



Michael Edward Odenwald

March 25, 1950 - March 19, 2016

Michael Edward Odenwald, age 65, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2016, at Kobacker House, surrounded by his loving family. Retired from the Microbiology Lab at Abbott Laboratories after 33 years of service. Veteran of the U.S. Navy, Vietnam War. Mike loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed the beach, golfing and camping with his friends. He was an avid Blue Jackets and Buckeye fan. Preceded in death by his parents, James and Leona Odenwald; parents-in-law, Walter and Elizabeth Cassell. Survived by devoted wife of 44 years, Kathleen; adoring children, Jaime McConnell, Maggie (Jay) Durst, Daniel (Rebecca), and Kathryn; grandchildren, Hallie, Mairenn, Ava, Lauren, Brandon, Bailey, Haley, Anthony, Michael, John, Patrick, Jack, Joseph, Emma, Rian and Noah; loving sisters, Kim (Don) Wagner, Karen (Frank) Carr, brother, Stephen Cassell; many nieces, nephews, best friend, Jess Marcum; also survived by his furry kids, Molli and Harry. The family would like to acknowledge and thank Mike's friends and co-workers at Abbott Labs, as well as Westerville Parks and Rec. A special thanks to the staff at Kobacker House for all their loving care during this difficult time. Friends may call at SOUTHWICK-GOOD & FORTKAMP FUNERAL CHAPEL, 3100 N. High St. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral service 12 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2016. Rev. Patricia Wagner, officiating. Graveside service and interment 2:15 p.m. at Shawnee Cemetery, Shawnee, OH. Contributions if desired may be made to OhioHealth Foundation, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. www.southwickfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Shawnee Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Southwick-Good & Fortkamp Funeral Chapel
Columbus, OH 43202

Service

MAR 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Columbus, OH 43202

Graveside and Interment

MAR 24. 2:15 PM.

Shawnee Cemetery

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Edward Odenwald



Southwick-Good Funeral Chapel - March 23, 2016 at 08:29 AM

AO

“ David Bowie also passed this year. In an interview he said he could deal with getting older but it was the leaving part that he didn't like, "ageing doesn't faze me, it's death that is a drag." He wasn't done. I think it is appropriate that I think of a rocker because I often think of the Odenwald family when I think of music and growing up. They introduced me to Kenny Loggins and the Eagles. I cannot hear Bruce Springsteen or Anita Baker and not think of Mike Odenwald. Mike and Kathi hosted a house of love, fun, crazy kids, often crazier pets (Jasper), good food, and great friendship. I will never forget aiding and abetting the theft of the big green machine or our arrival home to an out of character angry Michael Odenwald. I will also never forget the warmth and cheer of Mike. He left too soon but not without so many to remember him!
Much love to all who are missing him,
Angie

Angela Ostrom - March 24, 2016 at 01:12 AM

RD

“ *Richard E. Durst purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Michael Edward Odenwald.*



Richard E. Durst - March 23, 2016 at 02:28 PM

AR

“ *Dear Odenwald family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Every memory I have of Mike is one full of laughter and kindness. Like when I would call the micro lab and Mike and Alan would sing ridiculously funny songs to me. He was truly a one of a kind gem and will be missed.*

Alison Rochell

Alison Rochell - March 23, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Odenwald.*



March 22, 2016 at 03:59 PM

RP

“ *Sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Will always remember the great memories we shared around the pool at Springburn and hunting.
Uncle Crispy
(Ricky Padgett)*

Ricky Padgett - March 22, 2016 at 09:56 AM

RP

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ricky Padgett - March 22, 2016 at 09:52 AM

HU

“ God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU for your service in The U.S.Navy in The Vietnam War, Mike..... And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - March 22, 2016 at 09:47 AM

MS

“ So sad to hear the news that Mike is no longer bringing to the world his unique gift of friendliness and happiness. I knew Mike as a neighbor/friend, however it has been decades since I saw him, but through his wonderful daughters, Jaimie and Maggie (my daughter's best friends) I have a connection and I know he was an incredible dad by how these two young ladies have grown to be incredible human beings. Not to slight his other kids - from what I hear Dan & Katie are amazing people - its just that I have first hand knowledge of how incredible Maggie & Jaimie are - you see - I experienced the horrible death of my son Robert almost 2 years ago and Maggie and Jaimie were there to provide comfort and support, and for that alone, they will always have a special spot in my heart reserved for them. I know that their parents, to me were the "cool" parents - and from how their children grew up to be caring, loving adults, I know that they were good parents. Mike will be missed by his family, his friends, by all those who had any contact with him. Just look at the kids - you will see how special he was - his kids, his grandkids. Dear Odenwald family I am so sorry about your loss - may God provide you strength - love to all of you. He was one of the good ones -
Marylynn Saunders

MaryLynn Saunders - March 22, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Odenwald.



March 22, 2016 at 06:53 AM

HP

“ I love you Buddy! Thank you for being such an amazing grandfather and friend to me.

Hallie Pope - March 21, 2016 at 11:45 PM

DO

“ Love you Dad! I hope I can be as good a role model to my boys as you were to me!

Dan Odenwald - March 21, 2016 at 08:14 PM

 Jay Conley

Omg Dan, I'm in tears over hear. I didn't know anything was wrong. Call me brother. Your dad is the funniest / best person I know... Hands down. I love and miss you all. I really want to talk to you

Jay Conley - March 21, 2016 at 10:37 PM