



Michael Charles Denzin

June 28, 2025

Michael Charles Denzin, 68, of Frederick County, VA, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2025 at his home surrounded by family. He endured more than two years of treatment for esophageal cancer, and its complications, leaving him unable to prepare and enjoy the recipes that he shared with family and friends.

Born in Beach, ND (1956), Michael had deep roots in the Black Hills area of South Dakota and the neighboring Devil's Tower area of Wyoming through his late parents, Charles Denzin and Joyce Ann (Glover) Shelton, and his beloved grandparents. He had the opportunity to attend George Dewey High School, Subic Bay, Philippines and graduated from Aragon High School, San Mateo, CA (1974). After moving with his family to Memphis, TN, he attended Memphis State University and received his B.B.A. degree in International Management (1979).

Michael married Anne DeShano in Memphis in 1982. They made their church home in The Episcopal Church, and cherished the congregations they were active members of in Texas, Maine, and Pennsylvania, before settling in Virginia where they became founding and faithful members of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church. He was sustained by the love and prayers of the congregation during the course of his illness.

During his career, Michael visited 42 countries and all 50 states. He was evacuated from his hotel in Japan during an earthquake, taxied around Bangladesh in a boat during flooding, and was in Indonesia on 9/11. His many travels allowed the family to visit both their immediate and extended families. He and their daughter, Megan, flew to Dallas on Take Your Daughter to Work Day. But his many travels never prevented Michael from the joy of being Dad. He was a scout leader and volunteer in the sports and activities of Nick, Megan, and Jacob. He rarely missed a school meeting or activity.

Surviving with his wife, Anne, of 43 years, are their children: Nicholas, and Jessica, Denzin, Megan, and Jeremiah, Pulman, and Jacob Denzin; and three precious grandchildren, Delilah, Olivia, and Hudson. He also leaves behind his brother Brad, and Suzanne, Denzin; nieces, nephews, and cousins; in-laws, colleagues, and friends.

A funeral service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg, VA on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 11:00 am.

Interment at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Gettysburg, PA

The family would like to thank Michael's primary doctor, Dr. Richard Kim for the years of care that he provided, and the staff at Winchester Medical Center for the professional and compassionate care that he received in his final days.

Previous Events

Funeral

JUL **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James' Episcopal Church
14 Cornwall St. NW
Leesburg, VA 20176

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cindy - July 13, 2025 at 05:04 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cindy - July 12, 2025 at 09:34 PM

RD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My prayers are with all of you.

Rita Denzin - July 07, 2025 at 01:30 PM

LG

“ I first met Mike when his family was stationed at U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, Philippines. He was actually a good friend to my late brother, Ed. Since my family owned "Pauline's" a huge night club that was off base, Mike was over often with other school friends not many 13-14 year olds get to experience. RIP Mike...safe journey.



Larry Galinato - July 06, 2025 at 06:15 PM

RD

“ So many vivid memories of Michael in Maine. One that always stays with me: Michael at your stove, cooking up an Asian feast and belting out Talking Heads' "Take Me To The River.”

Rachel Driscoll - July 03, 2025 at 12:51 PM

MW

“ My prayers are with you, Anne, and your children. Will miss Mike's laughter and sense of humor.

Mary Ann Wyllie - July 02, 2025 at 07:10 PM

CI

“ Cindy lit a candle in memory of Michael Denzin



Cindy - July 02, 2025 at 01:29 PM