## James Michael "Mick" Hager 5/3/2025



JAMES MICHAEL "MICK" HAGER, 68, of Leland, NC, formerly of Scott Depot, WV, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2025, at SECU Hospice House of Brunswick, NC.

Born on September 20, 1956, in Gallipolis, Ohio, Mick was the son of James G. Hager and the late Barbara Anne Hager.

A 1974 graduate of St. Albans High School, Mick went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati in 1978. An accomplished tennis athlete, he was ranked 2nd in the state of West Virginia in tennis and played for the University of Cincinnati. He also shared his love for the game as a tennis instructor.

Mick began his professional career with Great American Insurance in Cincinnati before becoming a third-generation State Farm agent in West Virginia. He served clients in Eleanor for five years before moving into leadership roles as an Agency Manager and Agency Field Executive for ten years. He eventually took over his father's agency in St. Albans, continuing the family legacy and serving his community as a dedicated State Farm agent until his retirement, after 22 successful years.

An avid golfer and active community member, Mick was a long-time member of Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane, WV, where he served on the Board of Directors. After relocating to North Carolina, he became a member of Cape Fear National Golf Club in Brunswick Forest.

Mick is survived by his devoted wife, Shirley; his children: Mike, AJ, and Wes Hager; his stepdaughter, Bridgette Jividen; seven grandchildren: Lily, Elise, Joey, Jack, Josh, Drew, Naomi; and step-grandchild, Dominic. He is also survived by his father, Jim Hager; sisters: Laurie Miller (Richard) and Deb Forney; and a wide circle of extended family and cherished friends.

Mick will be remembered for his warmth, his love of sports, his dedication to his family and career, and the deep friendships he cultivated throughout his life.

Funeral Service for Mick will be 1 p.m., Saturday, May 17, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park St. Albans, WV.

Friends may visit the family from 6 until 7:30 p.m., Friday May 16, 2025 and an hour prior to the service on Saturday all at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made in Mick's name to: Lower Cape Fear LifeCare 1414 Physicians Drive Wilmington, NC 28401 or online at <a href="https://www.LifeCare.org">www.LifeCare.org</a>

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Mick's tribute page at: <a href="https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com">www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com</a>.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Hager family.

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