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Joys, Concerns & Sympathies

Sympathy



Michael Craft, a well-known square dancer, website designer, and photographer in the Orlando area passed away on Friday, September 1, 2023, at the hospital. He fell on August 13th and had some sort of seizure and had been in the hospital until his passing. When his wife, Alice, arrived at the hospital Friday morning, he was having difficulty breathing and was gasping for every breath. The night nurse told her he had been like that for most of the night. They couldn't feed him or give him anything to drink because they were afraid he would choke.

Alice was able to stay with him all day holding his hand and face and telling him how much she loved him. She also played his favorite song for him - "That Happy Feeling" by Bert Kaempfert.

Michael completed organ donor paperwork a long time ago, but since he had Alzheimer's disease, they couldn't do an organ donation. Alice found the Central Florida Brain Bank that does Alzheimer's research.

Alice worked all day on Saturday completing forms and sending Michael's medical records. You are supposed to register for the program in advance, but the representative said if Alice could everything done that day, she would make it work. Alice said she knows Michael would be pleased that his research may help with this terrible disease.

If you would like to send cards to Alice, her address is 1288 Grand Road, Winter Park, Florida 32792.

If you would like to make a donation to the Brain Bank in Michael's memory, go to this link <https://adrccares.org/brainbank> for instructions.

Michael and Alice are long-time members of Whirl & Twirl in Oviedo (formerly of Orlando), Hoedowners Pairs & Spares in Casselberry, and the Traveling Hoedowners that was a square of dancers that danced to the late Caller Paul Place, and filmed demonstrations of how each square dance move is completed.

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