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Michael Williams Rentz, age 65, of St. Augustine, passed away on July 28, 2013 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, with his wife by his side. Born in Anderson County, South Carolina, and raised in Bamberg, SC, Mike began attending the University of South Carolina on a football scholarship. After transferring to Newberry College, he graduated with a BA in history, and then returned to the University of South Carolina, where he earned a Masters Degree in Counselor Education. Mike worked as a History Teacher, Football / Track Coach and Athletic Director in the Beaufort, S.C. area for many years. He was a dedicated and beloved teacher, coach and mentor, who advocated teachers' rights and served as President of SCEA (South Carolina Education Association). Mike relocated to St. Augustine, FL, in 2002 and finished up his career as a History Teacher and Football Coach in the St. Johns and Clay County School Systems. He was a member of the Beaufort Exchange Club in SC, and of Anastasia Baptist Church in St. Augustine. Above all, Mike was a family man who was adored by his wife, children and grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Cindy Rentz, of St. Augustine; daughters, Tracy Robins and her husband, Paul, of Columbia, SC and Shannon Rentz of St. Augustine; sons, Michael W. Rentz, Jr., and his wife, Jennifer, of Beaufort, SC, and James and Charles Rentz, both of St. Augustine; his mother, Helen Rentz of Beaufort,

SC; a sister, Kay Flemming of Columbia, SC; a brother, Dr. Bill Flemming, and his wife, Susan, of Columbia, SC; and his grandchildren, Michael Rentz III and Tyler Rentz. He was preceded in death by his father Strom Rentz and sister, Lu Ann Flemming Brooks. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at the Anastasia Baptist Church, with Dr. Walter West officiating. A visitation, beginning at 1:00pm, will precede the service. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to: Anastasia Baptist Church, 1650 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL. 32080. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ God Bless Coach Rentz family. He will truly be missed. He was my basketball coach in High School in the early 70's. Very nice coach and teacher. Keep your hands in GOD's hands and know he is a better place w/ him Maker.

LuCeila M Baker - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ We will continue to keep your family in our prayers. Sorry to hear of your loss. God Bless you all during this difficult time.

Staff of West Columbia Dental - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Mike, Jennifer, Michael and Tyler My deepest sympathy on the loss of your loved one. May his love always surround you and your wonderful memories bring a warm touch to your hearts. I remember you all in my thoughts and prayers, Love, Aunt Betti

Betti Brick - August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ We are very sad to loose a member of the family and a friend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cindy and children. Fond memories of growing up with "big cousin" Mike.

Rick and Lee Anne Lamar - August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I just learned of Mike's passing . I want you to know that Tom and I are very saddened by his untimely death . I remember the good times we had as children in Bamberg and will always cherish his memory .

Joy Lamar Wells - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ To all of Mike's family - I regret that I'll not be there tomorrow to say goodbye. Many wonderful memories of our times together in High School and College overwhelm the sadness of his passing.

Jackie Zorn - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mike was at Beaufort High when I first moved here in the 90's. He was a good mentor and friend. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Mike Ashby - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Great friend, great coach, many wonderful memories to be remembered. Truly has saddened me deeply and I will miss this person. My sympathies to both his families with whom he was a great devoted,caring father.

Danny Thomas - July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Mike was a dear man. He was so good to our daughter Rachael when she was learning to drive. Mike truly loved his family and his children.. he will be missed by all of us.

Nicole Hill - July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM