



Michael Lawrence Rathmann

November 27, 1949 - July 12, 2022

Michael Lawrence Rathmann, 72, of St. Augustine, FL, passed away on July 12, 2022, at the Bailey Family Center for Caring. He was born and raised in Chicago, IL, where he graduated from St. Patrick High School. After graduation, he served his country for 5 years in the U.S. Air Force as a police officer.

Mike continued his professional career working for the Florida Department of Corrections. Mike started as a corrections officer and worked his way to become the Assistant Secretary of Prisons with his last assignment being the Warden of Florida State Prison.

Mike retired after 30 plus years of service in the Florida Department of Corrections, and then went on to serve an additional 6 years with the Bradford County Sheriff's office as a Lieutenant. He served many years as a member of FCCD including serving as Past President. Mike was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

In 2013, Mike retired and moved to St. Augustine. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and served as the Lodge Secretary for the past 8 years. Mike was an avid reader, loved electronics and technology, and a fan of all types of movies, especially sci-fi fantasy.

Mike is survived by his wife of 11 years, Debra Sheets; children, River Noah Rathmann Sheets, Eric Rathmann (Madelin), Jason Rathmann, Teddy Sheets, and Patiana Sheets; grandchildren, Ethan Matthew and Emeline Mae; nephews, Danny and Kenny Krupske. He was preceded in death by his parents Theodore Rathmann and Mercedes LaPointe, and his aunt, Evelyn Krupske.

A memorial service will be held at 10 am on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Elks Lodge, 1420 A1A S, St. Augustine, FL 32080, or FCCD, P.O. Box 399, Orange Park, FL 32067-0399. Please notate that all donations are in the name of Michael L. Rathmann. For those unable to attend, you may watch a live stream by clicking on this link (<https://iframe.dacast.com/live/2a7a09ae1c0559a83ef537e05e6a14a6/2aae7d5f-98fd-a9e6-32a7-b774547cf42c>)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home oversees arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Lawrence Rathmann*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - July 15, 2022 at 04:38 PM

RM

Mike will surely be missed. Mike was more than a professional, he was a good person, intelligent

Ron McAndrew - July 13, 2023 at 07:30 AM

DK

“ *My Uncle Mike was a great man and friend. He always took care of my family . I will miss him very much. I love you*

Danny Krupske - July 16, 2022 at 07:56 AM

DK

“ *Danny Krupske lit a candle in memory of Michael Lawrence Rathmann*



Danny Krupske - July 16, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Lawrence Rathmann.*



July 16, 2022 at 07:30 AM



“ *Despite the fact that he was so well known, Mike always had a side that he kept to himself, Like a personal, deeply held secret.*

I was honored to work for about 6-7 years in the Colonels office. Mike was my immediate supervisor, and we shared an office. One morning, one of our long time inmates showed up at the Colonels office (our office), and asked if he could get his recently impounded accordion back from the property room. The Lt. In charge said ok, but told him that he had to walk just outside the building and play "Dixie" for Lt. Rathmann. He was happy to oblige him. He proceeded to a rear window just outside of mine and Mike's office, and launched into the familiar strains of "Dixie". It was flawless until the inmate was, without warning, doused with a cleaning pail full of water thrown on him by another inmate who lived on the second floor in a 6 man cell located just above our office. We learned later of Mike's years in the northern states, and that probably helped explain the song selection.

All of us laughed about that incident for years, and for some strange reason it is one of my favorite memories from my years with the Dept of Corrections. Godspeed, Let Rathmann...it is an honor to have known you and worked with you.

Dan "D L" Williams - July 15, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - July 15, 2022 at 10:52 AM

MH

“ Michael Howe lit a candle in memory of Michael Lawrence Rathmann



Michael Howe - July 14, 2022 at 12:56 PM

JE

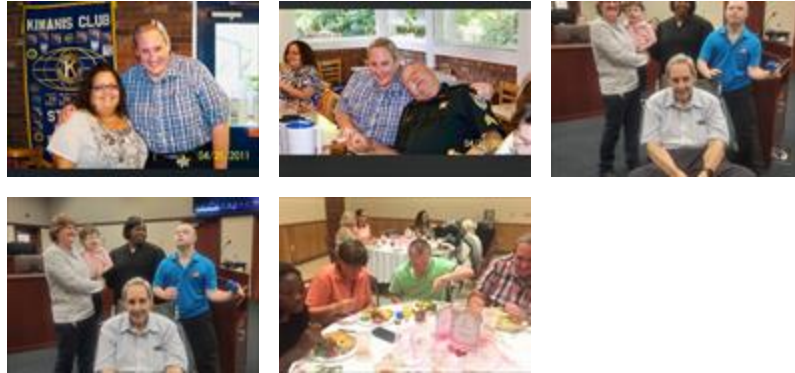
“ I'm glad he got to meet those grandbabies, and that he's no longer in pain now. Hoping all of you find comfort in memories. ~J



Jen - July 14, 2022 at 06:11 AM

DS

“ 62 files added to the tribute wall



Debra Sheets - July 13, 2022 at 07:48 PM

MG

“ Mike was definitely such a unique person. He was a true mentor to so many. We all had such special years with him. Good times and great memories. He was one of the smartest men I knew. I'm blessed to have had him as a boss; but more so as my friend. He will surely be missed. I'm praying for Mike's family and our Department of Corrections family.



Marian Danson Griffis - July 13, 2022 at 02:58 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, Your ViaPath Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Lawrence Rathmann.



Sincerely, Your ViaPath Family - July 13, 2022 at 02:35 PM

DS

“ I worked with Mike for many years during the ACA Audits in the Central Florida area. No matter how difficult the problem, he would always find the answers. He made even the most difficult tasks fun. Prayers for his family. D. "Lee" Strickland

Donna Lee Strickland - July 12, 2022 at 11:36 PM

DS

He definitely was a problem solver. Thank you.💕

Debra Sheets - July 13, 2022 at 01:29 PM

TP

“ Mike was a mentor to we work together at hendry correction institution. He also was my president elect during my year as president of FCCD. I will truly miss him.
TT Page

Terry Page - July 12, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Lawrence Rathmann.



July 12, 2022 at 07:24 PM

DS

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories*



Debra Sheets - July 12, 2022 at 06:19 PM