



2015 Floragraph Honoree

Michael Weadock



Organ Donor

64 yrs. old

Hot Springs, AR

Date of Donation: March 26, 2008

St. Vincent's Hot Springs

Mike proudly served his country in the Army's "Proud Americans" 6th Howitzer Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery Unit. While stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, he served as an honor guard. He was deployed to Vietnam in 1967, and returned in 1968, always speaking with pride about his service in the military.

Mike was charming, very loving, tender and caring. He was one of the funniest people you would ever want to meet. He had a special talent for making other people laugh, and had such a dry, hilarious, sense of humor. He could tell stories that would have you in stitches, and he loved to play practical jokes. Everyone who knew him remembers him for the great stories he told. He was an avid hunter, quite a marksman, and loved the outdoors.

Mike took early retirement in 2004 and moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas in May, 2005, with his wife Linda. He was the general contractor and built the dream home he and Linda designed on a beautiful mountain just outside of town. They moved in the end of May, 2006, with great plans of spending time with Mike's son Chris, his wife, and two grandchildren.

On March 24, 2008, Mike had a severe hemorrhagic stroke. There was nothing the doctors could do. The shock was overwhelming. Because Mike was a registered donor, he was put on a ventilator. His family and friends were given time to visit. Those precious hours allowed Linda to hold him and be with him. Early on the morning of March 26, 2008, Mike was taken to surgery and the donation process began.

"We don't get to choose when we die, but we do get to choose whether we can help someone when it happens. Knowing that Mike had made a decision that saved two people's lives by donating each a kidney is a comfort to me," said Linda. "What an amazing thing he did! Not everyone has that honor. A part of him lives on; he didn't die in vain. He gave the gift of life!"