



Michael Lee Shortt

August 20, 1959 - June 7, 2024

Michael Lee Shortt, born on August 20th, 1959, in Richlands, Virginia, passed away on June 7, 2024, at Candler Hospital in Savannah, Georgia, after a brief illness. He was the cherished son of Paul and Betty Shortt, and his memory will forever remain a beacon of light in the hearts of those he touched.

Michael's life was a masterpiece woven with threads of creativity and love. He was a man of many talents and passions, each of which he pursued with unwavering dedication and enthusiasm.

Graduating from T. Wingate Andrews High School in High Point, NC. Michael continued his pursuit of knowledge at the University of South Carolina. He was a proud member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, where he formed lifelong friendships and cherished memories.

In 1985, Michael embarked on a career as a design architect at Millers of Savannah, where his creativity and vision left an indelible mark on every project he undertook. His passion for design extended beyond the realm of architecture, as he also distinguished himself as a talented writer, director, and producer, captivating audiences with his storytelling prowess and unique set perspectives.

Michael's love for adventure and adrenaline led him to become a member of the Oglethorpe Driving Club, where he found solace on the open road. He was a true enthusiast of the racing world as well as the entertainment industry, serving as the founder and sitting board member of the Savannah Regional Film Commission, Founder / former President of Ciao DeTomo, former President of the Pantera Owners Club of America, and the Buccaneer Region of the SCCA, where he showcased his talents both on and off the track.

Beyond his professional achievements, Michael's heart overflowed with compassion and generosity. He dedicated his time and resources to a number of charitable causes, including The Bethesda Academy Scholarship Fund and the annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive, leaving a lasting impression on the lives of countless individuals in need.

Michael shared a deep and abiding love with his devoted wife of 19 years, Joni, and their dogs Cody, Aston, and Martin. Michael is survived by his Wife: Joni, Stepdaughters: Jennifer (Glenn) Howell, Lisa (David) Frizzell, Granddaughters: Megan Howell, Sophia

Frizzell and Samantha Frizzell, Siblings: Kimberly Lambert, PJ (Laura) Shortt, Bobbi Jo Shortt, Nephews: Paul (Nica) Egleston and Nico Shortt, Nieces Christiana (Luke) Troyon and Parker Shortt, great Nieces: Isabele and Lilly Troyon. Great nephews: Virgil Troyon and Braxton Lambert.

A graveside service will be held at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Richlands, Virginia, on June 14, 2024, at 1 pm, where Michael will be laid to rest alongside his mother, Betty and his sister, Paula. A celebration of Michael's remarkable life will also be held in Savannah, Georgia, with details to be announced via Facebook and other social media platforms.

Though Michael may no longer walk among us, his spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories that will continue to inspire and uplift us all.

Rest in peace, dear Michael.

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ Michael was a special friend and man. He will be greatly missed! My deepest condolences and prayers to his whole family.

Laurie - June 26, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ I only knew Michael for a few years and via his DeTomaso facebook page. We did a few trades and chatted on other things. He was a knowledgeable and sharp guy. Glad to have known him.

Lee Griffiths - June 19, 2024 at 08:28 AM

JH

“ I was one of Michael's ZBT fraternity brothers at USC, which is long ago and far away. He was always a ball of energy, and up for any adventure that was being cooked up. Although we rarely saw each other over the years, he remained a loyal friend. For Michael, once a brother, always a brother. May you rest in peace, and know that you are loved by so many.

John Hoey - June 17, 2024 at 09:06 AM

SL

“ Michael had a remarkable wit and a wonderful sense of humor. He treasured his mother, wife, family and especially his granddaughters. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Sandi Lowe - June 15, 2024 at 11:41 AM

MS

“ Mark & Anne Stephen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Shortt.

Mark & Anne Stephen - June 14, 2024 at 06:24 PM

MS

“ Mark & Anne Stephen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Lee Shortt.



Mark & Anne Stephen - June 14, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JL

“ He was a good man and will be missed by many....!!!!

James Lee - June 14, 2024 at 01:00 PM

LG

“ It is hard for me to wrap my head around that Michael is gone. 👤 Michael and I butted heads many times while we served on the board of the Southbridge homeowners association. In the end we were friends and only wanted what was best for the community. He did put everything he had into everything he did, and I only wish that he could have beat this disease. Michael gave it everything he had with all the enthusiasm he could my heart is with his bride, and I pray for peace and hugs. I pray that the Lord will wrap his arms around you. I pray for understanding this surpasses all , and that will give you comfort. Deepest, deepest sympathy. Love, Leah and Donald Gross.



Leah Gross - June 14, 2024 at 09:14 AM

JL

“ My sincere condolences. Michael was always a helpful and friendly soul. He said that he wanted my license plate for his Pantera(FAST CAT). He made me realize that my car was originally green after I had owned it for over 10 years. I had hoped to see him this year. He will be missed by many.

john Landwehr - June 14, 2024 at 08:37 AM

BW

“ Billy & Melissa Wall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Shortt.

Billy & Melissa Wall - June 14, 2024 at 08:28 AM

BW

“ Billy & Melissa Wall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Lee Shortt.



Billy & Melissa Wall - June 14, 2024 at 08:28 AM

DG

“ Dennis Galindez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Shortt.

Dennis Galindez - June 14, 2024 at 07:50 AM