



## Michael Clancy

December 23, 2020

Michael Patrick Clancy, loving husband and father of two, died in Fort Collins on December 23, 2020, at the age of 58.

Mike is survived by his wife, Jane, his son Tom and daughter Ellie, and many family and friends. He will be dearly missed by his mother, Ann, his brother John, sister Trinity, sister Carolyn and her husband Bob, his nephew, sister-in-law and nieces, and much more extended family.

He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Clancy, and brother, Robert Clancy.

Mike was born on October 18, 1962 in Glendale, California to Richard Clancy and Ann Bassett. Mike is a retired Air Force pilot, and he served in the Gulf War.

Mike and Jane were married in Bury St. Edmunds, England in January 1993, and their son Tom was born in 1993 and daughter Ellie was born in 1996.

He began his career in the Air Force, enlisting after high school. Starting as a flight engineer, Mike later became an officer, and was captain of the E-3A Sentry AWACS. After he retired from the Air Force, he continued flying, and he eventually landed at Atlas Air, as captain of the Boeing 747 cargo plane.

Mike loved flying, and everything about it. He loved his family, his dog and his cats, and his friends, and he put all of them first.

Serving others was so ingrained for Mike. It came naturally to jump in anytime to help -- his wife, his kids, his mom, his brother and sisters, his friends and even strangers, without ever a thought of any recognition.

With his training in appliance repair at Sears when he was a teenager, to his training as a flight engineer in the Air Force, and his natural skill, Mike could fix or build anything. It was one of his many endearing qualities to his family and friends. If he couldn't fix, repurpose, or build it himself, he'd research it until he figured it out. He was both talented and tenacious.

Often that meant he took on a lot, but that's because Mike truly wanted to take care of his family, give them a good life, and a comfortable home.

To know Mike was to know a kind, loving, generous, good-natured, fun, devoted, and confident man. Some thought of him as a gentle giant, and those who knew him since he was young recall his sweet, crooked smile.

He was an exceptional pilot, flying 747 cargo planes with skill and precision. And when he was home and off duty, he loved trying new recipes and cooking delicious meals.

Mike was always there to lend an ear, give advice or reassurance, or just share a story, a laugh, and a drink on the deck at sunset. He was often found there talking about life and the kids with his wife and best friend, Jane. Mike had a way of making people feel welcome, comfortable, and as if they had been friends for a long time, even if they had just met.

Services were held for the immediate family only due to Covid-19 restrictions. A memorial service will be held in the spring or summer of 2021 when it is safe for extended family and friends to attend. Donations can be made to the Larimer County Humane Society in honor of Mike at:  
<https://register.larimerhumane.org/give/234539/#!/donation/checkout>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Clancy*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

PC

“ I'm still shocked at the news of Mike's death. You always expect to go before somebody younger. He was indeed a top bloke and certainly packed a lot in to his life. During the last part of the 90s when we were in and out of one dodgy company after another and I was going through a divorce, Mike was a great provider of support and I will never forget that.

We thought we had it made when we were at Classic Airways but what a surprise when that turned out to be a money laundering outfit. In and out of TBG then Georgian Airlines when Mike and Richard Khan put so much effort into an operation which was never meant to be.

Eventually you and Mike saw the light and moved to the States and he went on to Atlas. He was still supportive and gave me some very wise advice about joining Atlas on the Stansted base. I joined Air Contractors the same day Atlas offered me a job and never regretted it. I really didn't wish to be involved in union busting.

A lot of Flight Engineers who become pilots never leave the right seat and I was proud to say I was a mate of Mikes when he received his command. I would have flown with him any day and hope maybe to do so one day.

Mike and Jane have produced a fine family and I believe Mike to have been a good husband, father and provider.

He will be very much missed by family, friends and colleagues.

*Philip Champion*

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**Phil Champion** - January 15, 2021 at 02:34 AM

JB

“ Heartfelt condolences to Jane, Tom, Ellie and Mike's wider family. The loss of someone who had so much to live for is beyond devastating.

*Mike was so calm, confident and reassuring: perfect qualities for his line of work and even more so for his family and friends. His memory will be cherished by everyone who knew him and I shall always feel love and gratitude towards someone who made my oldest friend so happy.*

*Tom and Ellie had a father of whom they can be truly proud and although he went far too soon, they will always be able to draw comfort from his life and example.*

*Love from Jill*

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**Jill Barelli** - January 13, 2021 at 12:49 PM

MM

*Jane, Tom and Ellie, my condolences. I loved the stories Mike would tell about his days in Saudi and meeting Jane. On trips, we would often wave to Jane via FaceTime over a crew meal or in passing. Speaking with Jane always made Mike smile.*

*He was a great Captain to fly with with a calming demeanor and full of life. I will miss our conversations about food, planting, eating and cooking!*

*Mike, you are missed, thank you for being a kind soul. I am blessed to have met you.*

*Captain M. Montgomery*

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**M Montgomery** - January 13, 2021 at 02:14 PM

AR

“ I’ve known Jane since the 1970s when we were training together. When she went to work in Saudi she met Mike. Proof that there really is love at first sight and that a whirlwind romance can be so lasting, successful and a wonderful. I was a bit concerned that they had rushed things but as soon as we met Mike all anxieties vanished. As so many others have said, he was (can’t believe I’m having to use the past tense) the nicest of men. His love for his family was immeasurable. His kindness and support will be so greatly missed. I’ve always felt that Jane was another sister and that the family were part of our family. We will treasure the memories of when they were over in the UK. We love you so much Jane, Tom and Ellie. We wish you weren’t going through this dreadful time. Sending you love and support always. Ann and Paul. Xxx

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**Ann Russell** - January 12, 2021 at 10:11 AM

DC

*My heart is with Jane, Tom and Ellie and breaking by the premature and sudden loss of Mike, feeling such a deep sadness. A life lost too soon.*

*I met Mike after he married Jane and what I will remember most about Mike was his love for his family, they were his absolute priority. His love for Jane just shone, he adored her. There will always be a place in my heart for Mike because of the love and care he gave to Jane, my precious friend.*

*As a father to Tom and Ellie what a wonderful role model.*

*Jane, Tom and Ellie I wish you were not going through this pain and sadness , a lot of people are holding you in love and I hope that gives a little comfort. I love you dearly. Debbie X*

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**Debbie Clinton.** - January 13, 2021 at 02:50 PM

LM

“ Mike was a true gentleman and one of the nicest people you could ever hope to meet. We will never forget him. His loss to Jane, Tom and Ellie must be devastating and they are constantly in our thoughts and prayers

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**Linda and Lorraine McAndrew** - January 10, 2021 at 02:58 PM

BC

“ *There is great sadness on our street. For you see, Mike isn't here to offer his friendly smiles, cheerful waves and a helping hand to anyone who needs it. He will be greatly missed, but will live on in our memories.*

*Sending thoughts and prayers for his family as they navigate the difficult days ahead.*

*Love, Bob & Norma Carter*

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**Bob & Norma Carter** - January 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers have been and continue to be with all of Mike's family. We did not know Mike well, but knowing so many people in his family we know he was an amazing man. Our hearts are broken for all of his family!*

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**Terri Yelle** - January 10, 2021 at 03:10 AM

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**Carolyn Clancy** - January 09, 2021 at 05:56 PM

RP

“ Captain Clancy was one of my favorite to fly and spend time with, not only a good pilot but such a kind gentlemen and good soul. He will be missed and his legacy of being such a gentlemen pilot will live on. Condolences to the family and God bless.  
Captain Robert Pizzamiglio.

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**Robert Pizzamiglio** - January 09, 2021 at 03:30 PM

“ Having just recently heard of Mike's passing...I am deeply surprised and quite devastated by his sudden death. Words can not explain the nature in which the news of his death has had on me personally... and those in our rather close-knit neighborhood.

Often I'd see Mike out in our cul-de-sac walking/playing with George, his dog, and we'd chat about this & that, from mundane issues to flights/trips he had either planned or trips he had recently gone on. I was always impressed with his demeanor and/or his quiet nature...always polite and thoughtful.

We had just recently, as of a few weeks ago, talked about his retiring w/in the next few months...going into the new year (2021) ....and his plans following his retirement. So, being in his late 50's, he was certainly the last person I'd have thought would be departing our current existence on this planet. I am very sad, as I didn't know Mike that well, but over the many years we have been (almost) next door neighbors; I have always found him to be a very 'stand-up' kinda guy, and always very friendly, albeit, a very quiet peaceful type of personality. Sad & upset doesn't even cover my feelings!

My thoughts tonight as I write these words ...and, over this past week since I first heard of his death have been with Jane, as well as with his kids, Tom and Ellie. This has got to be quite a surprise for all of them, and my heart certainly goes out to them now and over the weeks & months to come.

I always got a kick out of Mike's story telling. He was such an interesting fellow when he would share a story or a feeling that he had about whatever subject matter we might have been talking about, ...out in the lawn or on the sideway around our cul-de-sac. I loved the way his eyes would light up as he shared a story or made a comment. I'll miss that. What a delightfully happy person he was! God bless Michael and his family...as he will certainly be missed.

TC

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Trinity Clancy** - January 08, 2021 at 01:34 PM

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“ Our hearts are broken for Jane, Tom and Ellie’s loss of their beloved husband and best friend and father. We’re also heartbroken for Mike losing the rest of his life and all his hopes and dreams for the future.

*Mike truly was a gentle giant, he had a wonderful smile and eyes that sparkled with fun. He would do anything to help you, was a generous host, loved to cook a delicious meal and made a fabulous gin and tonic! We learned from Mike how to make the best jacket potatoes we’ve ever had!*

*We loved showing Mike and Jane around our coastal area of Wales and he was so generous in displaying pleasure for us in our new home. He was delighted to see the spot a few miles from here, where pilots have to connect to UK air traffic control after flying over the Atlantic. He planned to tell his flying friends he’d actually seen ‘Strumble Head’! We will miss having him here again.*

*He had an easy way of explaining the ins and outs of various airplanes to non-technical people, his lifelong passion for his job was always evident. He was always interested in other peoples’ lives and work and would have searching questions. Mike was a fun person to be with and his laughter was contagious.*

*You could clearly see his great love for Jane, he adored her and was proud to be her husband. He loved seeing Jane dressed up to go out for a special occasion and was always generous with his compliments. He was proud of the work she did and the difference she made to peoples’ lives. He loved being a Dad to Tom and Ellie, loved them hugely, took great pleasure in their achievements and was so very proud of the adults they’ve become.*

*We loved Mike a lot and will always miss him. If we could we would reassure him that we will continue to be a big presence in Jane, Tom and Ellie’s lives, caring, loving and being here for them, just as he did for nearly thirty years.*

*Sue and Tony Pasternak*

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**Sue Pasternak** - January 08, 2021 at 11:45 AM

SH

“ *The four of us, Mike, Jane, Sue and Mark, may not have invented Friday nights but we certainly rewrote the Rulebook! We have so many fond memories of us and Tom, Tom, Ellie and Holly getting together, particularly at the end of a hard or demanding week and having the best social times we have ever had! 😎*

*We loved Mike very much and are forever grateful for the friendships and times we had with you both.  
You are always in our thoughts and in our hearts*

*Love ❌❌❤❤ Sue Mark Tom Holly Houlton*

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**Sue Houlton** - January 08, 2021 at 10:45 AM