

### **MICHAEL G. KAUFMAN**



Michael G. Kaufman, 54, of Jacksonville, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, November 19, 2023. He was born August 12, 1969, in Jacksonville. Mike was a lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers and Florida Gators fanatic. He enjoyed fishing, playing pool, loud music and throwing himself a birthday party every year. Mike was also very proud of his grilling skills, always having delicious food ready for any event or holiday. He was always the life of the party and was a friend to so many. Mike worked for Palace Pools for several years prior to becoming a crane operator at Coast Chips, a subsidiary to Rayonier. As Mike got a little older, climbing up that crane 100 feet every day grew old. He then returned to Palace Pools where he was currently employed. Mike was preceded in death by his two dads: Darrell Kaufman and David Everett; grandparents Nina and Mott Watkins; and the love of his life Shea.

Mike leaves behind his beloved children Michael (Brittaney) and Megan (Justin); five cherished grandchildren Bella, Brayden, Lucas, Madilyn and Tucker; three wonderful bonus children Brenna Kay, Tara and Summer (Anthony); as well as their beautiful children; mother Jane Everett; sisters Sam (Johnny) Moore and Day Butler; his only brother Stephen “Rerun” (Cami); one niece and several nephews; as well as other family members and a multitude of friends.

It has always been Mike’s wish to be cremated and taken to Pittsburgh for one final game and his wish will be fulfilled. Tentatively, a celebration of life is planned for Saturday, December 9. Mike always enjoyed hosting gatherings, so the celebration will be held at his home. Details will be announced later.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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