

John David Mikulin

November 9, 1948 - February 11, 2024

John David Mikulin, age 75, of Dime Box, Texas, passed away peacefully in his home in the early hours of February 11, 2024. John David was born on November 9, 1948 to parents John and Laura Mikulin at Boehne Memorial Hospital in Brenham, TX. He was the oldest of five brothers. John grew up hunting and fishing, two hobbies started alongside his father and uncles, and carried on with his brothers, in-laws, his son, and many friends.

John David attended and graduated from Dime Box High School in 1967, participating in basketball, track, and community baseball. After attending Blinn College in Brenham, he transferred to the University of Texas at Austin, where he graduated in 1975 with honors and a bachelor's degree in science & education that would long serve him and the community of Dime Box.

He worked at Travis State School in Austin for seven years, and then Brenham State School, serving as the Vocational Education Director for Special Education at both. He was then hired on by Lexington ISD as a Special Ed teacher, where he spent six years. Finally, he became the renowned Fourth Grade Teacher at Dime Box ISD, where he honorably served for 22 years.

After retirement, John served on the Dime Box ISD Board of Trustees for six years and was recognized for his exceptional accomplishments and

outstanding service. He truly enriched the lives of countless students, and inspired all in the community, solidifying over 40 years in Education. Through his work and his personal life, he became a father figure to many, all of whom he loved dearly.

In 1970, he married the love of his entire life, Margaret Goertz of Rockne, TX, on October 31st at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockne. He credits this as the greatest decision of his life. John and Margaret moved to Dime Box in 1975 and raised three beloved children, John III, Sebrina, and Crystal.

As a father, his Catholic faith took the foremost place, ensuring his family was always front and center for Mass and religious education at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dime Box. But his real-world example of living taught his children even more about the love of the Heavenly Father, and this became a constant theme throughout his entire life. His love language was quality time, and he enthusiastically joined in and shared any hobby or interest his children pursued, from the U.S. Navy, to Aggie football, to a budding career in cosmetology. He was not just a fan, he was a super-fan. Whether it was in a deer blind, the North End of Kyle Field, or a nursery rocking a new baby, his happy presence ensured that his children knew exactly how much he loved them and always would.

From his children, he received his greatest treasures in life, his 10 grandchildren: Randall, Nathan, Jacob, Cory, Brody, Sophie, Millie, Annie, Fransie, and Josie. His love-in-action approach naturally extended down to his grandchildren, as he took an active part in their lives whenever possible. There was rarely a milestone or important event at which they could not look out into the stands and see his smiling face and proud wave. He put his educational background to good use with their young minds, always encouraging a love for learning and all educational endeavors. He leaves behind countless beautiful memories with those who loved their PawPaw /

Poppy so much.

John David had an extreme love for music, which started in his childhood as he would sing on the porch with his mother, Laura. He got his first guitar in his teens and taught himself how to play. He spent time playing with his Uncle Alvin at family reunions and local dance halls, and then formed a band with his brothers, Dime Box U.S.A., playing lead guitar and bass. There were few things that brought his heart more joy than playing music with his brothers.

John David would go on to play in several bands spanning over a number of decades (the Good Hearted Cowboys, Southern Wave, Texas Knights, County Road 114, and more) in addition to playing at family Christmas parties and the Mikulin Family Reunions. Just two months ago, he faithfully continued his tradition of leading the Christmas carols at a large family gathering, much to the enjoyment of the children and adults alike, with Maggie holding his songbook and his son-in-law Cole backing him up on guitar.

John David was a loyal and cherished member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where he was baptized and confirmed, and in his adult years, served in the Choir and as a Religious Education Teacher. For the past few years, John David attended daily Mass, Monday Rosary, and grew fond friendships with priest, Father Joy, and other members of the church community.

One of John David's favorite activities was playing golf. He was a member of Copperas Hollow Country Club in Caldwell for many years and played in many scrambles and challenging Night Tournaments. Just like most things in his life, John David put his whole heart into golfing and it became not just a hobby but a passion (though to be fair, it was a love/hate relationship that included many threats of throwing his clubs into the Yegua Creek). But throughout life, the sport helped him through some of his most difficult moments; or, more accurately, the friendships he made on the course got him

through. There were the student golfers he coached in Dime Box, and his brother-in-law Alois with whom he often snuck away from the family beach trip to take in a few rounds. And then there were those faithful golf buddies who ensured – even when he could no longer swing his own driver – that he always had a ride to the golf course, always had a chance to putt on the green, and always had an opportunity to continue the sport – and the brotherhood – he loved so much.

John David loved and served his community faithfully, serving in the Volunteer Fire Department, judging BBQ and walking the 2K at the yearly Homecoming, playing Dominoes with friends at the Lutheran Church, attending Bible Study, calling Bingo at the Church Bazaar, and many, many more activities, too many to list. He was a firm believer in supporting the local businesses, and if there was a function in town, he was probably a part of it in some fashion. When the community returned his love during his cancer benefit event, he was incredibly touched and never would forget the many people who came to show him such love and support.

John David's faith in God remained steadfast and true until the very end, as his characteristic positivity and joy helped usher him into the next phase of eternal life. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Laura Mikulin, brother Dennis Mikulin, nephew, Dennis Woodrow Mikulin, and his beloved daughter, Sebrina.

John David is survived by his cherished wife of 53 years, Margaret Ann Mikulin, his son John Mikulin III (and wife Kelly Mikulin), his daughter Crystal Hammons (and husband Cole Hammons), son-in-law David Feuerlein, his ten grandchildren, his brothers, Glenn Mikulin (and wife Joyce Mikulin), Albert Mikulin (and wife Ellen Mikulin), and Bobby Mikulin (and wife Karen Mikulin), his sister-in-law Charlotte Mikulin and many nieces and nephews whom John David loved dearly.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box with Father Joy Adimakkeel officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Dime Box. Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Monday, February 19, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Sunday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and a Rosary will be recited Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be David Feuerlein, Cole Hammons, Bobby Mikulin, Jr., William Mikulin, Troy Mikulin, Landon Mikulin, Anthony Muzny, and Todd Koll.

Honorary Pallbearers are Glenn Mikulin, Albert Mikulin, Bobby Mikulin Sr., Floyd Kostelka, Robert Rowan, Bobby Adcock, Keith Kersten, Alois Goertz, and Jacob Beran.

Memorials may be made to the Dime Box I.S.D. Education Foundation, St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Shriners Hospital or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

CR 426
Dime Box, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

FEB 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Rosary

FEB 18. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

FEB 19. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
8282 FM 141
Dime Box, TX
<http://Dime Box>

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John David Mikulin*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 16, 2024 at 05:30 PM



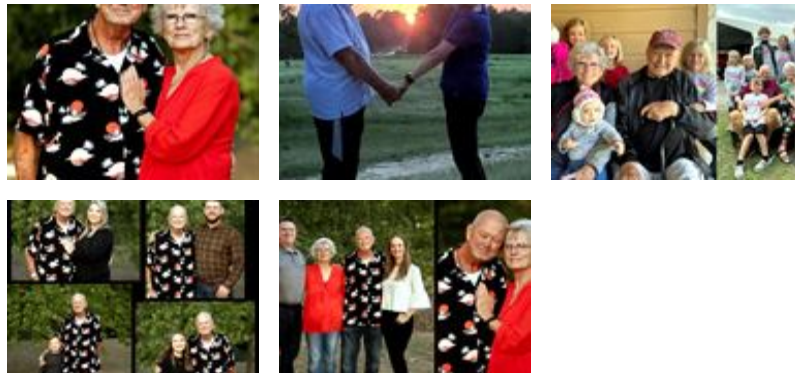
“ *Mr. Mikulin was a great teacher to many children throughout his career. And he has left a lifetime of gratitude to my 2 children who were blessed to have been taught by him. He also was a wonderful co-worker & friend to me.*



Earselen Sams Harris - February 18, 2024 at 05:36 PM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 16, 2024 at 05:19 PM

CG

“ Chuck G. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of John David Mikulin.



Chuck G. - February 16, 2024 at 10:31 AM

KJ

“ Kathleen, Raz and Joshua purchased the *Sacred Duty Spray* for the family of John David Mikulin.



Kathleen, Raz and Joshua - February 14, 2024 at 10:31 PM

KJ

“ Kathleen, Raz and Joshua planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John David Mikulin.

Kathleen, Raz and Joshua - February 14, 2024 at 10:31 PM

GI

“ Our payer's are with the family.



Gary and Beverly Iselt - February 14, 2024 at 03:35 PM

CF

“ So sorry to hear about John David. My deepest sympathy for the family. He was a senior when I was a freshman at Dime Box. Our prayers are with you.
Carolyn (Loewe)Faske and Jerry

Carolyn and Jerry Faske - February 14, 2024 at 12:13 PM

TJ

“ Terry & Joan purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John David Mikulin.



Terry & Joan - February 14, 2024 at 11:22 AM

TJ

“ Terry & Joan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John David Mikulin.

Terry & Joan - February 14, 2024 at 11:22 AM

TF

“ The Pugh Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John David Mikulin.



The Pugh Family - February 13, 2024 at 08:47 PM

CW

“ Cassy & Dale Wilhelm purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John David Mikulin.



Cassy & Dale Wilhelm - February 13, 2024 at 05:19 PM

CW

“ Cassy & Dale Wilhelm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John David Mikulin.

Cassy & Dale Wilhelm - February 13, 2024 at 05:19 PM

DF

“ Dawn Walker & Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John David Mikulin.



Dawn Walker & Family - February 13, 2024 at 03:39 PM

AF

“ AK Law Firm purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John David Mikulin.



AK Law Firm - February 13, 2024 at 03:36 PM

MF

“ *Mata Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John David Mikulin.*



Mata Family - February 13, 2024 at 02:21 PM

AM

“ *John David,
We're going to miss you dearly. You were a very special part of our family for many many years. We will always cherish the memories we have of all of us spending time together fishing, camping at the creek or just hanging out at the house. Our prayers to all the Mikulin family.
RIP , John David*

Anthony Muzny - February 13, 2024 at 09:58 AM

TS

“ *We are so sad for the loss of John David. We will cherish all the wonderful memories.*

Terry & Joan Swanson - February 12, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John David Mikulin.*



February 12, 2024 at 06:54 PM

BF

“ Bobby and Karen and our family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John David Mikulin.



Bobby and Karen and our family - February 12, 2024 at 05:11 PM

BF

“ Bobby and Karen and our family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John David Mikulin.

Bobby and Karen and our family - February 12, 2024 at 05:11 PM

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“ Misty (Osborne) lit a candle in memory of John Mikulin



Misty Karafi (Osborne) - February 12, 2024 at 04:58 PM

M(

“ *Mr. Mikulin was such an amazing teacher. I was privileged to have him as a teacher in my fourth grade year of school .*

He was so patient and kind, if any of us ever had an issue understanding the homework or even school work from the day, we were allowed to call him and he would take the time to explain it until we understood.

Mr. Mikulin, you will genuinely be missed and always stand out in my mind as one of the most amazing teachers ever .

Misty Karafi (Osborne) - February 12, 2024 at 04:57 PM