



Michael Waitman Mullins

April 3, 1956 - September 25, 2014

Michael Waitman Mullins, age 58, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 6:48PM, Thursday, September 25, 2014, at Methodist Hospital, Henderson, KY.

Michael was born in Germany. He grew up in a military family. During his childhood they settled in Gallatin, TN. Even at a young age Michael always had a passion for dancing. He cleaned the dance studio in his town in order to pay for dance lessons. He was a graduate of Fern Creek High School in Louisville, KY. At the age of 18 Michael traveled to Pennsylvania to study and advance his career as a dancer. There he graduated from Philadelphia School of Dance Arts. Michael was a very accomplished ballet and jazz dancer. While living in Louisville he performed at the Brown Derby Dinner Theater. He was also in several plays including: Peter and the Wolf, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, The Jabber Walker, and Live from the Moon.

He had a magnetic personality and people were drawn to him. Michael was very comical and loved to make people laugh.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents Billy W. and Virginia Stone Mullins.

Survivors include:

1 Sister: Vicki Kurtz and husband Crocker of Henderson, KY

2 Half-Sisters: Amy Mullins

Heather Mullins Vallejos both of Las Vegas, NV

Nieces: Stephanie Taylor and husband Larry of AL

Tonya Young of Henderson, KY

Nephew: Troy Young and wife Laura of IN

Great Nieces and Nephews: Beau Williams and wife Brook

Krystal Ballenger and husband Dustin

Keely Harris

Josh Ramos

2 Great Great Nephews: Bayleen Ballenger and Braxton Williams

A memorial service and burial will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Waitman Mullins*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *My dearest friend, teacher, and colleague. I have searched for you for many years and only now have found you again. I am heart sick we were not able to find each other before this. What I wouldn't give for another evening together to dance, create art, share a meal (you were a *fabulous* chef!), dream, and talk until were ran out of voices. Thank you for being part of my life. You taught me so much about life, dance, and living life to the fullest, always with absolute joy. When I was a university professor teaching dance, I taught the 'Mullins Method' - hard as hell, exhausting, pushing all the edges, and topped off with a heaping spoonful of love and encouragement. Your dance style was smooth elegance blended with impeccable technique and flavored with a hot, sultry jazziness no one could match. You were a generous man who did not know a stranger, everyone was drawn to you and your light, wanting to be one of *your* dancers, and you welcomed everyone who came to you to learn. Please save a seat beside you on that next train for me, we have much to catch up on and an eternity to do it. I look forward to our reunion in the future dear loved one.*

Dr. Kelley Pierce-Byrd

Kelley Byrd - April 10, 2020 at 04:04 AM

DD

“ I am Michael and vikis aunt .I loved Michael dearly even tho we were not in touch very much the last few years. I will al ways remember the times when my sister would visit and bring Vicki and mike. We were close to the same age and would argue a lot. Lol. But we still loved each other. Mike was a very sweet man. I have a picture of mike and my son. mike was about 14 at the time. Love you Vicki and mike.
Deritha



deritha duncan - October 29, 2014 at 01:44 PM

TY

“ Uncle Mike I will always and forever love and cherish you so very much more than words could ever express! I Thank God that in His greater plan He chose me to be your nephew, I will always have the memories of spending summers with you as a teenager, that entailed me the opportunity to watch you perform your true passion in life" An angel gracing a stage" your dance was such an amazing impact on me because I would see you choreography from your your studio to the stage a beautiful performance that made me proud of you beyond measure, and the sparkle the reviews would put into your eyes! My love for a wide variety of music came from you! The open line of communication we had was always a comfort to me, it not only allowed me to vent and gain advice but built the relationship we came to build on over the years and for that I am truly thankful! As you are in Heaven looking down on us, alongside Moomie and Papa, know that I am looking up with sadness for our loss but thankful for Heaven's gain that you now are dancing with angels and that sparkle will always shine in your eyes along with that beautiful smile that will forever be in my memory! I LOVE YOU UNCLE MIKE YOUR LOVING NEPHEW TROY 🥰💖💖💖!!!

Troy Young - September 29, 2014 at 07:18 PM

KJ

“ i remember playing with mike and vicky as we were kids, i remember how close vicky and mike were, they were great memories of my cousins, after my father ralph passed away we were out of touch for yrs.24 yrs ago for my wedding present my uncle bill got me, we went to a theatre in indiana for a play that mike had a big part in the choreography i believe, it was a wonderful gift. Last i talked to mike was about a yr ago, so glad i got back in touch with him, so sad he had to go so soon, but he is now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with is so much greater, but he will be missed by family and many more, love u mike!



kathy mullins johnson - September 27, 2014 at 02:11 PM

BE

“ I loved it when Michael and Vicky would come to Tn. He always made me laugh . God Bless. you will be missed.

Belle - September 27, 2014 at 01:18 PM

BB

“ Bill Banks lit a candle in memory of Michael Waitman Mullins



Bill Banks - September 27, 2014 at 06:36 AM

BB

Michael was my best friend I never met. We met online several years ago and continued our friendship via telephone. We'd often spend hours catching up with what had been happening in our lives. I loved him like a brother. Good night, sweet prince.

Bill Banks - September 27, 2014 at 06:38 AM

KJ

i remember playing with u and vicky as kids, u guys r were always in my memories, glad i got to talk to u last year and so sry u had to leave us soon, u r with our Lord and savior now, love u always my sweet cuz!!

kathy mullins johnson - September 27, 2014 at 01:56 PM

RS

To the family and friends..May the Lord continue to bless and keep you in the comfort of his loving arms...hold not only to your memories but closely to Each other and never let go of Gods hand..everyday is a blessing from God..and everyday a new chapter unfolds...Michael will continue to live on by the memories you share and the lives he so richly touched..know my love and prayers are with you all...God bless

Rev Linda Slmpson - September 29, 2014 at 09:21 PM

TA

I am just seeing this! I must have spoken to Michael a short time before his death. He called my mom and left his number. I called him and we talked for hours and hours. What an awesome gift. I was blessed to be a student of Michael's. I loved him dearly and he was so special to me. He was my teacher and mentor, but more, a dear friend. I just dreamed of him a couple of nights ago, and when cleaning out a closet a couple of days ago, I found his number. I was looking up where he lived and found this. My heart is breaking, as I hoped to visit him soon. I am so very thankful thathe sesrched me out and that we had such great conversation before his death. I am so thankful that I was able to share how much he influenced me to be the best instructor I could be and he was pleased to know that I am carrying on many things that he taught me. I would love to connect with some of you that were blessed by his gift of dance. I truly loved this guy and so so blessed that I got to tell him one more time. And even more that I was able to share my faith and Christ with him. ♥

Tara - March 07, 2016 at 10:37 PM