



C. Michael Davenport

November 21, 1958 - February 21, 2020

Frankfort – C. Michael Davenport, age 61, passed away Friday, February 21, 2020, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Services will be held at Capital City Christian Church on Friday, February 28, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Andy Lawrence officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Capital City Christian Church from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Born November 21, 1958, C. Michael Davenport, President/CEO of C. Michael Davenport Inc. and Davenport Broadcasting's WKYL 102.1 FM, was a lifelong resident of Frankfort and graduate of Franklin County High School, graduating at the age of sixteen. His high ambitions and strong work ethic pushed him to complete electronics vocational school in two years and to obtain a license to sell real estate at age eighteen. While working with GTE for 17 years, Mike also began a career as a builder, developer and real estate broker. He retired from GTE in 1993 to pursue his other career fulltime. He continued his education by learning another trade, auctioneering, through the Missouri Auction School. He utilized these skills solely for charitable events.

As a builder and developer, he contributed to Frankfort's needs with projects such as: a subdivision called "Bittersweet Farms," numerous homes apartments, town homes, and offices. He constructed a 52,000 square foot speculative industrial building for the creation of jobs in the Frankfort community. He renovated a building on Capitol Avenue in a one-week time frame to be a beautiful showcase for the Governor's inaugural parade. Mike saved the historic railroad depot in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky from demolition by purchasing it from the railroad and relocating it. He then donated the depot to Anderson County Fiscal Court. It is now used as a beautiful Farmer's Market on Highway 127 in Lawrenceburg. He developed Prevention Park, a beautiful professional office development. Additionally, Mike constructed a road through Prevention Park that was desperately wanted and needed by the community to link many people to the vital services, such as schools and hospital.

Mike's other accomplishments include being a founding board member of L.I.F.E House for Animals, a board member of First Federal Savings Bank, Kentucky Historical Society, Franklin County Humane Society, Kentucky Youth Association – State YMCA, and advisory board member of Republic Bank. He was the Past President of Frankfort Area

Chamber of Commerce, Director of National Association of Home Builders, President and current member of Home Builders Association of Frankfort, and Vice President of Home Builders Association of Kentucky. His career was not only built on his accomplishments of development, but his community service, being awarded the Paul Sullivan Community Service Award in 1993, Small Business of the Year award in 1997, Guinness World Record for “World Largest Piggybank” construction in 2003, as a fundraiser for L.I.F.E House for Animals, and even NAACP Frankfort Chapter Man of the Year Award in 2014. The most special project in Mike’s life was the construction of the former PUSH (People Understanding Special Handicaps) School. Mike also assisted in the construction of a no-euthanasia adoption facility, L.I.F.E House for Animals.

Mike relied upon his vision, creativity, and general “gut feeling” of what the Frankfort community needed to drive his projects. Most of what he built was speculative. He developed land and constructed buildings with uniqueness in design and attention to preserving the natural surrounding area. Whether it be a matter of saving trees or creating picnic areas, the impact of all of these things made Mike’s developments blend in with the community. Mike counted his blessings every day and strived for quality of life in each and every project and gave all the credit to God.

Mike’s greatest blessings were his family. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Kimberly Davenport; children, Chamberlin Jackson Davenport and Chandler Turner Davenport; mother, Margaret Ann Green Hockensmith; siblings, Mark Hockensmith (Kristi) and Brian Hockensmith; nephews, Brady, Carson, and Alex Hockensmith and Tyler Olson, step-father, Roy Hockensmith, step-mother, Sharon Davenport, and step-sister, Missy Farmer. He was also blessed with many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Daniel Davenport.

Mike attended The Point Community Church, and lived a life surrounded and founded on God. His humbleness and generosity will live on through his two children. Mike’s love for God, our country, and our flag is evident in his placement of an 1800 square foot American Flag and 600 square foot Christian Flag atop a flagpole visible alongside Interstate 64, in his development named, “The Chandler” developed by he and his son, Chamberlin.

Mike mostly enjoyed time spent with his family, where they especially loved traveling together. Disney World will be remembered fondly by his wife and children, and they will continue to live by Mike’s favorite Walt Disney quote, “If you can dream it, do it.”

Mike’s great love for his family, friends, and community will be forever unparalleled and greatly missed.

Serving as pallbearers will be Lisa Allen, Wendell Butler, Frank Shelton, Allen Sweeney, Steve Johnson, Michael D. Haynes, Jonathan Vaught, and John Lee.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to The Point Community Church and L.I.F.E House for Animals.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery

Frankfort Cemetery
215 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY, 40601

Events

FEB 27 **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

Capital City Christian Church
15 Locust Lane, Frankfort, KY, US, 40601

FEB 28 **Service** 01:00PM

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15 Locust Lane, Frankfort, KY, US, 40601

Comments



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the family. Michael Davenport will be sorely missed by the Frankfort community. — Ike and Patti Pinkston

Patti Pinkston - March 01 at 06:09 PM



“ Deepest sympathy from Lyndell, Alisa, Haisley, Miranda and Lyndell Lee Shepherd.



Haisley Shepherd - February 29 at 06:47 PM



“ Mike was a great man. His love of life and his positive outlook. even when faced with extreme health adversities, are an example that I will always admire and remember.

Patricia Yeager - February 28 at 01:16 PM



“ It's a tribute to Mike that if you knew him you had a story. Since everyone knew Mike that's a lot of stories! My favorite is from the 2017 Franklin Co Humane Society Celebrity Waiters' Dinner. Mike wanted to take the picture, but not be in it. With Chandler and Chamberlin is celebrity waiter, John L. Smith, and his wife. John L was KSU head football coach, but he had also coached at Michigan State and Louisville-big time football programs. John L had a big personality too. When I asked Mike to sponsor a table at the dinner as he did for many years, I told him John L would be his waiter. Mike had never heard of him(!), but agreed. As it turned out Mike had filled his table of 10. There was no room for John L's wife! But, of course, Mike squeezed her in with his family. The waiter's big task was to get tips from their guests, which, would go to the humane society. Well, Mr. Personality Mike and Mr. Personality John L hit it off and Mike's tip at the end of the evening was \$2500!

This memory captures Mike in so many ways-his humility capturing the moment in a photo but not being in it; the importance to Mike of his family and sharing this evening with them; his graciousness to welcome John L's wife at a crowded table; his larger than life personality enjoying a similar one; and Mike's overwhelming generosity and support of a community non-profit.

Please accept deepest condolences from another Frankfort friend, who will both miss and never forget Mike!



Sam Marcus - February 28 at 10:50 AM



“ Herb And Kim Semones lit a candle in memory of C. Michael Davenport



Herb and Kim Semones - February 28 at 09:51 AM



“ Michael was a very impressive guy. The life of service he lived is absolutely amazing. He is a great example of a servant leader. I love that huge American flag he flies at The Chandler neighborhood. It represents community, it's patriotic and bigger than life. In so many ways that symbolizes him to a T. I will be praying for Chamberlin and Chandler. -Cousin Rob from Ohio

Rob Wilson - February 28 at 09:17 AM



“ I have just learned of his passing and am truly saddened by it. Mr. Davenport was one of the best men this county has ever had. His love of, and for, our community cannot be equaled by but just a few.

As a testament to the man he was, I would like to recall a time when I was with my son and his cub scout pack selling popcorn outside of Kroger. Mr. Davenport was walking up and one of the boys asked if he would like some popcorn. He told him to wait until he got done shopping and he would come back. After he turned away, the cub scout looked at me and said they all say that. I just smiled. Shortly afterwards Mr. Davenport and his two sons came back. They purchased one each of the three highest priced tins. The scouts were so excited. Then, although his total was much less, he handed them two one hundred dollar bills and told them to keep the change. Then, he handed each boy their own ten dollar bill and told them to keep up the good work. That was a million dollar moment for those boys. Later, I told them what all Mr. Davenport had done here in town and how truly charitable he was. They said they hoped to be like him one day.

I offer my condolences to his family. I know you will miss him greatly. And so will many others.

Deb Redmon

Deborah Ann Redmon - February 26 at 02:25 PM



“ Brenda Edgington lit a candle in memory of C. Michael Davenport



brenda edgington - February 26 at 12:32 PM



“ Donald and I are so very sorry for your loss and the communities loss. We will greatly miss him and all of his latest greatest ideas. I always looked forward to finding out what new project he had came up with. We have worked for Michael for 33 years and there are so many memories. I think Donald's favorite would be teaching Chamberlin how to spread floor patch when he was very little. Donald had to redo the patch but he had fun with him and Michael encouraged Chamberlin to learn. Chamberlin was a mess that day but he had fun. If you ever worked for Michael then you knew he always had a deadline for everything and some were quite hard or seemingly impossible to meet but Michael held weekly meetings to ask if there would be anything he could do to help you meet the deadline. We have had a lot late nights and some all-nighters to meet deadline but late evening Michael would show up with pizza for everyone to help get you through it. Some say he was hard to work for but we always enjoyed it. He understood how hard you worked and he appreciated it. Our children (now grown) grew up on a lot of job site of his because of long hours and because of that they learned about hard work and good work ethic. Our son Brian upholstered his first set of steps in The Kimberly house of Michael's when he was 12. (under his Daddy's watchful eye) I loved it when Michael brought Chamberlin and Chandler to work for the meetings and walk throughs. It was great to work with Chandler on one of the houses in The Chandler. She has a lot of her Daddy in her, she really knows what she wants. Our memories are many and will always be cherished.

Donald & Brenda Edgington
Edgington Carpet Outlet

brenda edgington - February 26 at 12:27 PM



“ 55 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - February 26 at 10:46 AM



“ Terry L Green lit a candle in memory of C. Michael Davenport



Terry L Green - February 26 at 08:49 AM



“ Mike was one of the kindest individuals I've ever met. He used to set aside valuable broadcast time annually to do live interviews with me about the life saving aspects of organ donation, because he felt the general public would benefit knowing more about it. He did so much for the city of Frankfort, and his kindness, generosity and spirit will be greatly missed.

Jenny Miller - February 26 at 07:26 AM



“ I first met Mike as part of a business deal. He quickly became a friend. We had more business dealings over the next two decades, but he was always a friend first. Our organization is pleased to count him as one of the special people who has contributed to our success, and I am honored to count him as a friend, and man of integrity and generosity. He will be missed by us, and by the entire community. Our prayers with Mike's family.

Wayne Young
Kentucky Association of School Administrators

Wayne Young - February 25 at 11:19 AM



“ Peggy Derryberry Gould lit a candle in memory of C. Michael Davenport



Peggy Derryberry Gould - February 25 at 08:27 AM



“ I first worked for Mike when worked at Prevention Park before he made it possible for the Y to own it. One of the most kind and caring people I have ever known. What a loss for our community, but a gain also as all he contributed throughout his life is everywhere in Frankfort. Prayers to all the family.

Bonnie Clements - February 25 at 06:22 AM



“ Holly lit a candle in memory of C. Michael Davenport



Holly - February 24 at 05:28 PM



“ I served with Mike on the PUSH Preschool Board. He worked very hard to help raise funds for the school and then donated a lot while he was building it. Mike was a great persona and will be greatly missed. Sending prayers to the family. Madline Markey

Madline Markey - February 24 at 04:31 PM



“ Kimberly, just wanted you to know that you are in my prayers in this loss of your husband. He was such a great man and will be missed by many. But leaves a legacy with both of his children. My prayers are that GOD gives you peace in this very sad time. Prayers for his family and for yours. God Bless you all. Alice Bryant.

Alice Bryant - February 24 at 03:35 PM



“ Mike helped PUSH in everything it did. He was the heart of us and we loved him dearly. Frankfort's lost is heaven's gain.

connie Riddell - February 24 at 09:08 PM



“ Paula And Chelsea lit a candle in memory of C. Michael Davenport



Paula and Chelsea - February 24 at 02:43 PM



“ Danny Goebel lit a candle in memory of C. Michael Davenport



Danny Goebel - February 24 at 01:53 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, prayers for your family.

Danny Goebel - February 24 at 01:55 PM



“ Kim so sorry praying for your family

Wanda Anderson - February 24 at 03:57 PM



“ C Michael Davenport made a lasting impression on anyone he met and anything he touched. He loved his family and anything Disney. He was a really good friend to me and I will forever be grateful.

Stan Logan - February 24 at 01:34 PM