



Michael R. Greer

December 16, 1938 - July 21, 2021

A celebration of the life of Michael R. Greer, 82, of Ransom Canyon, Texas will be 1:00 PM Monday, July 26, 2021, in Sanders Memorial Chapel with Bob Bray officiating. Visitation will be come and go from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Sunday, July 25, 2021, at Sanders Funeral Home. Please celebrate the life of Greer by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com. A webcast of services will be available as well as our online guest book.

Greer passed away July 21, 2021.

Greer was born December 16, 1938, in Chanute, KS to father Mackey Greer and mother Maxine Roberts Greer. Mike Greer has a diversified background specializing in industrial packaging/material handling, public speaking, and multi-sport event production and is the founder of 8 small businesses. He holds degrees in Business Administration (BBA), Military Science Leadership (C&GS), Theocentric Philosophy Counseling (Ph.D.) and is a retired LT. Colonel from the US Army Active/Reserve duty.

Greer is most well-known in the sport of Triathlons as a competitor and founder of the Buffalo Springs Lake Half-Ironman, now the IRONMAN 70.3 Lubbock, in Texas. As a college football and track star, Greer continued his athletics through the sport of triathlon. He has competed in the "Ironman" Triathlon World Championship, Kona, Hawaii twice. He quite possibly holds the record for competing in the most triathlons in the world after suffering a stroke. Greer competed in over 400 events in the last 35 years, incredibly the last 8 after suffering a stroke in 2017.

Greer has published three books, Mind Management, Universal Triathlon Alliance Guide Book, and 11 Points of Healthy Ageless Living, and Charge, his autobiography. He enjoys writing numerous articles on self-help and philosophical opinions on life.

Greer is a Past President of the Board for USA Triathlon and served as its interim CEO/Executive Director in 2004 and was a board member in 1994 and 2006. He also served as the President of the Board for the Youth Corps of Lubbock and President of the Board for the Professional Triathlon Association. In 2011 he was named to the Texas Triathlon Hall of Fame, and in 2012 was inducted into the South Midwest Regional Triathlon Hall of Fame. In 2019 he was named to the University of Texas/Arlington Military Science Hall of Honor. Mr. Greer is married to Marti Greer and has 5 children, 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He resided in Ransom Canyon, Texas.

Loved ones include wife Marti Greer; son Michael John Greer (Angelika) of El Paso, TX; daughter Robin Richardson of Lubbock; daughter Stacy Wieland (Shuck) of Terrell, TX; daughter Christi Jensen (Mark) of Dallas, TX; daughter Jessica Lynn Dietrich (Timo) of Brisbane, Australia.

Preceded in death by parents Mackey and Maxine Greer.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate contributions to The Mike and Marti Greer Foundation which will promote fitness and wellness by providing scholarships to youth and adults in need of financial assistance to accomplish their goals in sports related events especially the sport of triathlons. Donations can be sent to The Mike and Marti Greer Foundation @ 36 E Lakeshore Dr, Ransom, Canyon 79366.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Memorial Service

JUL **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael R. Greer



Sanders Funeral Home - July 26, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Michael R. Greer



Sanders Funeral Home - July 25, 2021 at 01:16 PM

DR

“ *The Sky will look Different Tonight*”
*We had the best of times & I will continue to think about you.
I will cherish your letter jacket you kindly shared with me.
May your friends & family keep your sacred memories alive in your hearts.*



Drapkin - August 11, 2021 at 08:06 PM

JV

“ *I have been out of town and just now saw this. Mike was an extraordinary individual and an inspiration to so many people. His work with the kids of Youth Corps was outstanding and it was an honor to serve on the Board with him. He and Marti gave so much of their time and talent to others. Rest In Peace, Mike!*

Janis Vaughn - August 05, 2021 at 05:08 PM

RK

“ *Richard Kent purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael R. Greer.*



Richard Kent - July 26, 2021 at 09:19 PM

TH

“ I raced Buffalo Springs Lake/70.3 20 years in a row and loved spending a little time talking with Mike each year. I always saw him on his Harley at the farthest turnaround on the bike course and made a point to always give him a “hey Mike” even in the throws of racing. What a special person and I will be forever touched by what he has done for triathlon and all of sport. You will be greatly missed by so many.

Tim Hola - July 26, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - July 26, 2021 at 11:53 AM

RH

“ Mike was one of the coolest person we ever met.
He was amazing. Age didn't matter, ... he was forever young.
It was an honor and a great pleasure for us to meet Mike and Marty during the time I was stationed at Fort Bliss, TX and competing in the SWCS and several IRONMAN races incl. the Buffalo Springs Lake Half IM.
We will not forget his passion for the Triathlon Sport, his generosity, his comradeship and his great sense of humor.
Being together with Mike and Marty Greer, having a beer, sharing IM memories was great fun for us and will be always remembered.
RIP Mike, you are always in our hearts and we will never forget you.
Marty, we are sharing your sadness and we are wishing you and your family all the best.

*Reimond A. Heep & Liane
The German IRONMAN family*

Reimond A. Heep - July 26, 2021 at 07:35 AM



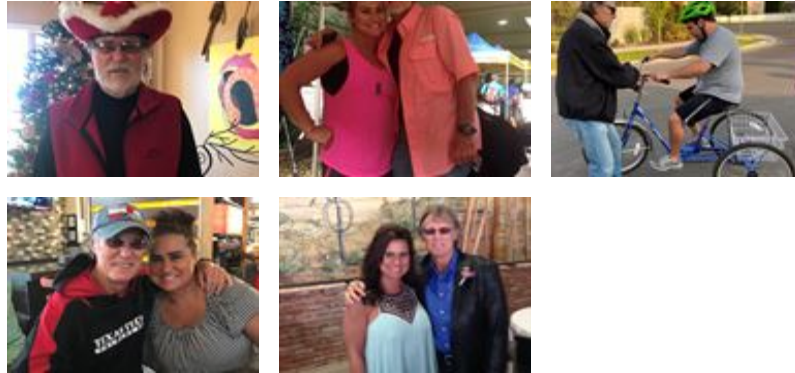
“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Michael R. Greer.



July 25, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ 21 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sanders Funeral Home - July 25, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Michael R. Greer*.



July 24, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Michael R. Greer*.



July 24, 2021 at 02:01 PM

JT

“ Jo Tiller purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael R. Greer.



Jo Tiller - July 24, 2021 at 12:01 PM

JK

“ I never had the honor of meeting Mike, but I know his daughter Robin. Seeing her strength and tenacity and hearing her speak of her Dad makes me feel like I know him. Many a proud moments were shared about the accomplishments of her Dad. Also watching her out at 5am in ANY weather she was off for a run to train for a triathlon that she would proudly be doing with her Dad. Robin thank you for sharing your personal memories. I'm only saddened that I never was able to meet him but as I said I feel like I did. All though great is the loss, may greater be the memories left behind.
God Bless,
Jeannine Kelley

Jeannine Kelley - July 24, 2021 at 11:35 AM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon Sander - July 24, 2021 at 09:34 AM

RB

“*Marti, my heart goes out to you my friend. I have so many wonderful memories of the days of Buffalo Springs Triathlon. When Mike met and married you, the fun just doubled. Mike was a special person and will be missed. Big hugs.*

Rhonda (Eimers) Bowen - July 24, 2021 at 07:40 AM

RB

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Rhonda Bowen - July 24, 2021 at 07:43 AM

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Tim Hola - July 26, 2021 at 01:57 PM

TT

“*Had so much fun working with Mike at the Buffalo Springs Lake Triathlon. He was such a dedicated motivator and wonder mentor to so many. It probably would not have ever happened without him Tiny Thornton.*

tony Thornton - July 23, 2021 at 05:24 PM

YN

“ Your friends at Abbeville Special Needs purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Michael R. Greer.



Your friends at Abbeville Special Needs - July 23, 2021 at 04:03 PM

RG

“ Mike was my brother-in-law. He and I played football and ran track together. I always admired his keeping himself in shape until the very end. He and I were both commanding officers of the Army Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve units in Lubbock. We organized and implemented the biggest Dumpster run in history when my Marine Corps Motor transport company transported building materials to El Paso to be used across the border. We remained friends even after he and my sister divorced. He and my sister were the reasons we investigated and joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
Ralph W. "Gus" Gallini

Ralph W. "Gus" Gallini - July 23, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael R. Greer.



July 23, 2021 at 01:23 PM

LI

“ Lynn & Kristina Lee/Family & LeeAgra Inc purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael R. Greer.



Lynn & Kristina Lee/Family & LeeAgra Inc - July 23, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael R. Greer.



July 23, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Michael R. Greer.



July 23, 2021 at 12:53 PM

CC

“ *Marti, My family found the sport through the great triathlons you and Greer provided to the community. We appreciate both of you very much. -The Cartwrights*



Chad Cartwright - July 23, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael R. Greer.*



July 23, 2021 at 11:33 AM