



Michael Thomas Minnery

February 27, 2026

Michael Thomas Minnery, lovingly known as “Pop Pop,” passed from this world on February 27, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of stories, laughter, and a lifetime of love that will be remembered for years to come. Born in April of 1948, he spent 77 years proving that life is better when you follow your passions, serve with pride, and never pass up a good story.

He met the love of his life, Phyllis Minnery, while serving in the United States Air Force, and everything changed from that moment on. Their connection was instant and real, the kind of partnership people hope for but rarely find. Together, they built a life filled with devotion, humor, and a deep love that carried them through every chapter.

In his early years, he served proudly in the Air Force, where he learned discipline, teamwork, and how to make friends in every corner of the world. He carried that sense of purpose long after he hung up the uniform, bringing those same qualities into the next big adventure of his life, becoming one of the early pioneers of Auto Trader magazine. It was the perfect place for him, a chance to pour his love and passion for cars into something new and ahead of its time.

In his final professional chapter, he followed in his father’s footsteps and became the broker and owner of a real estate firm, helping families across

Northern Virginia achieve the dream of homeownership. His work ethic and genuine care for people made the business one of the most successful in the region, something that surprised no one who knew him. Even in recent years, he remained involved in the real estate world, sharing his experience, mentoring new agents, and helping shape the next generation of top-producing realtors.

But the best parts of him weren't in his resume. They were in the way he lit up when he talked to his family, the way he could make a stranger feel like an old friend, and the way he always had time to help, time to listen, and time to laugh.

He is survived by a big, loving family who will miss him more than words can say, including his children, grandchildren, and the extended Minnery clan, who were always at the center of his world. They will miss his stories, his stubbornness, his humor, and the way he could make even an ordinary day feel like an adventure. He's reunited now with his love, Phyllis, who is no doubt already telling him to get his act together.

Instead of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a cause that held a special place in his heart.

QR code and link for the St. Jude's donation website: https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?dedication=2&sc_icid=honors-lp-donate-bttn-top&express=0&product_code=MCGLHNENAAIIOccHope&frequency_selected=0

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
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Service

MAR 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

MAR 10. 1:30 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Sending love and condolences to your family. I have many happy memories from childhood of walking down the street from my grandparents' house (Paul and Bernice Hughes) to play at Mr. and Mrs. Minnery's house. I'm sure I was a very annoying kid, but they always made me feel so welcome. - Taylor Brogan

Taylor Brogan - April 09 at 04:58 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.



March 09 at 07:56 PM

LF

“ Lori Noland and kwLakeside Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.



Lori Noland and kwLakeside Family - March 09 at 04:36 PM

LC

“ Mike, Mark, Erin and family, I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your father. He will be greatly missed. Such a great pillar in the Real Estate community.

Loretta Colom - March 09 at 10:45 AM

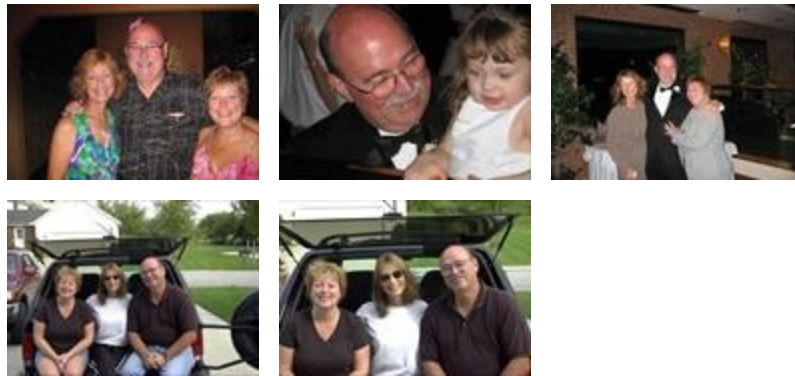
TK

“ Lots of memories with Mike over the years, what a special person he was! I spent my early years with the Minnery clan and grew very close to the family. Mike and I enjoyed building cars and fixing them! This man would do anything for anyone, and he will truly be missed. My condolences to the family and he and Phyllis are now together forever.

Tom Kane - March 09 at 08:37 AM

JB

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jay Boyce - March 09 at 12:22 AM

JB

“ Uncle Mike brought a smile to my face every time I saw him. There was a constant exchange of laughter and stories that left us chuckling. My family, my boys - looked up to him and appreciated his real estate advice. We loved to talk sports with him, especially baseball and racing. We always looked forward to seeing him and Aunt Phyllis anytime we could. Thank you Uncle Mike for being in our lives. Jay & Chrissy Boyce

Jay Boyce - March 08 at 11:36 PM

RK

“ Ron and Shirl Krisko purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.



Ron and Shirl Krisko - March 08 at 10:37 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.



March 07 at 09:54 AM

MS

“ Mj&Rick., Nick,Lindsey, Dan and Spouses planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Thomas Minnery.

Mj&Rick., Nick,Lindsey, Dan and Spouses - March 06 at 09:44 PM

MS

“ Mj&Rick., Nick,Lindsey, Dan and Spouses purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.



Mj&Rick., Nick,Lindsey, Dan and Spouses - March 06 at 09:44 PM

TF

“ I went to Grade school and High School with Mike when he lived in Cincinnati .He lived on the street behind me. We played together in our early years. There were 13 boys in our neighborhood. We all played together. I still have many memories from those days. Mike will be missed 👍👏 Thanks for all those memories. Still think about the good old days of our youth. Rest in Peace Mike. Terry Finkelmeier in Cincinnati

Terry Finkelmeier - March 06 at 10:06 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.



March 05 at 02:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.



March 05 at 10:42 AM



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CS

“Wow where to start! So many great memories over the years! He was my buddy...a great loyal friend who was fun, sincere, fun, advisor, fun, hard working and always there when needed! We worked together at PWAR with Lee Odems too...building the PWAR building and more! We were the three musketeers with a treasured friendship. They introduced me to Waffle House and I will never forget it. We taught a lot of classes together...he was great! He was a great teacher, mentor, inspirational and always positive! He loved his family and was always so proud of each and everyone of them...he loved real estate, making a difference and watching agents grow...he is missed here but smiling with Lee! May God Bless his family.

Cindy Stackhouse - March 04 at 11:25 PM

DH

“Deborah Hunter purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.



Deborah Hunter - March 03 at 08:36 PM

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Deborah Hunter - March 03 at 08:36 PM

CC

“ Mike was a wonderful human being. I had the pleasure to work with him in real estate and he was a joy to work with. My heart goes out to his wonderful family. Sending his family Hugs and Blessings during this very difficult time.

Carolyn Collier - March 03 at 08:12 PM

PA

“ Mike Minnery was very pleasant man. He always made me feel the joy and excitement every time we would see each other. We had a lot of fun at ReMax of Dale City. His beautiful smile will truly be miss. Rest in Peace my real estate colleague and friend.

Phyllis Archie - March 03 at 07:44 PM

LO

“ I only knew Mike briefly, I first met him during my pre-licensing class at Kw. He then moved to the office next to ours. He always was jolly and a smile on his face every time I greeted him. I'm glad to have met him, he's a great soul! My condolences to Mikes family.

Lovdeep - March 03 at 06:48 PM

RB

“ I have so many great memories with Mike. We had many lunches together and talked about real estate & real estate. I remember so many of his stories about cars which was one of his greatest love of his life. I still remember the first day we met, he recruited me to join and to be one of his first realtors to join his Re/Max franchise.

Ron Bryan - March 03 at 05:39 PM

SK

“ I’m so devastated to hear of Mikes passing. May he be in peace and his family find strength at this time. Although I knew him for a short time he really was a special person, always willing to help anyone. I loved all the chats about life and family. He will be truly missed. The world lost a good one.

Sadia Kashif - March 03 at 03:37 PM

GF

“ Mike was always a joy to be with he will be missed but will always be remembered.

Gregory Frank - March 03 at 03:11 PM

LT

“ Sorry to hear this sad news. I always kidded Mike about being my trouble making friend in real estate. He is a true loss to this world. My deepest condolences.

Laura Triplett - March 03 at 03:08 PM

AF

“ Aunt Kathy, Jason And Dave Boyce Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.



Aunt Kathy, Jason And Dave Boyce Family - March 03 at 02:45 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.*



March 03 at 02:15 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Thomas Minnery.*



March 03 at 02:10 PM