



Michael Francis Mona Sr.

August 27, 1941 - April 15, 2021

Michael Francis Mona Sr., 79, of La Plata, Maryland, passed away on April 15, 2021 in the comfort of his home surrounded by his wife and two children.

Known as “Big Mike” to anyone who knew him, this man was tough from the day he was born on August 27, 1941 to the late Joseph Vincent Mona Sr. and Loretta Hoffmann Mona. But he also had a profound charisma, he was a slick talker, and it’s no surprise that even after retiring from Ourisman Chevrolet in the late 80s, he never retired from the role of a top salesman. A graduate of the Oxon Hill High School Class of 1959, he owned the Port Tobacco Marina for 7 years before selling it to his brother. In 1971, he purchased Preference Farm and has lived there since.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Maddox Mona; daughter Stephanie Ann Mona; son Michael F. Mona, Jr. and his wife Keri Mona; grandchildren Mitchell Mona, Reese Mona, Raygan Mona, Drai Schmelzer, Delaney Schmelzer, and Olivia Schmelzer; siblings, Joseph “Joe” Mona, Vincent “Cap” Mona, Garrett “Gary” Mona, Dominic “Nick” Mona, Dolores “Cid” Mona Green and Donna Mona Myers.

Services will be private.

Memorial contributions in Mike's name may be made to the Port Tobacco

River Conservancy at www.porttobaccoriver.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Francis Mona Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Michael Francis Mona Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Deanna Hake lit a candle in memory of Michael Francis Mona Sr.*



Deanna Hake - April 21, 2023 at 09:28 PM

SD

“ Mike Mona ... if you knew Mike Mona you loved Mike Mona ... I worked with him at Ourisman Chevrolet and he took me in and showed me the World ... he got us into trouble 10 times but had 12 ways to get out of trouble ... NOBODY beat Mike Mona ... I remember we were at a company function and a comedian was up there and he spoke for an hour ... I remember 1 thing he said ... Mike Mona Found Things Before they were Lost the stories I could tell you about us selling cars together Mike was the MAN ... Mike told me ... Davis ... you think these people like you ... they will do ANYTHING for you as long as it doesn't take any TIME EFFORT OR MONEY he was right I won a trip to Atlanta to see the Redskins play but I had no money for a baby sitter for my kids and Mike said I'll watch them ... I texted my kids today to tell them the sad news about Mike and one said OMG I remember him babysitting us and his Son letting us ride his 4 Wheeler the other said he had never seen an electric fence until he stayed with Mike ... they remember that time to this day ... which was 30 years ago... you don't forget MIKE MONA I loved Mike Mona he was a GOD to me if he needed me to row a boat around the world for him I would have If You KNEW Mike Mona You Loved Him ...

stanley I davis - June 15, 2021 at 08:25 PM

JS

“ It must have been 1958-59 and coach Matthews wanted to get us some games in so he lined up a match. It would be Oxon Hill vs. The National Training School. That was the formal name for the main "reform school" in Washington, D.C. As might be expected, to us they were a bunch of psychos, cut-throats, and delinquents of all sizes and shapes, mostly large and extra large. All were African Americans. So, there we were: 20-30 skinny white guys lining up against these mammoths who did not know how to smile. Just as the game started it began to pour rain and we played the entire game in rain; the field was about 6 inches of thick mud. There was no grass. I have never forgotten how Mike handled the situation. I can see him now, in the center of the defensive line with both of his hands invisible because they were under the mud. He had a couple of teeth that had been knocked out, but generally wore a very nice bridge that worked well. That bridge had been taken out. So there he was with his two front teeth missing and he is yelling at these guys and they are yelling back and he is laughing and they are laughing. The ball is snapped and he goes crazy, throwing guys out of the way, trying to get to the quarterback. Play after play after play; he did not fade, he did not quit. He kept coming and coming, not a mud-free spot on his body (or anyone else's for that matter). Mike put on the most amazing one-man demonstration of determination and courage that I have ever seen! Don't forget—we were only 16 years old, or so. After the game was over, EVERYONE on both teams, had tremendous respect and admiration for Mike's performance. See— it's been more than 60 years and it is clear in my mind! It is sad for me to know that he is no longer with us. I'm so sorry.

Jim Secrist

Jim Secrist - May 08, 2021 at 07:45 PM

LH

“ My condolences to the Mona family. God bless.



Loraine Hennessy - April 29, 2021 at 03:22 PM

BC

“ My heart is heavy today, and I know everyone else's is too.

Although Mike was almost 12 years my senior, as cousins we didn't really hang out together much. However, I would always see his broad smile and jovial personality come through at the family gatherings at Granny/Pappy's house in DC, Aunt Bo/Uncle Joe's house in Camp Springs, or at either of the 2 family beach cottages in Long Beach.

He had a good heart and was a kind sole. I remember Mike helping me buy my very first (and new) car from Ourisman Chevrolet when I was about 18. He showed great patience with such a young and naïve buyer who would have believed anything he told me. I had full faith that my cousin wouldn't steer me wrong, and he didn't.

When he married Margaret, I thought they were the most gorgeous couple I had ever seen together -- Mike with his handsome smile, and Margaret with her natural dark beauty. Their two children together (Mike and Steph) are also great looking, too. Glad I am related to such a good looking family. Lol. Aunt Bo is probably laughing at me right now and shaking her head and saying, "Bev, Bev, Bev." I miss her, too. She was the best!

In summary, words can't describe how sorry I am at this loss. The entire Mona family is in my prayers. RIP, Mike.

Bev Krug Carter - April 22, 2021 at 06:17 PM

WC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Mona family. Mike and I went thru High School together and joined the military soon after Graduation and thru all these years of passage nothing but fond memories come to mind. Mike was definitely one of the good guys. Rest In Peace my friend.*

William (Billy) Chatman - April 21, 2021 at 09:02 PM

CC

So sorry to hear about Mike.I was in HS with him.Everybody in school knew him.A lot of people drove Chevys from him when he was a salesman.May he rest in peace.

Cam Chrisman - May 09, 2021 at 08:48 PM

TA

“ *Sending my deepest condolences, love and prayers and looking forward to seeing my family this weekend.*
Tammy



Tammy - April 21, 2021 at 06:15 PM

GA

“ My memories of my brother Mike are those of a hard working, fun loving and compassionate person. We were separated in age by seven years, so it was not like we hung together but by gosh I did idolize him. He was the only sibling to have received an academic scholarship to high school (Dematha). He was in the electrical union for a short period of time where he began his mastery of salesmanship (he ran a lucrative side coffee break business for the workers). This eventually led him to the car salesman business for Ourisman Chevrolet where he was always in the top three for sales. Mike could sell you a car in the blink of an eye. He was the “Ultimate” Salesman”. He always made sure that mom had a “nice” Cadillac to drive.

Mike loved speed whether it was a motorcycle, a Corvette or a boat which he always seemed to have many of.

He was also very fond of animals. I remember the “pet” monkey he used to have and proudly displayed. As you know he and Margaret purchased Preference Farm and raised many a cow and horse there even to the day he passed. However, by far Mike and Margaret’s greatest accomplishment was the raising of two wonderful and beautiful children (Mike & Stephanie) and their (6) equally wonderful and beautiful grandchildren.

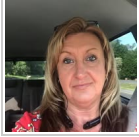
Talking about Margaret I remember the many Sunday night drives (I was the designated driver) from wherever back to the Towson State University for her Monday classes. This was a small token for Mike’s generosity in putting me in one of his cars to always drive free of charge (wait a minute – I shined many a winged tip shoe for Mike) LOL!!!

Mike also had many a friend follow him into the car sales business; Woody Bryant and little Mike Williams for example. It seemed everyone wanted to “Be like Mike” (way before that guy named Jordan), I remember who I call his lacky Phil “Peanut” Revel who would do anything for Mike short of jumping off a cliff. Mike’s personality was like a magnet. You were just attracted and gravitated to him naturally. Mike was simply “One of a Kind”

I love you Big Brother and will see you again in the heavens!

Gary

Gary - April 21, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Sending prayers and strength to the family during this difficult time... hold onto the memories and each other*

Peggy Gross - April 21, 2021 at 02:00 PM

CW

“ *Dear Margaret,*

Please accept our deepest sympathy for Mike's passing and prayers for the entire family.

*respectfully,
Tom and Charlotte Weirich*

Charlotte Weirich - April 21, 2021 at 01:57 PM

FH

“ *When I think of Mike, I think of Strength. Although he was only two months older than me, I always looked up to him as someone who was determined and could get things done with the confidence that he exuded. We shared wonderful times at Granny & Pappy's, Henderson Road, the cottage at Long Beach (Mike's family had their own cottage) and at our Family Reunions. My favorite story about Mike was when Uncle Joe was looking for the boys, when they were young, for some corrective instruction - Joe, Mike and Cappy hid under the bed and when Uncle Joe came into the room he saw Cappy who had been pushed out from under the bed by Joe and Mike (brothers looking out for each other). May God Bless you Mike - you are surely missed. Fritz Hoffmann*

Fritz Hoffmann - April 20, 2021 at 11:17 AM

CM

*Oh Fritzie great memories
And yes as the runt of the kids till many more wonderful siblings came
along... Yep no matter what I always was trying to learn from Mike and
Joe
And off course I still can learn
Especially with The strength, dignity and love Mike has shown His
entire life up to his very last breath !*

Cap Mona - April 20, 2021 at 02:26 PM

EV

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Mona families. Mike was a very
likeable person and a joy to be around. He will be missed greatly.
RIP Mike. Ed, Dolores & Chris Vincent*

Ed, Dolores, Chris Vincent - April 19, 2021 at 11:29 AM