



Michael George Maksud

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Michael George Maksud was born on March 26 th , 1932 to George and Rachel

Maksud in Chicago, Illinois.

Michael (Mike) graduated from Lane Tech High School in Chicago, IL. He received

a full athletic scholarship to play collegiate baseball at the University of Illinois at

Champagne-Urbana, where he received his undergraduate degree. In 2000, he

was inducted into the U of I Baseball Hall of Fame as a 1950-52 player and 1959-65 coach. He then completed his Master's degree from Syracuse University

and earned his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He began his professional

career as Chairperson of the Department of Physical Education at the University

of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Professor and Director of the Exercise Physiology Laboratory, and Associate Dean of Academic Programs of the UW-Milwaukee Graduate School.

Michael's daughters, Michelle and Dawn were through his marriage to Ann Azizian in 1959. Following their divorce, he took a position as Dean of the

College

of Health and Human Performance at Oregon State University (OSU) in 1980.

On

August 28th, 1982 Michael and Shari were married at the Corvallis Arts Center, and

his family grew to include his daughter, Deon and son, Thaddius JR O'Brien.

Dr. Michael Maksud's passion and drive for his profession, students and the University were evidenced by retiring as Dean at OSU following a 15-year tenure.

He published over 85 articles and received numerous honors and awards for his

scholarly work and teaching accomplishments. He served on several professional

boards and traveled the world to collaborate with fellow colleagues. The pinnacle

of his professional career was being honored with the OSU Department of Kinesiology Professional Achievement Award in 2009.

Both Mike and Shari always had an open door to their home for family, friends and OSU students from around the world. There was always room at their table

on any given holiday. Mike's love for steelhead and salmon fishing and crabbing

along the Oregon coast was tastefully enjoyed by many in their sphere of family

and friends. He was an all-around athlete and loyal sports fan. You could find both he and Shari at nearly every OSU Beaver's baseball, football, and basketball

game with their spirit wear on. Staying true to his Chicago roots, he remained a

loyal Cubbies fan.

Mike believed in giving back to his community through serving on various

boards

to include: Good Samaritan Hospital and The Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis,

where both he and Shari were involved.

Most importantly, "Papa Mike" loved spending time with his grandchildren, both

in Oregon and Wisconsin. Whether it was reading to them, watching their sports

and activities or just giving their parents a break, he did it joyfully and with pride.

Mike was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shari Maksud, son, Thaddius JR

O'Brien, brother, Samuel Maksud and brother-in-law, Skip Cello. He is survived by

his daughters, Michelle Baylerian (Tom), Dawn Sagrillo (Jon) and Deon O'Brien

Merten (Eric); his brother, Thomas Maksud and sister-in-law Elizabeth Maksud,

sisters, Frances (Maksud) Cello, Delores (Maksud) Enwia, brother-in-law John Enwia, sister-in-law Patti Dixon Crisler and brother-in-law Allan Crisler; nephews,

Craig, Jeffrey, Steven and Christopher Maksud, Paul and Mark Enwia; nieces Sandy (Cello) Lang, Cindy (Cello) Ontaneda, Kimberly (Maksud) Keleita, Christine

and Cathy Maksud, Casey (Crisler) Davis; grandchildren: Marissa, Megan, Christopher, Drew, Alexae, Olivia, Solomon, Nicholas, Elizabeth and Isabelle.

A viewing will take place at McHenry Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 12th from

10am to 11am.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family graveside funeral will be held

on

Tuesday, May 12th at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made in Mike's name to: The George and Rachel

Maksud Fellowship in Exercise Physiology at OSU or The Boy's and Girl's Club of

Corvallis.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Dr. Maksid was the consummate gentleman! He was genuinely excited of my choice to go to Alaska. I think he also had an eye on Keni Kings or Copper River Reds! Great guy! Paul Maguire*

Paul Maguire - May 31, 2021 at 02:15 AM

AA

“ *I owe my 36 years in Oregon to Mike. He created a position that fit my skills and hired me. I appreciated his leadership and support of the PAC Program, a program in which I taught and eventually directed. At a time when many colleges cut programs, Mike was shrewd in his financial management and kept OSU's program going strong. I admired Mike's thoughtful questioning in meetings. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke, we listened. On the lighter side, Carol Soleau and I did a skit for our college on the many ways to pronounce Mike's last name. We were relieved that he saw the humor in our skit. Finally, my deceased husband, Tom Tillman, and Mike were friends from a Michigan State University connection. Mike's and Shari's home was always open to Tom. I extend my sympathy to the family.*

Ann Asbell - June 09, 2020 at 02:03 AM

CC

“ *Mike was among the scholars and leaders who advanced our field toward academic respectability. We shared a U of I connection and many early career experiences during a changing era. Mike will be missed by us all.*

Chuck Corbin

Chuck Corbin - June 02, 2020 at 11:25 PM

RF

“ Dear Deon & Family,
We enjoyed knowing Mike & had some good visits with him & your Mom. Please accept our deepest sympathies.
Love,
Roberta Fox & Family

Roberta Fox - May 28, 2020 at 09:44 PM

MM

“ Dean Muksud was a true scientists, research, mentor and ultimate professional. He was a role model to graduate students at OSU and something I tried to follow in my own professional career. He will be missed by colleagues and family.

Melinda M Manore - May 15, 2020 at 01:16 PM

AG

“ I am forever grateful to Mike. Just new in my OSU position my mother was dying and he said "go home, be there, don't worry. Come back when you can." He was a great compassionate man. Also the figs off his tree were delicious. I just had some fig jam this past week and it made me think of him. Rest in peace dear soul.

Amy Gush - May 14, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JS

“ Remembering Mike during my time at OSU, and when we met on "the river" hunting for steelhead. Mike was a helpful gentleman.

John snelling, Corvallis

John Snelling - May 14, 2020 at 11:15 AM