



## Michael Joseph Charest

January 17, 1957 - January 22, 2024

Michael “Opa” Joseph Charest went to be with the Lord on January 22, 2024.

He was born in

Germany on January 17, 1957 to Maria Gertrude Ohl, a German citizen, and Joseph Roy “Skip”

Charest who served in the United States Army. Throughout his childhood him and his family moved

around a lot sparking his lifelong journey for adventure.

Michael is survived by his mother, Maria, his six sisters, Bonnie, Jacque, Yvonne, Michelle, and

Candy as well as his only brother Patrick. He is also survived by his wife of 37 years who he

described as the love of his life from their very first date. He also leaves behind three children, Rachel, Kelly, and Carson as well as two grandchildren, Marin and Adrienne, who he loved like daughters of his own. Michael learned the value of family from a young age and never stopped working hard to love and support his family.

Michael was a proud member of the SAE fraternity at the University of Florida where he got his

degree in Computer Science before being a pioneer in the software and technology field. While

having three young children Michael decided to return to school and pursue a Master's of Business degree at the University of North Florida. He was a proud lifelong Gator and Jaguar fan - having had season tickets since the Jaguars first arrived in town. His favorite days were Sunday's getting to watch the Church of 11:22 and the Jaguars with his family. This was a tradition that he kept with his family until the very end. Michael had an incredibly deep, unwavering faith in the Lord and served him greatly through his acts of service by being an Elder at Community Presbyterian Church, participating and leading both disciple groups and bible studies at the Church of 11:22, driving the shelter van on cold nights for many years, and volunteering at the Beaches baptisms in Hannah Park.

Michael was a family man first and foremost and one of his favorite activities to do was to go to the beach. Therefore, in honor of him, we will be having his celebration of life on March 2nd at 2:00pm at the 13th St. beach access in Atlantic Beach. Michael was a resident of Atlantic Beach for over 30 years and is renowned by his family as finding the perfect place to live. The service will be presided over by Pastor Chris Gerrard and Elder Rusty Pritchett from the Church of 11:22.

Music will be played by his in-laws Karin and Al Frosio and Jean Hilton. As well as a special song sung by his granddaughter Marin. Rain date for the service is Sunday March 3rd at 2:00 pm. Please dress casual and bring beach chairs/blankets to sit on.

# Previous Events

## **A Celebration of Life**

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Beach Access in Atlantic Beach  
13th Street Beach Access  
Atlantic Beach, FL 32233