

Michael Russell Randall

Rock Hill, SC – Memorial services for Michael Russell Randall, 44, of 2159 Windmere Road will be held at 4 PM Monday at St. John’s United Methodist Church, with burial in Forest Hills Cemetery. Visitation will follow the service at the church Family Life Center. Memorials may be made to the Hargett building fund of Rock Hill Parks Recreation or to the church. Bass Funeral Home is in charge.

Mr. Randall died Saturday, October 15, 1994. Born in Rock Hill, he was a son of Etta McCarter Randall and the late Robert Donald Randall. He was a graduate of Clemson University, and owner of Rock Hill Professional Insurance Associates, affiliate of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. He was a board member of Rock Hill Parks and Recreation, chairman of Hargett Park building fund, a little league baseball coach, and a member of St. John’s United Methodist Church, where he was a youth basketball coach.

Surviving are his wife, Marsha Long Randall; a daughter, Jennifer Randall of Rock Hill; sons, Brian, Willard, and Michael Randall, all of Rock Hill; his mother, Etta M. Randall of Rock Hill; a sister, Jane Randall of Rock Hill; brothers, Dr. Robert Randall and Patrick Randall, both of Rock Hill, and Richard Randall of Charlotte, NC.

A Tribute from a High School Friend

David Angel had a high school teammate and friend by the name of Mike Randall. To everyone in Rock Hill during his adult life he was known as “wormy”. He was a standout baseball player and guard on the Rock Hill HS basketball team. Mike like David attended Clemson after graduation. Mike was also an insurance agent in Rock Hill and was known by everyone in the community as a man who would get involved in fundraising, especially if it benefited kids or recreation. Wormy’s quote was always the same when asked about attending a fundraising meeting.....“Who’s bringing the Coors Light.”

David Angel’s Story about Mike Randall-the impact of a man on a community

On Saturday October 15, 1994 my friend Mike “Wormy” Randall went deer hunting with one of his sons. He had a massive heart attack and died. Shock, dismay, and grief were emotions not only felt by me but the entire Rock Hill community. Mike was synonymous with any fundraising effort that went on in our community. My story is about how a community didn’t forget the good work Mike Randall did in his life. Mike’s family is still in Rock Hill. He has an older brother

who is an excellent surgeon and sister who is highly regarded attorney. Mike's dad worked in construction and did much of the grading/infrastructure work in a number of Rock Hill subdivisions. Mike's wife Marsha is still in the community.

After Mike's death the community went about raising money for the "Randall Children Educational Fund" thru a golf tournament called the "Wormy Open". That foundation helped Mike's children attend college. The community didn't forget Mike Randall and I am proud of my hometown and friends for that support.

It was amazing in the first year what was accomplished with the golf tournament. A big shout to the success has to go to Big John Porter for his relentless fundraising efforts. Big John is also the one who tagged Mike with the nickname "Wormy" after Mike lost a lot of weight thru dieting. Big John said Mike must have worms and the nickname stuck. We had over \$10,000 in sponsorships from people and businesses who wouldn't even be attending the event. We only served "Coors Light" at the Wormy Open donated by Comer Distributing. We had beer left over and we auctioned it off for \$400 a case. Jake Smith bid \$500 for a set of golf clubs and immediately asked the auctioneer to sell them again. He bid \$500 again and purchased those clubs a second time. We had golf balls imprinted with "Wormy Open" that sold for a \$50 a dozen.

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