



John Baily "Mike" Moore Jr.

April 26, 1944 - August 31, 2023

John Baily "Mike" Moore, aged 79, of St. Augustine, peacefully passed away on August 31, 2023, at Bailey Family Center for Caring in St. Augustine. Mike was born on April 26, 1944, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to parents John Baily and Martha (Floyd) Moore. His remarkable life journey took him through numerous states, including Mississippi, North Carolina, Indiana, Washington D.C., Maryland, California, New York, Texas, New Jersey, and eventually, Florida.

Mike was an accomplished scholar in the field of science, earning his Bachelor of Science degree from Wake Forest University before pursuing his passion further. He attained a Master of Science degree from Purdue University and went on to complete his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University, followed by a prestigious postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford Medical Center. Following his academic pursuits, Mike dedicated himself to educating the next generation as a college professor at Texas A&M University. Later, he embarked on a successful career as a Drug Research Scientist at Johnson & Johnson in Neshanic Station, New Jersey.

Beyond his intellectual pursuits, Mike was an active and vibrant individual who cherished a variety of sports. He excelled in tennis, softball, handball, and basketball, and held a passionate love for soccer as an avid fan. His dedication to nurturing young talent extended to coaching his son's youth

soccer team, an experience that brought him great joy.

In 2004, Mike and his beloved wife Marie relocated to St. Augustine, where they embarked on a well-deserved retirement filled with adventures. Their travels took them to some of the most sought-after places in the world, including Hawaii, Aruba, Alaska, Australia, England, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and numerous Caribbean islands. He treasured biking down the Haleakalā volcano in Hawaii and white-water rafting down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. His adventurous spirit led him to explore destinations far and wide, but he always held a special place in his heart for the Blue Ridge Mountains and U.S. National Parks. Mike had a deep appreciation for the beauty of the world, yet, above all, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and the love he shared with his family will be profoundly missed.

Mike was preceded in death by his son Todd and granddaughter Madison. He is survived by his cherished wife, Marie Moore of St. Augustine; daughters, Jodi Bruner and her husband Billy Bob of Adkins, Texas, and Desha Rank and her husband Kyle of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; stepdaughters, Allison Clough and her husband Jonathan of Easton, Pennsylvania, and Ashley Hastings of St. Augustine; and his beloved grandchildren, Christopher, Brielle, Carly, Austin, Tyden, Breelyn, Callen, Gavin, Tatum, as well as a great-grandson, Jace Benjamin.

A celebration of Mike's remarkable life will take place at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, with Sister Enda Egan officiating. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be live-streamed at <https://iframe.dacast.com/live/2a7a09ae1c0559a83ef537e05e6a14a6/2aae7d5f-98fd-a9e6-32a7-b774547cf42c>. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Community Hospice & Palliative Care with a designation for the Bailey Family Center for Caring to support

their invaluable work. <https://thefoundationcares.org/give/>

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is honored to handle the arrangements as we remember and celebrate the extraordinary life of John Baily "Mike" Moore.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 State Road 207
St. Augustine, FL

A reception will follow the service.

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Baily "Mike" Moore Jr.*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - October 11, 2023 at 04:43 PM

MI

“ *Such a loss of a truly kind man.*

I had the most wonderful summer with Mike, Marie and Ashley in 2003, we took a road trip from New Jersey to Florida stopping at different states and meeting Mike's friends.

Mike was so interesting with so many stories and knowledge of all things, he showed a real interest in me and showing me the real USA, thank you for the memories that I keep in my mind and the photo album you kindly bought me from Disney. I'm glad he's now at peace. Xx

Michaela - October 17, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Baily "Mike" Moore Jr..*



October 14, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Baily "Mike" Moore Jr..

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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - October 11, 2023 at 04:03 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - October 11, 2023 at 01:12 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - October 11, 2023 at 11:19 AM

CP

“ Mike was a good tennis friend for many years. We played doubles often with John Evans and my brother, Pat. Mike and Pat had a connection being the same age and both being born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Besides tennis we did birthday lunches for each other and an occasional movie together. As Mike’s disease progressed he started falling while playing tennis. We would bring extra bandages when we played. Mike would fall, get up, patch himself up, and continue to play. His resilience and determination to continue play were a testament to his strength of character and competitive spirit. He loved to play tennis. This was our friend Mike Moore.

Charles Patterson

Charles Patterson - September 19, 2023 at 12:15 PM

HG

“ Mike and I played a lot of tennis together, both as partners and against one another. Our team went to the nationals in Tempe, Arizona 2008 where we played as partners and also roomed together. Mike told me he can get to sleep easier if the lights are off, and the curtains need to be drawn so no light was getting in. After the second day of matches, we were both very tired. Went to bed early. During that night, I had to use the restroom. Trying to find my way back to the bed was not easy! I climbed into bed. Keep in mind the room was pitch black. No sooner did I get under the covers, Mike said, “Hank, I know we’re partners, but don’t you think we should go to dinner first?” LOL”I was in the wrong” bed! He did have a hell of a sense of humor! We were both hysterical and it was difficult getting back to sleep!



Hank Goldin - September 12, 2023 at 02:01 PM

MR

“ *My husband and I met Mike and Marie some years back. We took care of some of the work in their yard. Mike was a very nice, caring man. Always greeted us with a smile, even though he was one of our good customers it was like we were going to visit a friend. My husband Michael and I will miss seeing him. When we ride by his house in Palencia, we will be thinking of him.*
Michael and Megan Risko

Megan Risko - September 10, 2023 at 05:14 PM

SU

“ *Mike is my mother's (Norma Jo) first cousin and I have many nice memories of his visits while growing up. I hadn't seen him since my brother's wedding but we had corresponded. I do regret not being able to connect in person since.*

My prayers are with Marie and the children.

susan - September 10, 2023 at 02:55 PM

JM

“ *Mike was a courageous and remarkable man. I met him at a men's tennis clinic when I moved here in 2007. He was very welcoming and soon had me actively involved in tennis games and events. He always arraigned the matches and took care of every detail. We played countless times and he was always upbeat and happy regardless of what might be going on. I miss him every day. May he rest in peace. Jim McMillan*

James D McMillan - September 10, 2023 at 11:20 AM

BD

“ To my friend Marie and family,
Mike was a brilliant, gentle, generous and caring man with a good sense of humor. He was a voracious reader and an avid jigsaw puzzler, many of which were Kincaid, frame worthy and hung as artwork.
Mike enjoyed his sports playing tennis, handball and bicycling. He had fun zipping around in his Miata sports car which he owned for a while.
Mike was a very good father and husband, he was devoted to Marie and treated her like a queen. He enjoyed traveling with Marie to places like Hawaii and Aruba.
I first met Mike back in New Jersey when Marie and I went Swing dancing at the Clinton Holiday Inn. Mike was smitten with Marie and asked me to show him some swing dance moves so he could continue to flirt with her.
I attended his wedding to Marie in Flemington. It was a lovely ceremony and we had a blast at the reception.
Michael was one of the really good guys and I have some wonderful memories of him. He will be missed.

Bonnie Dela - September 09, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ I will always remember Mike always having a kind word to say whenever you saw him. His positivity was such a wonderful thing to experience. You always felt good in his presence.

Melinda Conrad - September 09, 2023 at 12:06 PM