He was truly a good to all who met him . I want to offer you my condolences to you and your children . Take care. Ed Slattery

Ed Slattery - April 20 at 08:33 PM



“ Mary Ann and I were greatly saddened upon learning of Mike's passing. He was truly a great friend and one of the really good guys at AEP. Always so helpful, cheerful and his knowledge of fuels and boilers was unparalleled. He was such a help to the fuels and generation groups. Our condolences to Shirley and family.

Jim McWilliams

Jim McWilliams - April 20 at 09:26 AM



“ Dear Shirley and Family,
Debbie and I are very sorry for your loss. Mike was a great guy to work with from the early days at AEP in Canton (the "good ol' days"). Times have changed, but Mike's integrity and dedication to the profession and his approach to life has always been inspiring. Our prayers are with you.

Glenn & Debbie Davis



Glenn Davis - April 19 at 09:41 PM



“ Shirley,
Sue and I really enjoyed traveling with you and Mike on the Glidden tours. Life for all of us will be different without him. Hope you and the rest of your family are doing well.
Art Grandle

Art Grandle - April 19 at 05:26 PM



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John Doherty - April 19 at 05:26 PM



“ Mike with the grandkids, @2005

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John - April 19 at 05:27 PM



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John Doherty - April 19 at 05:20 PM



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John Doherty - April 19 at 05:16 PM



“ Mike and Shirley 2008.

John - April 19 at 05:16 PM



“ Dear Shirley and family,

It was an honor knowing Mike, going back to the early 1970s when he would visit Tanners Creek Plant to help us with boiler issues. He always was so generous, kind and ready to teach and share. To have that kind of positive attitude is a goal for us all. Rest assured that there are many of us passing on best wishes to you during this time of grief. We all will miss him.

Best regards,

Tom Webb

Tom Webb - April 19 at 12:12 PM



“ Shirley and Family, My prayers and thoughts are with you as you morn the loss and celebrate the life of Mike. He was one of my most important mentors and a trusted adviser in my career at AEP. He will be missed by many. Stay secure in the hope of God's love and comfort. Best Regards, Mark Gray.

Mark Gray - April 19 at 11:32 AM



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Kerry Fine - April 18 at 03:25 PM



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Kerry Fine - April 18 at 03:19 PM



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Kerry Fine - April 18 at 11:11 AM



“ Reminiscing of riding with Mike and Shirley in Bar Harbor in the rumble seat many years ago. I had such a nice time spending time with both of them! Love to the family. Thoughts and prayers as well. Jayme Merrill, Sabatino, Alessio and Stefano.

Jayme Merrill - April 17 at 09:07 PM



“ Shirley and family, I just learned of Mike's passing and it was quite a shock. Jane and I have thoroughly enjoyed touring with you fine folks over the many years. I always enjoyed Mike's positive nature and sense of humor. We'll sure miss him. We're sending prayers and hugs.

Bill & Jane Johnson

Lexington, KY.

William Johnson - April 17 at 04:42 PM



“ Nationwide Invictus Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael B. Doherty.



Nationwide Invictus Family - April 17 at 11:37 AM



“ Shirley, Mike & Nikki, Colleen & Jack & families,

Please accept my most sincere sympathy and prayers for the loss of your dear husband, father and grandfather. Mike was indeed a very special man. I always remember him being so kind and so compassionate and funny as well. He truly loved life and he truly loved all of you. Know that all of you will be in my prayers.

Love,
Katie Finneran Slattery

Katie Finneran Slattery - April 16 at 09:48 PM