



R. Michael Ingraham

July 13, 1953 - July 10, 2024

R. Michael (Mike) Ingraham, 71, died Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at MercyOne Waterloo Medical Center in Waterloo, Iowa. He was born July 13, 1953, in Jacksonville, Florida.

After graduating from high school in Harvard, IL, in 1971, he worked at the Pheasant Run Playhouse, St. Charles, IL, as a technical director. He then became a radio disc jockey, having worked at radio stations in Geneva, IL and Muscatine, IA. He received his BA degree from Marycrest College, Davenport, IA, in 1984 and started working for the Waterloo Community Playhouse as their Technical Director and Lighting Designer.

In 1993, he received his MFA from Mankato State University, Mankato, MN and joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay as their Technical Director and Lighting Designer, advancing to the position of Associate Professor. He taught classes in Stagecraft, Stage Management, Lighting Design, Sound Design and CAD (computer aided drafting). During his tenure, his students were awarded a total of six Golden Handtruck Awards from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival competitions.

After retiring in 2017, he and his wife, Jane, returned to Cedar Falls IA, where he volunteered his time as a lighting designer for the Waterloo Community Playhouse and Cedar Falls Community Theatre.

Mike married his wife, Jane, on July 30, 1989, in Denver, IA. She survives him. He is also survived by brothers, David (Gina) Ingraham of St. Charles IL, Paul (Margie) Ingraham of Park Ridge IL; two nephews, Kyle (Mary) Ingraham of Huntley IL, and Andrew Ingraham of Park Ridge IL; and two nieces, Kimberly Ingraham (Casey Bantle) of Seattle WA, and Brooke Ingraham of Chicago, IL.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Carol and Douglas Ingraham; and his grandparents, Edna and George Crawford and Raymond and Mary Ingraham.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 15, 2024, at the Diamond Event Center in Cedar Falls, IA. Visitation will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 14th at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, IA. Burial and graveside service will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 17th at River Hills Memorial Park in Batavia, IL.

Memorials may be directed to the Waterloo Community Playhouse (224 Commercial Street, Waterloo IA 50701); Cedar Falls Community Theatre (103 Main Street, Cedar Falls IA 50613); or the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

Western Home Communities-Diamond Event Center
5307 Caraway Lane
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Graveside Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

River Hills Memorial Park
1650 S River Street
Batavia, IL 60510

Tribute Wall

SP

“ *i was saddened to hear this news, i would often see Mike during my time working as a curator at the Lawton gallery and he was always approachable, friendly and we had a lot of great chats!*

stephen perkins - July 19, 2024 at 02:12 PM

CE

“ *Mike was exceedingly generous, good-humored, and a gifted teacher with ongoing curiosity--a true colleague in every sense. There are many of us in his debt.*

Carol E. - July 18, 2024 at 10:39 AM

JB

“ *Janice Boes lit a candle in memory of R. Michael Ingraham*



Janice Boes - July 14, 2024 at 02:33 PM

JB

“ *Janice B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of R. Michael Ingraham.*

Janice B. - July 14, 2024 at 02:13 PM

DH

“Let there be light” and Mike made it happen. He was one of the most talented graduate students ever at Minnesota State University, Mankato and easily blended craft, skill, and art into making gorgeous theatre. The quality of his subsequent work at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay is proven by his astonishing accomplishment of winning the prestigious (and very hard to earn) Golden Handtruck Award from the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival so many times. Thousands of theatre goers benefited from and delighted in his diligence at building sets and then lighting all of the productions he worked on. The theatre world and his audience will miss his talents. Our love goes to Jane, the light of his life.

Dr. Paul J. Hustoles - July 13, 2024 at 08:55 AM

KW

“Jane my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May memories bring you comfort and may God grant you peace in the coming days.

Kerri Wilson - July 12, 2024 at 09:17 AM

HM

“Heather Macmillan- MacGibbon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of R. Michael Ingraham.



Heather Macmillan- MacGibbon - July 11, 2024 at 05:34 PM

HM

“ Heather Macmillan- MacGibbon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of R. Michael Ingraham.

Heather Macmillan- MacGibbon - July 11, 2024 at 05:34 PM



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



July 11, 2024 at 02:56 PM

EV

“ Eashaan V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of R. Michael Ingraham.

Eashaan V. - July 11, 2024 at 02:56 PM