

KULIGOWSKI, MICHAEL NATHAN (Age 50)

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Michael Nathan Kuligowski, 50, passed away Thursday, June 9, 2011, at his home in Arlington, VA. He was born in Fort Meade, MD, September 28, 1960, to Stanley and Phyllis Kuligowski, currently residing in Derry, NH.

He met and fell in love with his wife, Tina, whom he married in Las Vegas, NV on March 4, 2008. As a devoted and loving husband, Mike expressed his deep appreciation and good fortune for finding and spending his remaining years with her.

Mike and his family have experienced tremendous tragedy in the past few years; he was predeceased by his son, Adam Kuligowski (21) on April 6, 2009, and then his daughter, Kalia Kuligowski (26) on January 6 of this year. On August 24, 2010, Mike was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Mike turned misfortune and heartbreak into an opportunity to strengthen the bonds with his surviving sons, Stefan and Lukas Kuligowski of Derry, NH. He reminded them more often than not, that they mattered so much to him and that they were loved more than anyone in the world.

Including previously mentioned family members, Mike is survived by his two brothers; Jan Kuligowski from Florida, and Stanley (Stash) Kuligowski, of Manchester, NH, and his sister; Stephanie Kuligowski of Derry, NH. Additionally, he is survived by the mother of his four children; Tracie Kuligowski, as well as a large and tight-knit network of cousins throughout the New England area.

Mike joined the State Department in 1984, serving as an IT specialist at US Embassies around the world. His most recent assignment was at the US Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, where he lived with his family, to include his step children, Micah and Mary Middleton. He also served in Africa, South

America, South Korea, and Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War. He is also a veteran of the US Army, and served from 1978 -1982.

In 2008, he received The Thomas Morrison Information Management Award, which recognizes outstanding and unique contributions in the information management field. This is considered the pinnacle of achievements in his field, specifically within the Department of State.

While well respected by his peers, Mike was better known by his colleagues and friends for his gifts in being able to impact their lives on a very deep and profound level. His compassion helped many when they needed it most; to guide them, humor them, restore them, help them turn a corner, pull them from the edge or just allow them to shut the world out and absorb his healing vibes.

He was a painter and a student of spirituality. He loved to hike, and spent many hours climbing the peaks of the White Mountains in New Hampshire with his cousin and best friend; Luke Johnson. Many hearts are broken, many tears have fallen, and a heavy sadness weighs on our collective soul.

We love you Michael Kuligowski... we miss you, and we will never forget you! Friends may visit the MURPHY FUNERAL HOME of Arlington, 4510 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA where a memorial visitation will be held on June 23 from from 10 until 11 a.m. with a Celebration of Life ceremony commencing at 11 a.m. Murphy's is a short walk from the Ballston Metro. A funeral service will take place at the Peabody Funeral Home in Derry, NH on June 25 (www.peabodyfuneralhome.com/obituaries.htm).

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Mike's memory to the Sue Rose Memorial Fund (www.lariaminfo.org). Contributions are collected via paypal.

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