

JOHN MICHAEL "MIKE" THOMAS



Age 65, of Friendsville, MD and Moon Township, PA peacefully passed away on July 8, 2023 with his family lovingly by his side.

Born April 1, 1958 in Bethesda, MD, he was the son of the late James Thomas and Regina Davis. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Steven Thomas.

He is survived by the devoted mother of his children, Kimberly Thomas; two sons, Jason (Lauren)

Thomas and Chris (Amber) Thomas; three grandchildren, Marlee Thomas, Wesley Thomas, and Macie Thomas; and four siblings, James (Nancy) Thomas, Margaret (Pete) Bradeson, Charles (Carla) Thomas, and Richard (Terri) Thomas.

Mike spent his formative years in Friendsville, MD with his five siblings where he quickly became known for his toughness. He was strong-willed at times, but he also had an enormous heart and clever sense of humor. He was generous, loyal and caring to those that were lucky enough to call him family or friend. Even in his last years of life as he battled cancer and declining health, he did so with strength, dignity, and grace that inspired and comforted those around him.

After attending Northern Garrett High School, Mike trained and worked as an electrician for several years before starting his career with the United States Postal Service that spanned 27 years until his retirement in 2022. He was an avid reader, history buff, sports fan, and lover of good music. He could effortlessly navigate from imparting common-sense wisdom to producing an obscure historical fact, sports statistic, or literary quote depending on what the situation warranted.

Mike was a lot of things to a lot of people, but above all else, he was an outstanding father to his sons. He was always there for them, guiding and directing them through every phase, triumph, and challenge in life. He never hesitated to talk about how proud he was of them. The only thing that rivaled his pride for his sons was his affection for his grandchildren. Mike was adoringly known as "Pap" to Marlee, Wesley, and Macie, and he loved them more than he ever imagined possible.

The family will have a private celebration of life at a later date.