



## Michael Benton Martin

August 4, 1955 - December 25, 2020

Michael Benton Martin, 65, of Overland Park, KS passed away December 25, 2020. He was born in Kansas City, Mo on August 4, 1955, the son of Burley Benton and Catherine Busch Martin. He is preceded in death by both parents; grandparents Harry A. and Odette Buel Busch and Harry Benton and Edith Mallory Martin and dog Pugsley. Survived by sister Patricia Rae Martin. Mike retired as special education teacher, Wyandotte High School, KCK, after 30+ year career. Bachelor's degree from KSU, Master's from ESU. Also taught at all KCK high schools and Turner, his alma mater. The service (virtual) will be held Saturday, January 30 at 1:00 at <https://vimeo.com/502365497>. Recorded version at same link. Memorials to the ACLU or St. Mark's United Methodist Church on the Santa Fe Trail.

# Comments

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“ Mike and I worked together at Wyandotte High. He was a kind and dedicated teacher. For years, Friday afternoons were spent lifting a few and eating nachos at The Gossip. Those were wonderful times of fellowship. Mike gave the best hugs, big sturdy bear hugs. I will miss him.

**Connie Davidson** - January 30 at 02:48 PM

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“ Mike was a fun-loving guy! I will always remember the weekend Pat & I joined him at the Lake! Gone, but not forgotten.

**Elaine Dean** - January 25 at 02:45 AM

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“ Mike was a strong advocate for his special education students. He emphasized their abilities and strengths and truly believed that each student deserved an opportunity to reach his or her potential and live the richest life possible. This commitment was evident when he began his professional career teaching driver's education to special needs teenagers and deepen through the years as he taught basic math, especially measurement, to his Wyandotte students. Rest in peace, Mr. Martin. Your Bulldog family is grateful for your years of service. Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!

**Carol Normandin** - January 22 at 03:15 PM



“ Mike and I spent a great deal of time discussing public education around the campfire at our annual visit to the Walnut Valley Bluegrass Festival. Mike had great passion for the students in his care and Wyandotte High School. Rest In Peace, old friend.

**Jeff McClelland** - January 27 at 02:19 PM