



## Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding

March 17, 1949 - March 29, 2022

Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding, 73, peacefully left this world surrounded by loved ones after a hard-fought battle with cancer on March 29, 2022 in Indianapolis. He was born to Robert J. Alerding and Margaret Hicks Alerding in Indianapolis on March 17, 1949. He graduated from St. Matthew's grade school in 1963, Cathedral High School in 1967 and Indiana University in 1971 with a degree in accounting. In 1971, Mike became a Certified Public Accountant which led to a successful fifty-year career in public accounting. In 1998, Mike was a founder of Alerding CPA Group (aka Alerding & Co) in Indianapolis where he served in a variety of roles including managing director and most recently in an Of Counsel capacity. Throughout his career, he collected many honors and awards including: Indiana University Kelley School of Business Inaugural "Accounting Alumni Recognition Award for Community Service", "Accounting Advocate of the Year" by the US SBA 1989/2000, Distinguished Alumni – Cathedral High School, Volunteer of the Year – Indiana CPA Society, and Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series 1981. He was affiliated with many organizations including: WFYI Channel 20 (Chairman and Director Emeritus), WFYI Foundation (Founder and Board Member), St. Vincent Health (Chairman of Audit Committee and Director Emeritus), Cathedral High School (Trustee), Development Corporation, Indianapolis Business Journal (Columnist), White River State Park Commission (Charter Member) and Mayor's Commission to bring a domed stadium to Indianapolis (Member).

Mike has touched countless lives as a coach, father figure, mentor, and friend. He spent many years coaching baseball and softball at St. Alban's Little League as well as football at St. Lawrence grade school. He was an avid supporter and fan of Cathedral High School's Performing Arts, Wrestling and most intimately, the Irish Football program where he served as the "Eye In The Sky" for practically every game for 20 years until 2006. He was enthusiastic about IU basketball and his beloved New York Yankees. Mike loved to travel and explore the world but had a special place in his heart for New York City. To say that he was generous is an understatement. He loved fiercely and was always quick to offer a helping hand or a useful suggestion to anyone who asked, even to some who didn't ask.

Mike's life centered around his large family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ellen Ryan-Hughbanks-Alerding; brother, Thomas F. Alerding; father, Robert J. Alerding and at a young age lost his mother, Margaret Hicks Alerding. He is survived by his wife, Claudia Alerding; ex-wife, Jill Kirkhoff; siblings, R. James (Laura) Alerding, Ann (Fred) Fitch, Joseph (Amé) Alerding, Mary (John) Schaffner and Peggy (Mark) Horton. He was blessed with four children, Michael J. (Becky) Alerding, Scott (Rachel) Alerding, Tony (Jenny) Alerding and Maggie (Michael) Woods; six stepchildren, Dustin Hughbanks, Courtney (Ian) McGuirk, Shelby Hughbanks, Susie (Paul) Litke, Andy (Kate) Fagan and Jenny (Phillip) Scheffsky; 19 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate his life on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 4217 Central Avenue, Indianapolis. There will be a brief, public viewing at 10:00 a.m. prior to mass. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made in his name to The Milk Bank, Second Helpings, or the Indianapolis Humane Society.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Visitation

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
4217 Central Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
4217 Central Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.*



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April 06, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.*



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April 05, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.*



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April 05, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.*



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April 04, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.*



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April 04, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.*



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April 04, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *I want to pass my sincere condolences to the Alerding family*

*Mike was one of my most valued mentors and friends. He was incredibly passionate and knowledgeable about all things business, and he always cut through issues to lay bare the facts, or as I called it, the unvarnished truth. He was also quite a character with an infectious sense of humor, and he was incredibly generous to so many people and organizations over the years.*

*He has left an incredible legacy and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.*

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**Tim Hannon** - April 04, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.



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April 04, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.



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April 04, 2022 at 09:25 AM



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April 04, 2022 at 09:04 AM



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April 03, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.



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April 02, 2022 at 07:10 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.

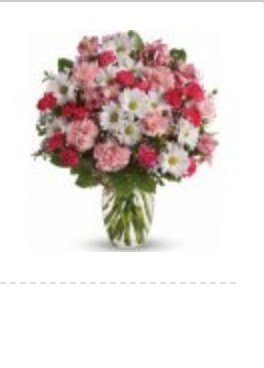


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April 01, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *Tanner, Abigail and Linda purchased the Sweet T enderness* for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.



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**Tanner, Abigail and Linda** - March 31, 2022 at 05:25 PM

MW

“ My condolences to the Alerding family.

*I initially met Mike while broadcasting Cathedral football. We both viewed the game the same way and thoroughly enjoyed his insight.*

*In all my years of broadcasting, I never laughed uncontrollably on the air until one night Cathedral traveled to Gary Roosevelt. There was not enough room to film the game, so Mike joined us in the booth. He kept making funny faces at me and I could not control myself.*

*I loved being around Mike and appreciate his wisdom and insight on many things.*

*May his memory be a blessing forever!*

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**Mike Wolinsky** - March 31, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.



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March 31, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.



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March 31, 2022 at 01:49 PM

MB

“ I had the pleasure of serving on multiple Boards with Mike. He was always a man of integrity, proud of his Alma Maters, but more importantly his family. He helped so many people in such a variety of ways. His counsel, friendship and spirit will be missed. He always bounced back from challenges and maintained the positive attitude. RIP my friend. I'll miss our banter regarding Indiana versus Illinois basketball. Mike Buettner

Michael Buettner - March 31, 2022 at 11:32 AM

GS

“ Mike was a great mentor for me while at S&S Cycle and someone and a friend who helped me while my wife was battling cancer.

George Sinn - March 31, 2022 at 11:11 AM



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March 31, 2022 at 10:25 AM

KC

“ Ken Smith Family, S&S Cycle purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.s-hirleybrothers.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.

Ken Smith Family, S&S Cycle - March 31, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Patrick Alerding.



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March 30, 2022 at 09:11 PM