



## Michael John Deloughery

July 1, 1951 - May 29, 2020

Michael John Deloughery, 68, passed away on May 29, 2020 in Orlando, Florida. He was born on July 1, 1951 in Oceanside, California. We will never be the same but boy, are we better for having Michael in our lives. The man was good, pure and humble. His love and passion for the Lord was engraved in his life on April 12, 2012. His love for the Lord was powerful and lives on through our lives because of his influence, actions and beliefs.

He achieved his Aviation career goals while serving the country he loved for 20+ years with the United States Navy. That life overlapped a 20 year career as the Delta pilot who flew all of you around for your vacations. He was even able to fight evil through working with US Customs as a pilot for a few years. He loved his life in so many ways. He was blessed to have lived this life his way while following the Lord.

Locally, he served three different churches in the Orlando area, where he volunteered at the VA Hospital once a week, served with Orange County Jail Ministries, volunteered at the Homeless Shelter, attended multiple church classes weekly, played tennis three times a week, rode his bicycle three times a week and exercised six times a week. With all that he still had the time to be the best husband and brother ever. So loving, sensible, a Mr. Fix-it and beyond helpful to every one he met. He is a Saint in our eyes.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra L. Deloughery; his step-daughters Jennifer (Eben) Denton-Walker and Stephanie (Sean) Tichenor; his step-grandchildren Esme Evans and Dashiell Tichenor; his sister and brother-in-law Kathleen and John Perry; his niece Brittany Perry; and his step-brother, Paul Deloughery.

In lieu of flowers, the family graciously requests for any donations be sent to the Lifebridge Church, located at 12120 Chase Rd, Windermere, FL 34786.

"The Celebration of life for Michael will be June 20, 2020 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida. Regrettably the service will be only for the immediate family. Michael will be honored with a full Military salute following the service at the church."



# Comments

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“ My condolences to my dear mentor's family and friends. What can I say, this has been sad news. The best thing I can say about such notice is that my dear friend has left this realm of God to be with Him in heaven. Not only is he with Jesus Christ, but [Mike] has done what He [God] wanted him to do with great purpose and agape love. All he wanted to achieve and complete before he joined the Holy Trinity was to make Him happy by serving Him. I am comfortable enough to say that Mike was an amazing soul. I was blessed to have met him (even if it was in jail), and it was a great honor to have been his mentee through his spiritual and just normal life experiences. He was just a happy individual and very committed to whatever it was he chose. He always told me the hardest goal to achieve was eating so much (LOL), but at least he tried and was honest enough to admit it. Love in Christ dear old pal. Thank you for being my friend, mentor, and pen pal. Yours truly, Kevin

**Tammy** - June 20, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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“ Mike is our brother in Christ. We studied, worshipped, prayed, cried, laughed, played, and served together. He begged us to sponsor him on the walk to Emmaus! No words can describe the grief our hearts are feeling for all who were blessed to know Mike's heart. We know we will be together again and that Mike will have a surprise or two waiting for us when that day comes! Well done Brother.

**Steve and Melody Mcintosh** - June 07, 2020 at 10:53 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Wednesday Night 6:00 PM Bible Study!



**Dale Valente** - June 05, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ The guy never smiles, as long as I've known him.

**Gary Fleming** - July 04, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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“ I had the privilege of meeting Mike through a church Disciple class where his enthusiasm for the Lord was evident and his witness ever expressed. He was patriotic, helpful in so many ways through so many ministries. He was a saved and changed man pocketing a nail that he could physically touch as that reminder. He loved God, his family (Sandy you made him so happy) and his country and fellow man. A man who didn't just talk the talk but walked the walk. A true community loss, however his imprint remains.

I know the family is grieving and my humble condolences offered hoping they can feel God's comfort.

Sandra Stine Dillon

**sandra stine dillon** - June 05, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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“ Mike and I served on active duty with Patrol Squadron Sixteen from 1978 to 1980. I remember him as an outstanding pilot with an easy going personality who was fun to be around during our downtime from flying. While I hadn't seen him since leaving the squadron, we did stay in touch through the exchange of funny emails over the last 15 years. His sudden departure from this life saddens me as I know the world has lost a great human being. I hope his friends and family find solice in the memories of all times they shared with Mike as much as I know I will. My sincere condolences to his family in this time of grief.

Rich Wilcox

**Rich Wilcox** - June 04, 2020 at 05:35 PM

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“ I'm so saddened to learn of Mike's death. I knew Mike from the Orlando VA Hospital in Lake Nona where we worked together as volunteers. He was truly a wonderful person, with a quick wit and always smiling. I know I can say on behalf of the volunteers that he will be deeply missed. "Turkey Mike" (that's our nickname for him as he made a delicious fried turkey each thanksgiving), May your soul rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon you.

My sincere condolences to his family, may your memories of Mike give you comfort and peace.

Joelle Reid

**Joelle Reid** - June 04, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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“ Mike was a monthly fixture when we served dinner at the Coalition for the Homeless. He joyfully and enthusiastically greeted each shelter guest, sharing his humor with them and his fellow volunteers. Seeing a big guy like Mike in his elf outfit at our Christmas-time shelter dinner brought a special smile.

Mike's dedication, kindness, and cheerfulness in service were inspiring to me and appreciated by those he served. He will be missed in countless ways by the innumerable people he touched.

My condolences to his family who lost such a kindhearted and compassionate man. May God comfort you during your time of grief.

- Beth Ely

**Beth Ely** - June 01, 2020 at 07:48 PM

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“ I was so very sad to learn of Mike's death! He had a deep faith shared it with so many through his volunteer work and outreach to others.. We were both involved in the Connections Sun. School class, a disciple class, the Shalom Readers Club, The Inside Out Jail Ministry, as well as Residents Encountering Christ. It was so fun to play tennis a few times with him and his group of friends! He will be missed by so many who's lives that he touched, mine included!

Am keeping you in my prayers, Sandy  
God bless you!

Salley Martin

**Salley E Martin** - June 01, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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“ Obie Young lit a candle in memory of Michael John Deloughery



**Obie Young** - June 01, 2020 at 02:11 PM

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“ Mike Deloughery and I attended the Connection Study Group at St Luke’s United Methodist Church. Mike volunteered with me and FAN to conduct our Aviation Orientation Project. The Florida Aviation Network (a project of the National Aviation Safety Foundation) has worked with numerous Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Aviation Explorer Scouts, St. Luke’s UMC, Civil Air Patrol, Flight Training Professionals, Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Signature Flight Support, Flight Safety International, Stallion 51 and the Museum of Military History, to inform young folks about Aviation at the annual Aviation Orientation during the months of January and February each year. I could always count on Mike for support for this project and he was great working with the young people and adults. During our neighborhood get together for our FAN crew and friends Mike fit right in with Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, and civilian pilot types. We have enjoyed many wonderful hours and events with Mike and Sandy. Wishing You “Blue Skies and Tailwinds” my friend. Obie Young - Ramona - Tiger Lady and your friends and family in the Florida Aviation Network.



Obie Young - June 01, 2020 at 02:10 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Mike was a dedicated Member of the St. Luke's UMC family and went above and beyond to help anyone who was in need. He will truly be missed. Sandy and family, please let me know if there's anything I can do for you. Blessings and peace during this time.

Antony Larry - June 01, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ Condolences and prayers to Sandy and the family. I enjoyed Mike’s wonderful and fun personality. It was always great to see him at church and to serve with him at the coalition. He will be missed dearly! May God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Sharon Somner - June 01, 2020 at 02:54 PM

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“ Mike was a great friend who helped with difficult breakdowns. Mike was the leader in our old men’s gathering meeting Saturday mornings. I particular enjoyed our tennis which happened 3 times a week. But the most important was our time together in Lifebridge church, both in the service and in Sunday school. We miss you Mike!  
Ronnie and Kathleen Goodin

james goodin - May 31, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ Last time I saw Mike was at Beefy King restaurant about 6 months ago, he was with a men's prayer group. I was impressed with his testimony and the nail he kept in his pocket to remind him of the nails used to crucify Jesus. He was a gracious friend and Christian example for me. Neil Paul Paulson

**Neil Paul Paulson** - May 31, 2020 at 06:50 PM

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“ Vic and I had many fun memories of bbq and pool time. I will miss playing Train game together because he was a wicked player

**Margaret Moss** - May 31, 2020 at 06:13 PM