



Michael Kendall

December 31, 1947 - April 17, 2022

Former State Senator Michael Kendall of Jasper, Indiana passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2022, after a brief illness.

Mike was born in 1947 to Edward “Red” and Kathryn Kendall who provided him with fond memories of growing up in Jasper. Red made sure that Mike’s imagination and creativity were cultivated as a musician and all-around artist. Kathryn’s regular trips to the Jasper Public Library embedded a love of reading in Mike that resulted in a collection of over 8,000 books that line the walls of his Jasper home. Mike was known as a talented drummer during his high school days at Jasper High School, as well as playing with many local bands in Dubois County

The University of Notre Dame became Mike’s second home after graduating from Jasper High School in 1966. He received his BA(1970), MA (1973) and JD (1974) from Notre Dame, graduating with honors. Mike was a member of the Notre Dame Jazz Band and became active in campus leadership and politics.

After graduating from Notre Dame, Mike attended Army Officer Training and joined the Army Reserves with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a Legislative Aide for Congressman Phil Hayes.

He returned to Jasper in 1976 to set up his law practice, and served as State

Senator from 1978 to 1982. Mike practiced law in Jasper until 1990, when he moved his firm to Indianapolis and specialized in environmental and employment law. Mike and his wife Teresa moved to Jasper in 2018 to retire.

Mike is survived by his wife Teresa Kendall who resides in Jasper. He leaves behind his children Michaela (Doug Levassuer) Kendall, Sean (Ruby) Kendall and Caelan Kendall-Hahn., along with three grandchildren.

Mike loved his books, music, Notre Dame, and politics. He also loved his home high on the hill of Kundeck Street in Jasper, where he could sit with the family pets and enjoy the view of St. Joseph Catholic Church from his porch.

Visitation and services celebrating Mike's life will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in Kundeck Hall. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military rites.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dubois County Humane Society.

Online condolences may be made at [www. becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com)

Previous Events

Service

APR **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall

ME

“ I didn't know Mike but I purchased a used Count Basie LP that had his name and address printed on the back cover. From that I can assert this man had good taste in music. I would have enjoyed meeting him.

Mark Evans - February 27, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Michael Kendall

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM

KS

“ I graduated JHS as a classmate of Mike. I remember sitting in front of the drum section in the band. He was so good at that & so many things. Politics was definitely one of his greatest loves. A huge Goldwater fan back the day (1964). Yet most of all he was a great conversationalist with knowledge about so many topics. He was such a nice guy & will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Heaven has gained a terrific drummer!!! Rest in peace. My heart felt condolences to Teresa & family. May you be comforted by the vast bank of memories. God bless you.
Kathy Sermersheim

Kathlyn Sermersheim - April 27, 2022 at 02:19 PM

CK

“ Mike was such a great boss to me when he opened his practice in Jasper. He taught me a lot and we worked well together. I have always thought a lot of him and his family. Thoughts and prayers to to Teresa and his family. So glad he was part of my life.
Cheryl Knies

Cheryl Rae Knies - April 26, 2022 at 09:37 AM

CM

“ *Eternal rest grant unto Michael Kendall, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Sending our love and condolences to the family.

Omar & Cindy Moran

(brother/sister in law to Sean Kendall)



Cindy Moran - April 25, 2022 at 10:55 AM

FT

“ *Fred And Debbye Tyler lit a candle in memory of Michael Kendall*



Fred and Debbye Tyler - April 24, 2022 at 11:14 PM

JM

“ *Mike & I spent many hours talking Dubois Co. politics before Covid and I will miss that time. I was saddened by his passing. Thoughts and prayers with Teresa and family.*
Jim Meyer

jim meyer - April 22, 2022 at 04:55 PM

JB

“ *Sympathy & Prayers to family/friends! New his father real well!* 🙏

James Birkle - April 22, 2022 at 04:18 PM

BC

“ I cannot begin to explain the tremendous influence that Mike had on my life. He was a role model and mentor.

Mike cared deeply about the lives of working people, the environment and social justice. He served in the Indiana State Senate 1978-1982. Mike's interest in politics was fueled by his desire to make the world a better place to live. He was a rare breed in politics—an honest person and an idealist.

In 1968 Mike served as the Chair of Students for Bobby Kennedy at Notre Dame and came to know the Kennedy family personally. He played a large role in Sen. Ted Kennedy's campaign for President in 1980.

Mike was a first-rate lawyer and the most persuasive lawyer in front of a jury that I have ever seen. He truly cared about his clients and fought for them tirelessly.

Mike had an incredible understanding of history. He earned a Master's degree in History at the same time he got his law degree! An incredible feat. His study of history, politics and government did not end at Notre Dame. He continued to read about and discuss serious subjects until the end of his life. Mike had an uncanny ability to draw historical analogies (he might explain how current pot-hole problems were akin to something that occurred during the French Revolution!).

Mike, you were one of a kind and you will be missed.

Bob Canada - April 22, 2022 at 01:07 PM

TW

We'll said, Bobby!

Trish Whitcomb - April 25, 2022 at 05:52 PM

JB

“ *Wishing peace to Teresa and the Family. I have fond memories as a fellow member of the JHS class of 1966. Prayers for everyone left behind.*

john bieker - April 22, 2022 at 11:54 AM

TK

“ *1 file added to the album Mike K.*



Teresa Kendall - April 22, 2022 at 10:05 AM

MS

“ *Mark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Michael Kendall*



Mark Schulte - April 22, 2022 at 09:51 AM