



Michael D. Ferrell

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Michael D. Ferrell, 75, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marty Ferrell; children, Traci (Michael) Maxwell, Tom (Nicole) Barone, Kathy (Scott) Garbooshian, Kerry (Colin) Ferrell, and grandchildren, Courtney, Jeremy, Zachary, Joshua, and Megan.

Michael was born and raised in Canton, Ohio. When he moved to Syracuse, he was the Director of Safety Services at the American Red Cross. Michael graduated from SUNY Cortland with a master's degree in Science Education. He was an adjunct professor at Syracuse University while earning his PhD in Philosophy, Science Education. He spent many years throughout his career coaching various CNY swim teams, in addition to training and certifying lifeguards. Coaching the Liverpool Boys Varsity Swimming & Diving team was the highlight of his career, where he was named coach of the year in 2013, 2014 & 2020. While there, he had the opportunity to share his amazing work ethic, always positive attitude, and good values for many years. He inspired his swimmers to "be the best they can be" in both swimming and life. He modeled this by his own constant pursuit of knowledge where he encouraged others to always ask questions. He was not only a mentor but also became a lifelong friend to many. He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, golfing, playing and listening to music, woodworking and always lending a hand to those who needed it. He will be greatly missed by his family and all of those who had the good fortune to know him, but his spirit will live on in all of us.

The family would like to express gratitude for the compassionate care given by Dr. Cherney, Jim Butler, Hannah, Amy, and Maggie from HOA and Hospice.

In keeping with Michael's wishes, his body will be donated to Upstate Anatomical Gift Program to aid in the education of health care professionals. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network or St. Jude Children's Hospital.



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SG

Stan Gross posted:

I remember Mike from many pleasant musical sessions with the 'Big Toot Recorder" group. I will miss him.

June 13 at 10:00 AM

PS

Paul Sherman posted:

Mike was a talented musician as well as an athlete and coach. He was an excellent recorder player with the 'Big Toot Recorder Ensemble' of Upstate New York, and a welcomed member of the trumpet section in the Oswego County Band Chapter of the New Horizon International Music Association. Members of both groups remember and miss him.

June 13 at 8:47 AM

KD

Kristine Dalaker posted:

My late brother, Erik Dalaker, and I had the honour and privilege of being coached and mentored by Coach - both in and out of the pool. He had a tremendous impact on our development as both scholars and athletes. As a lifelong learner, he inspired us to pursue our intellectual curiosity. I extend my sincere condolences to Marty and their entire family. And to Coach, thank you for everything. You will be greatly missed. Rest in peace. Kristine Dalaker

April 28 at 7:29 AM

PP

Patti Peko posted:

Sincere condolences to family and friends. May memories of happy times shared comfort you as you grieve and mourn. May he rest in peace.

April 25 at 6:46 AM

DH

Deb Herrmann posted:

In the last couple years before Coach retired from LHS, he would tell a story about a Junior who joined the swim team and could barely make it across the pool. My son is that boy. Coach's patience and belief in my son gave him the strength to achieve his goal of making the varsity cut. Thank you Coach. May you rest in peace. You are missed.

April 24 at 3:13 PM



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MF

Marty Ferrell posted:

Please support pancreatic cancer research in Michael Ferrell's memory under Team Mic. https://secure.pancan.org/site/TR?fr_id=2277&pg=team&team_id=36585

April 23 at 7:19 AM

MF

Marty Ferrell shared an album called **Memories Album**.



April 22 at 1:31 PM

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April 22 at 1:13 PM

MA

Marc Alessi posted:

Coach impacted my life greatly. In the pool, he not only pushed me to reach my full potential as an athlete, but also as a teammate and leader. Outside of the pool, he challenged me intellectually and musically. Even after graduating from high school in 2014, I would always look forward to playing music with him (especially the part where we took a break to enjoy Marty's famous brownies or cookies; I will never forget how he could only drink milk with them) and sailing with him and other teammates during breaks. When my dad passed away in 10th grade, Coach was one of a handful of people who stepped in to become a mentor. He helped me get through a tough time in my life. Because of this, it is no exaggeration to say I would not be where I am today without his guidance, and it is no exaggeration to say my future accomplishments are significantly influenced by his teachings and friendship. I wish I could have explicitly told him this before his passing, but I suppose there are some things that don't need to be said. I always felt like we understood each other. My thoughts and prayers are with Marty. His memory and legacy lives on in me and many others.

April 22 at 12:56 PM



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ZM

Zac Mekker posted:

Coach Ferrell was an extremely generous man who never stopped learning and never stopped teaching. He truly found ways to inspire our athletes to become not just better swimmers, but better all around people. They grew stronger in many arenas on account of his guidance. As a staff member, Coach Ferrell was as dependable as they come and was truly a person we enjoyed sharing a pool deck with. The man could talk for hours about swimming, music, sailing...and a host of other topics. His brilliance has impacted hundreds of lives and he will be remembered by many for his wisdom and kindness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Marty...who continually supported Coach Ferrell and his efforts at the pool

April 22 at 12:00 PM

BG

Brandon Genalo posted:

I had the tremendous privilege of coaching alongside Mike for 11 years, and I can't begin to express the respect and admiration I have for him. His mix of insight, passion, empathy, graciousness and integrity is uncommon and, to me and so many others, inspiring. I learned so much from him, including so much I didn't even know I needed to learn. He was, and is, a beloved mentor and friend to me. His kindness and wisdom will always be with me, as an eternal gift. My deepest sympathies go out to Marty and their entire family. He will be missed by so many.

April 22 at 10:30 AM



Marty Ferrell shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

April 22 at 1:31 PM



2019 Liverpool Swim Team Christmas Party



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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