



Michael Rains

October 28, 1947 - December 13, 2023

Michael E. Rains, age 76, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2023, in Davidsonville, Maryland. Known as Mike to his close friends and family, he was born on October 28, 1947, to Eva and John Rains. Mike attended Ballou High School in Washington, D.C., and after graduating, he began working for the Department of Defense before enlisting in the United States Army in 1965. He served from 1965 to 1969, including three years in Vietnam. In recognition of his dedication, bravery and sacrifice, Mike was awarded two Bronze Stars, and a Purple Heart, and numerous commendations.

Upon returning from his military service, Mike resumed his career at the Central Intelligence Agency's National Photographic Interpretation Center, during which he attended and graduated from The University of Maryland in 1976. He had a long and prestigious career leaving behind a legacy of dedication and professionalism. After retirement, he pursued another career with the National Archives and Records Administration.

For over fifty years, Mike called Davidsonville, Maryland, his home. He had a variety of hobbies, including, landscaping his beautiful home, cycling, collecting Native American Art, and driving and caring for his cars. However, it was his unique passion for Santa Claus that truly set him apart. Mike

amassed an extensive collection of hundreds of Santa Claus statues of all shapes and sizes, solidifying his love for the peace and love that Santa Claus is known for. Beyond his hobbies, Mike was known for his unmatched sense of humor and his ability to connect with others. He had a natural charm that allowed him to make friends wherever he went. His absence will be deeply felt by all those who loved him. Mike is survived by his brother, Jack Rains (Donna), as well as his nephew Randy (Liz) and their children, Anna, Andrew, Mary and Brittany Cooper (Robert). He is also survived by his nieces, Debbie Jones (Joel) and Denise Rains.

A service honoring Mike's memory will be held at a later date, as he will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Donations in Mike's honor can be made to the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC (link is below in the Memorial Contributions section).

Tribute Wall

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“ You were a great mentor to me during my career! You will be missed! Sending prayers to your family! RIP

Ralph Faulconer - December 27, 2023 at 10:08 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Michael Rains - December 15, 2023 at 10:21 AM