



Michael Allen Talarico

October 6, 1958 - May 1, 2014

Michael Allen Talarico, 55, of Vancouver, WA, passed away unexpectedly in his home, on May 1, 2014. Mike was born in Spokane, WA, on October 6, 1958 to Peter and Henryetta Talarico. He attended North Central High School, graduating in 1978. After leaving Spokane in 1978, Mike moved to Pullman. There he met Karen, and they married in July of 1981. Shortly after, they moved to Kennewick, then back to Spokane where their sons, Eric and Ian were born. They moved to Vancouver in 1992. He was employed by International Paper for 27 years as a Sales Professional. Widely acknowledged for his dedication and work ethic, he earned numerous achievement awards during that time. Mike was dedicated to his children, and was active in many of the clubs and sports in which they participated. He coached both of them in baseball and soccer, and became active in Scouting when they joined the BSA. His involvement included serving as Scout Master of Troop 14. Many youth benefited from his patience, skills, and generous spirit of giving. Even after his sons left the Troop, Mike continued to serve as a mentor, as well as volunteering at the council level. Mike was an avid bird hunter, and was most often accompanied in the duck blind by his beloved dog, Alexandria. Due to his love of hunting and nature in general, Mike was active in Ducks Unlimited for over 20 years. He was instrumental in raising funds through his involvement in the yearly DU Banquet. His dedication to wetlands preservation was unmeasured. Beyond his involvement with BSA and DU, Mike was known as a trapper of moles, washer of dishes, and all-around

handyman. He made friends everywhere he went. He will be remembered for his good-natured humor and lifelong willingness to help anyone with anything. Mike is survived by his soul mate, Karen; his two sons, Ian and Eric; his brothers, Tom (Sharon), Mark (Jill), Jim and sister, Mary (Doug), all of Spokane; seventeen nieces and nephews; numerous in-laws; and friends too numerous to count. He was preceded in death by his brother, Tim; and his parents, Peter and Henryetta. A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7th at 26104 NE 14th Street, Camas WA 98607. Look for the sign that says "Mike's Memorial". Dress will be casual or camo. The event will be held outside, so please be prepared for typical northwest weather (an umbrella may be wise). Mike's dear friends Andy Cole, Greg Seidel, and Bernie Kelly will officiate.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:46 PM

PJ

“ *It's a love story that will never end.*

Pete Joplin - May 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Karen, Eric and Ian, We could not believe when we saw Mike's obituary in today's Spokesman Review. We are so sorry for your loss and please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers for many days to come. One of my fondest memories of Mike were the Sunday flag/touch (ha ha) football games we would have prior to the Seahawk games on Sunday. I especially enjoyed it when Mike and Mark would be on opposite teams and boy would they really get after each other. I also had to plant a few maple trees because Mike would work Mark into the trees as a screen on his pass routes. Man Mike would get a good laugh out of that especially if he wound up scoring a touchdown. There are great memories from our families' time together here on N Calvin Rd. Again, please know we are thinking of you all. May God's peace and loving arms surround at this time. God bless. Dan Guszregan*

Dan and Teri Guszregan - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *I am so saddened by this news. There are people in our lives that we just can't picture as not being there anymore. My prayers are offered for the comfort of his family and friends.*

Jim Joplin - May 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Thanks to Mike for being a good friend and co-worker. The best sense of humor.

Ben Alexander - May 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Mrs. Talarico and your family. I worked with Mike at xpedx for 14 years and he was the light of not only the office, but such a great man to know. Such fun to be around and listen to the joy in his voice when he spoke of his family. I'll always cherish the memory of Mike and his sense of humor! I'm so sorry for your families loss, but know, even though I don't personally know you, Mikes love for all of you was evident with the pride he spoke of you. My heart hurts for your family and all his friends. I'll remember Mike and his great presence and wonderful attitude. May peace be with you.

Carol Kephart - May 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

Carol Kephart - May 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM