



Michael W. Beaty

March 25, 1947 - May 16, 2018

GROVELAND – Michael “Mike” Beaty, 71, of Groveland, Illinois, passed away on May 16, 2018, at his home.

He was born on March 25, 1947, to Keith Beaty and Adelaide “Peaches” (Fisk) Beaty of Havana, Illinois. His parents and brother, Thomas Patrick “Pat” Beaty, preceded him in death.

Mike married Katherine Workman of Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1970. She survives. Also surviving are daughter Andrea (Brian) Miller of Hampton, Iowa; son Christopher (Raleigh Blasdel) Beaty of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; grandchildren Anika, Claire, and Connor Miller; sisters-in-law Jane Beaty of Canton, Illinois, and Mary Dufelmeier (Ken Petersen) of Boone, Iowa; three nieces and one nephew.

Mike was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Havana, Illinois. After graduating from Lewistown Community High School and Western Illinois University, he worked for nearly 20 years as a successful agent for Fidelity Union Life Insurance Company and then Country Companies.

Service to his community was a priority, and he later worked in economic development and in Illinois government. As Executive Director of the Macomb

Area Industrial Development Corporation (MAIDCO), Mike worked to bring businesses to the area. He was especially proud of his efforts to help secure the expansion of NTN Bower and attracting the St. Louis Rams Summer Training Camp to Macomb. When in Macomb, he was an active member of the Macomb Rotary, Macomb Ducks Unlimited, and the Macomb Country Club.

Mike later worked as Downstate District Field Liaison and Assistant to the Chief of Staff for the Illinois Secretary of State, Division Administrator for Natural Resources Division of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and in the Department of Natural Resources before his retirement.

He enjoyed reading, traveling, and nature. Mike was an avid hunter of waterfowl and pheasant and for many years was a licensed goose guide at the Marlin Hunting Club in Southern Illinois. He and a friend also co-founded the Macomb Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. Mike appreciated all sports, but was especially passionate about baseball. He played the position of catcher through college and then played in the Peoria Sunday Morning League. A lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, he was particularly pleased when his Cubbies won the 2016 World Series. In the last few years, he enjoyed wintering in Florida where he attended as many Spring Training games as possible.

Mike touched many people in many aspects of his life. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Mike took great pride in his children and grandchildren and was exceptionally proud of how they treated others. His legacy of selflessness and generosity lives on in them.

His faith sustained him through his illness, but Mike was also grateful to the kind and caring members of VITAS Hospice, who provided exceptional care to both him and his family.

Hurley Funeral Home (Havana, Illinois) is honored to assist the family. Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana on Saturday, May 19, 2018 . A funeral mass will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Havana at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Burial will follow the services at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mike's honor to VITAS Healthcare Hospice Services or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Memorial Mass

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Patricks Catholic Church
545 S Orange St
Havana, IL 62644

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael W. Beaty*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Kathy and family - I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was so full of life and always smiling and laughing, just like in his photo. I met him through our dear friend, Karen. She told so many stories and when they were together, it was a laughfest. I know his family was his pride and joy. He always shared their successes and accomplishments. I hope all the wonderful memories you all made together make this time a little easier. I hope Mike and Karen are making all the angels laugh. Fran Hainline, Macomb.*

Fran H. - May 30, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *Dear Kathie and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you face this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Shirley Meils.*

Shirley Meils - May 19, 2018 at 10:33 AM

MG

“ So sorry to hear about Mike's passing. I met him years ago in Macomb when he worked for Country Companies. Always friendly and always took the time to stop and speak. Of course he talked often about duck hunting. My sympathy to all the family during this time and prayers for peace from the only One who can provide true peace.

*Michael Galloway
Colchester, Il.*

Michael Galloway - May 18, 2018 at 04:14 PM

CA

“ I'm so sorry to hear this.....may in Rest In Peace.

Candy - May 18, 2018 at 04:14 PM

BS

“ Kathie I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I enjoyed meeting and chatting with you two during several of the pre Bradley game times down in the Brave's Club room. A friendly, fun, and sincerely nice gentleman. Sympathy and prayers for you and your family.

Becky Snyder

Becky Snyder - May 18, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Michael W. Beaty.



May 18, 2018 at 10:54 AM

KW

“ Dear Kathie and family: I was so sorry to read of Mike's passing. We have lots of great memories from Macomb, especially our December babies. Please accept my sincere condolences. May God grant you strength and peace in the road you travel. Fondly,
Kathie Wozniak

Kathie Wozniak - May 18, 2018 at 08:14 AM

BE

“ May God embrace his soul and grant the Beaty Family peace.

Bill Edley - May 18, 2018 at 07:53 AM

SH

“ I appreciate the experiences I had with Mike while he served as the MAIDCO Executive Director. He was dedicated to improving the quality of life in Macomb. My condolences to Mike's family and many friends. He was a good man.
Steve Hopper

Steve Hopper - May 18, 2018 at 07:37 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael W. Beaty.



May 17, 2018 at 08:49 PM

LR

“ *Luke & Laura Sample (friends of Chris & Raleigh) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael W. Beaty.*



Luke & Laura Sample (friends of Chris & Raleigh) - May 17, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael W. Beaty.*



May 17, 2018 at 06:21 PM

DS

“ *Department of Criminal Justice & Sociology - SEMO purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Michael W. Beaty.*



Department of Criminal Justice & Sociology - SEMO - May 17, 2018 at 06:19 PM

 Neil
Armstrong

“ *Rest easy, Mike. May the ducks and geese be plentiful in the heavenly flyways.*

Neil Armstrong - May 17, 2018 at 05:23 PM

VM

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Vicki McGinnis - May 17, 2018 at 05:19 PM