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Mike Donegan passed away peacefully at his home in Rockwall, Texas on June 21, 2021, at the age of 70, after having fought a courageous, lengthy battle with Leukemia. Mike was born on August 15, 1950, to Jim and Betty Donegan. He was raised in Houston, Texas, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout in high school at the age of 15. In 1968, he graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Houston and was a proud member of The Class of '72 Corp of Cadets from Texas A&M University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Economics. He was also a Class Agent for The Class of '72 and a member of The Association of Former Students and A&M's Chancellor's Century Council. Upon graduation, he joined the Army and served 5 years; stationed in Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia and Italy. During that time he served as a United States Army Ranger, Special Forces Unit based in Italy, and achieved the rank of Captain. Following his service in the Army, he was The Senior Account Sales Manager with El Dorado Chemical Company in Rockwall for 34 years. Mike served as Councilman and Mayor of McLendon-Chisholm for 17 years (1994-2010). Mike was a member of The Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post #117 for almost 15 years, served as The Post Commander & Post Chaplain for 3 years, was the lead for The Founder's Day activities and developed The Youth Leadership Seminars. Mike was also active in The Rockwall Band of Brothers, Sisters and Friends, a member of The Rockwall Historical Foundation and The Rockwall County Historical Commission. He was a long-standing member of The Republican Party, elected as The Precinct 3D Chair. He also served on The Rockwall Republican Party and Rockwall Men's Club Executive Committees. Mike was appointed by former Governor of Texas, Rick Perry, in July 2012 to The Texas Historical Commission and served until February 2015. He served as The Chairman of the Men's Ministry of Chisholm Baptist Church and co-chaired the Dallas area Fundraiser for The Local Chapter of The ALS Association.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon, son's Chris (Staci), Matthew (Paetra), daughter Amy

(Matt) and grandchildren Justin (Beth), Karma, Lily, Coltrane, Jakob, Mathias, Anne Chaddock, niece Kate and nephews Bo and Zach.

He was preceded in death by brothers Tim and Larry, his father Jim Donegan, mother Betty Price and Stepfather John Price.

Services will be on Thursday, July 1st at Lakeshore Church on Hwy 205 at 10:00am.

The service will also be live-streamed; please go to <http://www.oneroomstreaming.com> and click on the "watch your service" icon and use Event ID: resthavenrockwall and password: 6RWG8F

<https://lakeshorelife.online.church>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Rockwall Boy Scout Troop 83. Please see the QR Code in the photos tab or click on the link below. You may also mail checks to Boy Scouts Troop 83, P.O. Box 1962, Rockwall, TX. 75087.

<https://bsa-troop-83-rockwall-tx.square.site/>

Events

JUN **Gathering** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

JUL **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Lakeshore Church
5575 Highway 205 South, Rockwall, TX, US, 75032

Comments



“ I knew Mike at A&M but got to know him at Fort Riley summer of 1972 as we prepared for commissioning. He was a reliable and congenial member of 1st squad, 1st Platoon, C company 2nd cadet Battalion. He is pictured here 3rd-row middle with his Aggie buddy Carl upper left and then in front of the Platoon enjoying his new found friends from other universities. We then found each other at Ft Sill the next Summer as new 2nd Lieutenants. Since those early A&M, Army days, he has been one solid citizen representing each well with a deep faith and a "Spirit that can ne'er be told" but demonstrated. God Bless our extended family of faith.



Carl Schwab - July 06 at 09:09 PM



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Carl Schwab - July 06 at 08:57 PM



“ I am so grateful to have met Mike. He was such a joy to be around. Loved being with his grandkids, family, and friends. You will be missed, Mr. Donegan. Thank you for the memories. Sharon, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Danielle & Michael Ramey - June 30 at 07:48 PM



“ What a tremendous blessing to have known Mike. Words cannot express the impact he had upon those of us that were lucky enough to have had just a little time with him. He was a man that truly carried out the great commission, discipling me and countless others. It was through his example of giving to the community, with such tremendous humility and selflessness, that my eyes were opened to what really matters during this short time here. He was a man of action, not just words. A man after God’s own heart...

And while I had hoped to continue those times studying God’s Word together, I look forward to a day when we will meet again...

Terry Smith - June 30 at 05:50 PM



“ I wish I were capable of more elegantly expressing my feeling for my friend, Mike Donegan but, I will simply say that no matter when or where I saw him he took time to give a firm handshake and a warm smile and made me glad to see him. For years he frequently invited me to Christian and veteran's fellowship and one day, I finally gave in. I began to realize that knowing him and spending precious time together in fellowship and prayer had changed my life forever. In retrospect, I suppose all that a man can ask at the end of his life here on earth is that he was loved and respected by his family, friends, and brother warriors but, Mike exceeded even this. He humbly and quietly gave those that knew him an example by sharing his tireless devotion to God, his country, and his brothers with generosity, wisdom, kindness, and lasting friendship.

I will surely miss you my friend and hope that we will meet again someday...

L. Gonzales, USMC, Ret.

Lupe Gonzales - June 30 at 01:53 PM



“ I met Mike at Ridgeview Church about 6 years ago - and I have to be honest - he pestered me to death about joining the American Legion - but after I came to know him better - it was apparent that he had a heart for God and people. I could write many things about my relationship with Mike - we sat and talked at length so many times. He encouraged me to join the Legion, 3 Men's Bible Studies, the Republicans Men's group and then he got me into helping the widows of veterans and veterans - we were doing everything from delivering food, to pouring concrete and doing plumbing repairs. Our latest venture was mentoring Junior High and Elementary Students. Our personal ventures, from deer hunting and hog hunting to just doing some work on his property in West Texas were always enjoyable - you couldn't be with Mike and not be uplifted - He had the Spirit of God and a heart of gold. His wife is also an amazing woman - I often got to listen to conversations when Mike and I were traveling together - he always made sure to let Sharon know that I was listening - so to be careful what she said. Mike fought the good fight and I never heard him complain - and for a long time didn't even know he was ill. There are only so many words in the English language to say "special" - and not enough to do justice to Mike. I loved him like a brother and will miss him more than anyone can know.

Dennis Penc - June 30 at 10:49 AM



“ My wife Frances and I served through CARE Center Ministries in the Pleasant Grove community of Dallas, the poorest of all Dallas communities.

Due to the Wuhan virus, government lockdowns put hundreds, if not thousands, of residents in that area out of work.

Our ministry began a weekly food distribution service to the community. We had ample freezers to preserve frozen foods, but an inadequate number of residential-type refrigerators for perishable foodstuffs.

The ministry suddenly had an urgent need for a walk-in cooler to preserve fruits and vegetables.

When Mike learned of the need, he quietly offered to fund it and made a very substantial donation. In under two weeks, a new, custom-built walk-in cooler was on the job, in full operation. That cooler continues to serve hundreds of families.

Due to Mike's generosity, hundreds of residents have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

John White - June 29 at 07:57 PM



“ Mike was a true anchor of the community. He expressed his willingness to serve and acted upon it. He was the type of man who would always help to make our world a better place. You simply can't count the hours he spent to help his Faith, Family, and Community. Nor can you count all the people he has reached over the years where he has brought additional light into their lives. Mike was a wonderful person. You will be missed, dear friend.

William Dahl - June 29 at 04:01 PM



“ Words can not describe how much Mike meant to my family and the Terry Fisher Post. He was a true Patriot, always a kind word for everyone...always encouraging them to keep up their spirits and believe in God. Tireless is his efforts to make our community a better place to live, worship and raise a family. He was a beacon of hope in every storm; he always put the needs of others before his own. The Terry Fisher American Legion Post is the organization it is today because of his leadership and guidance. The same goes for the City of McLendon-Chisholm and so many organizations in Rockwall County. Mike was always working to forge a better tomorrow.

He will be missed, and I for one am a better person for having known Mike. He will live on in my heart. I thank him for his mentorship, his support and his faith. I also will never forget the lessons of love and forgiveness he taught me. May God bless him and keep him, and may he live eternally in the house of our Lord.

Mark Kipphut - June 29 at 02:18 PM



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Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - June 28 at 10:50 AM



“ Mike Donegan was a friend to many, and a great servant of the Lord. Mike shared the gospel with many, and was about the Lord’s business. I am sure as he entered Heaven, there was greeting of, “Welcome home, good and faithful servant.”

Joe Pecina - June 25 at 10:46 AM