



Michael George Tobin

April 10, 1948 - May 16, 2023

Michael George Tobin, 75, passed away peacefully on May 16th, 2023 in Houston, TX. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends. Michael was born on April 10th, 1948 in South Bend, IN to George and Geraldine (O'Farrell) Tobin. After graduating from Bordentown Military Institute (NJ), he received a full football scholarship to Michigan State University where he won the Spartan Oil Can Award for his humor. He graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration.

After graduation Michael moved to Australia where he worked in advertising with the Ford Motor Company. One day, while hitchhiking through the Outback, he was picked up by a group of deep-sea divers. They drove him to the coast and threw him in the water. Michael loved adventure and he soon learned to dive. He joined Oceaneering International and for 15 years was a deep-sea diver in the oil industry on six continents. Michael eventually moved into the sales division and returned to the U.S.

In 1982, he married Kathleen Koons, his sister's childhood friend. Business took them to Aberdeen, Scotland where they had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe. Michael and Kathy returned to the U.S. and made their home in Houston, TX. In 1990, they welcomed their son, Matthew, who was the joy of their life. Michael coached Matthew's elementary school football team. Michael was a life-long Spartan fan. He was able to cheer for the MSU

Spartans and his son's Stratford High School Spartans.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years Kathleen Koons Tobin, his son, Matthew George Tobin (Mariah) and grandson, Finnegan George Tobin. He is predeceased by his parents, George and Geraldine Tobin, his brother Mark G. Tobin, and his sister, Joanne Tobin Koch. He is also survived by his brother, Timothy E. Tobin, his sisters, Mary M. Tobin, Geraldine Tobin Escott and Paula Tobin Newbold (Jim); and, his nephews and niece, Joshua J. Tobin (Karina), Keith O. Tobin (Kaitlyn), Zachary G. Tobin, and Molly Tobin,

There will be Mass to celebrate Michael's life at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079, on Friday, June 2nd, 2023 at 10:30 am.

After Mass, family and guests will proceed to St. Jude Hall for a reception.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael George Tobin*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Michael George Tobin*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Michael George Tobin*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Michael George Tobin*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael George Tobin.*



June 02, 2023 at 03:50 AM

MH

“ Mike and Steven Hale purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Michael George Tobin.



Mike and Steven Hale - May 31, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael George Tobin.



May 30, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael George Tobin.



May 30, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael George Tobin.



May 30, 2023 at 10:24 AM

LF

“ Love from your SMR Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Michael George Tobin.



Love from your SMR Family - May 29, 2023 at 05:03 PM

RR

“ Mike initiated me into MSU Varsity Club by putting a fire hose and bouncing me off the cement wall of Spartan Stadium. We actually became great friends after that night because I knew Mike would always have my back.

Robert C Rosenberg - May 27, 2023 at 11:57 AM

RC

“ Robert C. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael George Tobin.



Robert C. - May 27, 2023 at 11:48 AM

TD

“ Will always cherish the time spent with you and Kathy over the years after my working the Houston Auto show and spent a few days in your Home enjoying the dialogue and of course Kathy's cooking. And the 2014 Rosebowl were I had a chance to host you and a few of your siblings Mark & JoAnne. The icing on the cake was MSU beat Stanford 24-20. Go Green

tim Daly - May 23, 2023 at 06:16 PM

KM

Mike Tobin was a Classis. There are so many chapters of his life only a book series would suffice. The Michigan State stories including the FAMOUS ROSE BOWL WIN against S. California, and the crew we had to celebrate was amazing. It seemed like everywhere we went in Pasadena someone was shouting out HI to Big Mike Tobin. He was a true ambassador for our Spartans. Thank You for all the laughs you shared on the DECK at the cottage, and most of all your true friendship for so many years!! Kathy MacDonald

Kathy MacDonald - May 30, 2023 at 01:28 PM

SE

Steve and Jane Evans, we share our condolences with Kathy and Matthew. I greatly enjoyed my time coaching youth football with Mike. He and I shared time scouting other teams and it gave me the chance to get to know a really GOOD man. All of you are in our thoughts. A Spartan for life, whether it be Michigan State or Stratford.

Steve Evans - June 01, 2023 at 02:38 PM