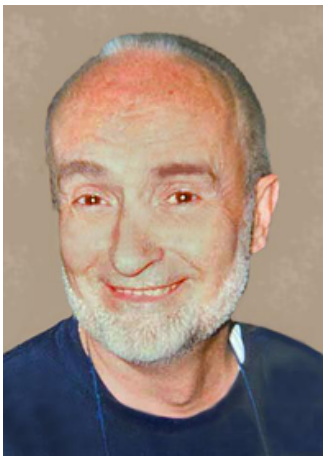


Michael Frederick Brunner

June 26, 1941 ~ February 17, 2021

Michael Frederick Brunner, 79, died on February 17, 2021 in South Jordan, Utah. Mike was born on June 26, 1941 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Orrin and Margaret Brunner.

He graduated from Whitefish Bay High School in 1959. He enrolled at Marquette University, later receiving a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in Mathematics. Once graduated he joined the Marine Corps, serving as a Lieutenant Corporal. He was stationed in Quantico, Virginia when he was honorably discharged and decided to stay to pursue his career in education. He married his former spouse, Kathryn Hamilton, in 1972. Together they had a daughter, Kristin, and a son, Joshua.

Mike was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He knew that God loved him. He had a testimony of the temple and attended it frequently. His quick wit and easy laugh drew others to him. He taught mathematics for over 30 years in the Fairfax County Virginia public school district - specifically at South Lakes High School. He continued teaching school during many summers and was an adjunct professor at Northern Virginia Community College.

His greatest joys centered around his children and 8 grandchildren. If any of them were participating in a performance, sporting event, or social activity, he was there. He also loved to travel. Some of his favorite destinations were Disney World, Hilton Head, Grand Cayman, and any beach with warm water. His favorite traveling companions were his brothers, their wives, and his cousin, Ginger. He was a terrific swimmer and became an avid scuba diver, earning the title of Dive Master. He frequently instructed new recruits, including Josh. He went diving to many different exotic destinations, even Epcot!

Mike was a master teacher with an amazing mind. Attempting to solve unsolvable math equations was a favorite pastime. He was proficient on the piano and organ and sang in choirs throughout his life. He was requested upon to write numerous letters of recommendation, with his former students often returning to thank him for his instruction. No grade needed ever be final if he was your teacher. Most importantly, he taught us how to love so that we could more effectively love others. He always told his kids how much he loved them, and we all loved him back. Upon his retirement in 2009 he moved to Utah to be closer to his family.

We are grateful for the caring staff at The Sheridan who took wonderful care of him during his last years.

He is survived by his children Kristin Jeffs (Larry) and Joshua (Julie), 8 grandchildren, his brothers Robert (Susan) and David (Andrea), and two nieces and nephews.

Michael's funeral service will be held Friday, February 26th at 11:00 a.m. with a viewing from 9:30-10:45 a.m. prior to the service at Larkin Mortuary-Riverton, 3688 West 12600 South in Riverton, Utah. Interment will be at Utah Veterans Memorial Park in Bluffdale, Utah.

Friends and family are invited to attend virtually via Zoom. The link to watch the service is:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/QJ_2pLcd2D4AsnICJdCY9vVsh6bC5OiJjyaS13WrIum14l8UasfLmx64ChewpBRjnmqJF
The link to watch the graveside service is:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/0dbxbrhNT_wRA4bYr7zDCmtbsqwAH2Nj2yyrYwVl9LacSE18pO9fIdJV0f2SEkMFJ32Mc
In lieu of flowers or donations, treat yourself and a friend to a Coke from McDonald’s, then raise a toast to Mike.