



## Michael Lee Wesley

October 19, 1945 - February 15, 2025

Michael Lee Wesley, 79, of Centreville, Virginia, passed away on February 15, 2025.

Born on October 19, 1945, in Des Moines, Iowa, Mike was the cherished son of George and Jean Wesley. He is survived by his children, Gwen Pacella (Mario) and Michael Wesley II (Mikie); his grandchildren, Clare and Wesley Pacella, and Benjamin and William Wesley; and his siblings, Robert Wesley and Jane Wesley. He was preceded in death by his parents and partner of three decades, Bonnie Hayman.

Mike's lifelong commitment to education began early when he graduated from St. John's College High School in Washington, DC. After high school he graduated from the University of Kentucky and later earned a Master's Degree from Indiana University. He dedicated his career to Special Education with Fairfax County Public Schools, where his passion and commitment left an indelible mark on the lives of his students.

Beyond his work, Mike embraced the simple pleasures that brought him joy. He was a fan of all things Costco, always had a sweet tooth, loved making his famous Chex mix to spread holiday cheer, watched every Kentucky Derby, and enjoyed tracking the weather especially when it resulted in laying the first

tracks after a fresh snow. He spent countless summers at Dewey Beach Delaware, where he made lifelong friends while soaking in the sun, eating fresh seafood, grabbing a late night pizza at Louie's, and helping his kids win almost every prize at Funland.

Among his many passions, even after retirement, he continued to nurture relationships by spending quality time with his former coworkers and making new friends throughout the last chapter of his life. He took tremendous pride in his children, and loved keeping up with his grandsons' sports.

A memorial service to celebrate Mike's life will be held at a later date this spring. Those wishing to receive details may email his son at [mlwesl@yahoo.com](mailto:mlwesl@yahoo.com).

While we mourn Mike's loss, his memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Wesley.* ”



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February 22, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ *For many years I worked with Mike in the FCPS system. I can honestly say he was the kindest person I ever worked with. Mike to me was like a “gentile giant”. That was always there to help you anytime no matter what the circumstance. He was a great man and I will miss him greatly.* ”



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**John Click** - February 22, 2025 at 10:34 AM



*Mike was very special to me. He taught me to save for retirement; he listened to my woes; drove me around to find housing; my son today uses your grandfather's dresser given him by Mike. He was a true friend ☐.*

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**Rhonda Hill, 29 year coworker** - March 13, 2025 at 09:18 PM