



# Michael D. Finlaw

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**A** Celebration of life service for Michael D. Finlaw, 69 of Thornville was held Sunday November 20, 2022 at the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home with celebrants The Rev. John M. Kauffman, Rev. Father Donald E. Franks and Rev. Father Bill Hritzko officiating. A family gathering was held prior to the service.

Mike graduated as Valedictorian from Maysville High School in 1971 and Otterbein College in 1975.

Throughout his studies, Mike worked at his family's business, Finlaw Lumber in South Zanesville. He continued his career in the building supply business as Manager for Caradco Window & Doors and F.A. Kohler Company.

For nearly 30 years, he and his wife, Rosann Franks, owned and operated Oak Creations. The furniture store first opened in Pickerington and later moved to Millersport where it is today.

Mike passed away peacefully at home on November 17, 2022. He was born December 15, 1952 in Zanesville, OH to Donald Wilbur and Gloria June (McMillan) Finlaw.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Rosann M. Franks; children, Andrew George Franks of Arlington, VA, Bryan Charles Franks of St. Louisville, OH, Emily Anne-Franks Finlaw and husband Fredrik Bergstrand of Thornville; grandchildren, Annie Marie Franks, Ellie Rose Franks, Leo Finlaw Bergstrand; siblings, Rebecca Lynn Paul of Zanesville, Deborah Anne (H. Wayne) Wolfe of New Carlisle, James Mitchell (Ann) Finlaw of Beaver Creek, OH; father & mother-in-law, Charles Eugene and Margaret "Peggy" (Hillis) Franks of Newark; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Rev. Father Donald Edward Franks of Newark, Annette Marie Franks (Dave Powers) of Columbus, John Charles Franks (Rebecca Hampton) of Newark; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Kenneth Paul.



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The family requests memorial contributions in Mike's name to Holy Trinity School 225 S. Columbus Street, Somerset, Ohio 43783 or Hospice of Central Ohio, Attn: Philanthropic Development, 2269 Cherry Valley Road, Newark, Ohio 43055.



## Tribute Wall

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CD

**Carmen And Michele Deardo** posted:

Dear Roseann and Family, We just learned of Mike's passing and are so very sad. He was a kind and gentle man whom we loved talking to when we came into the store. We will always fondly remember him. With our love, sympathy, and prayers, Carmen and Michele DeArdo

April 29 at 8:51 AM

KK

**Kim Kohler** posted:

Roseann and family, so sorry to learn of Mike's passing. He was a wonderful man and my family and I enjoyed talking to him while we were shopping for our oak furniture. You and the family are in my prayers.

January 28 at 6:01 PM

EH

**Ellen Heubach** posted:

Rosann, Emily and family, With Mike's passing our world is a less gentle, less respectful place. Jerry and I are just a phone call away if you ever need either of us. Your tears are ours. We love you, Ellen and Jerry

November 29 at 5:51 AM

LC

**Linda Chrisman** posted:

Rosann and family--so sorry to learn about Mike's passing. He was always friendly and very helpful, and I so enjoyed seeing you both when I got to come into the store! May God grant you HIS peace that only HE can give during this difficult time. May God Bless! Love, Linda

November 29 at 4:53 AM

JB

**Jim Boyd** posted:

Played many rounds of golf at Jaycees Golf Course with Mike and Rick Harvey from Maysville back in our high school days. (I played for West) He was always a good and friendly guy. Hadn't seen him since.

November 28 at 3:18 AM



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SP

**Sandy Glendening Peterson** posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

November 23 at 9:18 AM

MW

**Michael & Rhonda Wright** posted:

Oh no! We will miss Mike when we come in again. So very sorry. Big hugs and prayers. May you enjoy the memories he help make.

November 23 at 9:08 AM

PM

**Peggy/Dan Mcneely** posted:

Roseann - We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. Mike was very kind and will be missed. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that we care. Sending you and your children our thoughts and prayers.

November 23 at 2:46 AM

MM

**Michael Mcguire** posted:

Mike's kindness will always be remembered by myself, as well as others who knew him at Maysville High. A tremendous person who's absence will be felt. Prayers for the entire family.

November 22 at 6:28 PM

DS

**Daryl Sowards** posted:

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.

November 22 at 11:45 AM

RM

**Robert Murphy** posted:

very sorry to hear about Mike. I've known him forever. Prayers for his family

November 22 at 11:19 AM



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MP

**Mike Patterson** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I wish we had kept in touch better over the years, and I regret not taking action to ensure that. Rest in Peace, Mike

November 22 at 6:39 AM

FG

**Frank/Susan Grise** posted:

Roseann, We are very sorry to hear about Mike. We always enjoyed visiting with him at the store. He will be missed by many. Our prayers to you and your family.

November 22 at 3:56 AM

IM

**Indea Miller** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to all. Mary Mumford and family

November 22 at 3:33 AM

BP

**Becky Perdue** posted:

My sincere sympathies to Roseann and the Finlaw family. Mike was a neighbor growing up, had a home next to my parents for several yrs also. Wonderful person, and great loss.

November 21 at 9:46 PM

AH

**Albert And Kay Hillis** posted:

Sorry for your loss!! Was not aware of Mike's passing. Prayers for the family

November 21 at 4:45 PM

NL

**Nicci & Rich Lueckel** posted:

Roseann, We are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. It was an honor and a pleasure to get to know him through Oak Creations. We will miss seeing him in the store, asking his advice for creating a perfect piece of furniture or just chatting. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Fondly, Nicci & Rich

November 21 at 2:58 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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