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DECATUR- Michael Graham Cottle, a loving and devoted father, son, brother and friend, died Monday (November 2, 2009) in his home in Decatur. He was 62.

Memorial Services will be held 10 am Saturday, November 7, 2009 in the Fireside Chapel of the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. John Laux. The family will receive friends following the services. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

The son of Gene F. and Gloria J. (Graham) Cottle, Mike was born March 21, 1947 in Decatur Memorial Hospital. He graduated from MacArthur High School in 1965 and from Yale University in 1970.

He was an avid gardener who volunteered for many years with the Macon County Master Gardeners. His passion for horticulture and attention to detail are evident in gardens throughout the city, including the gardens at the Decatur Public Library. He was the self-employed owner of MaGiC Landscapes and worked for many years as a tax specialist with H&R Block.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents of Decatur; his daughter, Selket Nicole, of Washington, DC; his son, Graham Gene, of Park City, UT; and their mother, Gus Heinzmann, of Norris, MT. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Randall and Joy Cottle, of Seymour, MO; a niece, Heather Cottle, and a nephew, Shane Cottle, both of Springfield, Missouri; and an aunt, Jesse Rowe. He also leaves behind a multitude of friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the U of I Extension – Macon County Master Gardener Program or to WILL National Public Radio (<http://willpledge.org> or makes checks payable to UIF/Friends of WILL with Mike's name in the memo line).



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KB

Karen Bernhard posted:

Gene, Gloria, Honey, Gus, Randy, Joy, children, and close friends- my heart is aching, but I have been searching for, and finding, comfort in the beautiful assortment of memories Mike has left behind- like a bouquet of fresh and fragrant flowers, each unique and remaining alive for me to enjoy at any time! Mike was a great father and brother, not only to his own, but to all of us through the years that we were so fortunate to have known him.

November 7 at 4:19 AM

EB

Elizabeth Bavor posted:

dearest Gene, Gloria, Randy, Joy, Gus and all other family members(children):I am so sorry about Mikes' passing and want you all to know. I spent many years out at the farm with you all and Mike, have know him since the late 60's and will always keep special memories and knowledge from Mike sacred. He shared his excellent information always, with us all for so many years and I always respected and was better informed about so many things that Mike taught us. I love fish aquariums and fish of course because of Mike and have a great appreciation for all flowers and vegetable gardens because of Mike.....he was a great Master at so many things....I will miss him so much too.I will look forward to seeing you all tomorrow for his service and again, my deep, heart felt sympathies to you all.With much love, Elizabeth Bavor

November 6 at 7:45 AM

MA

Mary Alford posted:

Nicole ~My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.God bless you all.Mary

November 6 at 6:03 AM

SK

Steve Klaven posted:

A few hours after I heard about Mike I began writing down all of the great qualities that came to my mind during those sad hours. Devoted father, arborist, patriot, ornithologist, loyal son, mechanic, apple picker, loyal friend, truth seeker, ichthyologist, Obama supporter, Yale Graduate, Vietnam protester,...and thats only the beginning. Mike was full of talent. Whatever he became interested in he was soon to become an authority on. And he loved sharing his knowlege with us. This is what made him so special to so many people. He opened himself up to us and we are all better human beings for it.

November 5 at 2:22 PM



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CO

Cammy Otten posted:

Dear Gus, Selket & Graham – so sorry to hear about your loss. We were deeply saddened & will treasure fond memories of the times we spent with Mike and all of you. May God bless you with an extra measure of his comfort & grace during this trying time. We are praying for all of you. Much love, Steven, Cammy, Grant & Matt

November 5 at 1:16 PM

JN

Jennifer Nelson posted:

Mike possessed an astounding wealth of plant knowledge and an amazing sense of humor. I could always count on a good laugh and a plant fact or two when he stopped by the Extension office. He will be missed by so many that worked with him in the Master Gardener Program.

November 5 at 11:43 AM

BD

Bill And Susan Deetz posted:

I was honored to have Mike as a close friend. I will miss his wit, humor and knowledge. Susan and I stopped to visit him last Saturday afternoon. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Cottle family. We will miss him greatly.

November 5 at 10:54 AM

SM

Sherry Martin posted:

The last project Mike and I were involved in was the tree project at Fairview Park. When we couldn't quite come up with a specific variety, Mike was one of us that would take it home and check it out. But believe me, he knew most of them. I can't believe he is gone. God be with you.

November 5 at 7:41 AM

BW

Betty Wheatley posted:

My most sincere sympathy to the whole family.

November 5 at 7:34 AM



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FS

Fern Stinson posted:

My prayers to the family of Mike. I was honored to know him as a Master Gardener, enjoying his gardening knowledge, which I found I could not change! Yes, Mike will be missed.

November 5 at 6:05 AM

CF

Courtney Fozzard posted:

My prayers are with the Cottle family. Mike was a great neighbor and friend.

November 4 at 7:29 PM

DK

Diana Kirby posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Cottle family. I am a fellow Master Gardener and he will be very sadly missed. May God Bless!

November 4 at 9:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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