



Michael David Shulimson

April 30, 1942 - February 12, 2024

Michael Shulimson died peacefully at home on February 12, 2024, surrounded in love by his family. He was 81.

Michael was predeceased by his parents, Ben and Isabel Shulimson of Asheville, NC, and his brother, Richard Shulimson, also of Asheville. He is survived by his son, Scott Shulimson of Santa Cruz, CA, his sister, Gail Shulimson of Asheville, NC, his nieces, Shari Williams of Denver, CO, and Jennifer Fletcher (Donovan) of Morganton, NC along with several cousins, five great nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Michael was born in Olean, NY, and grew up in Asheville, NC, graduating from Lee Edwards High School (now Asheville High School). He attended UNC Chapel Hill before deciding to join the family business.

A brilliant and successful businessman, Michael began his career in metals recycling at Shulimson Brothers alongside his dad and two uncles. Later, while living in Atlanta, Michael met and married his wife, Nancy Krusoe. In 1968, after posting an ad in several California newspapers, Michael and Nancy packed up and drove to Los Angeles where he took a job at the scrap metal yard Colton

Metalex. Three years later Michael's son, Scott, was born.

Michael moved up the ranks at Colton Metalex before founding North American Alloys in 1983.

Titanium sales was Michael's specialty, so much so that his email address was "MrTi." He had a sixth sense for recognizing a deal, and his easy smile and big laugh earned him many friends around the globe. He was a trusted man of integrity and honesty who became lifelong friends with many of his colleagues.

Michael's family meant everything to him, and he was generous beyond measure to them. His son Scott was his best friend and proudest achievement. One of his proudest moments was when Scott took over at North American Alloys, ensuring his legacy would be carried on. He was a loving and protective older brother to both of his siblings. In fact, family was so important to Michael that he came home to Asheville in 2020 to spend more time with his brother and sister and extended family members.

Sports were as serious as business to Michael, and he took Scott to many Rams, Raiders, and Dodgers games in addition to watching all sorts of broadcast sports. His favorite sport was tennis, and he played several times a week, even into the last months of his life. During his last few years, it was tennis and family visits that brought him the most joy.

Philanthropy was a core value for Michael, and throughout his life, he gave generously to a number of causes he felt strongly about, particularly human rights, Jewish causes, and preventing and ending homelessness.

Funeral services will be held on Wed., Feb. 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Morris Funeral and Cremation Care (Merrimon Ave.) followed by an interment at Lou Pollock Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to MemoryCare of Asheville (memorycare.org) or Four Seasons Hospice (fourseasonsfdn.org).

Previous Events

Service

FEB **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Interment to follow at Lou Pollack Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Mike and I met on a tennis court in Marina del Rey in 1983 - we lost touch for a few years and then met again on another tennis court in MdR. We then developed a close friendship - we would spend weekends with him in Palm Springs and he would spend a weekend with us on the beach. So sad to hear of his passing.

Michael Hopkins - February 20, 2024 at 02:42 PM

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“ I enjoyed being with Michael both as a teenager and as an adult. He shared with me many exciting adventures in his work. We were both avid Buffalo Bills fans and followed the Bonnies. His energy and positive attitude will be long remembered.

Bruce Tabashneck - February 15, 2024 at 11:54 AM