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**M**ichael E. Yeksavich, 77, of Tulsa, Oklahoma passed away on March 30, 2021 surrounded by loved ones. Born May 24, 1943 in Quanah, Texas to Edmund and Melba Katherine (Kay) Yeksavich, Michael graduated from Eldorado High School in Oklahoma and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa.

As a child and adult, Michael traveled the world with his family in service of the country with stops in Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, Germany, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas. Following in the tradition of his father, an Air Force Sergeant, Michael entered the U.S. Army in 1968 and rose to the rank of Major in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. He took great pride in his nearly 10 years of service and the traditions of the U.S. military.

Michael met the love of his life, Reba Jean Myers, in high school and found the courage to propose to her during a snow covered rabbit hunt that resulted in only one "yes" and no harmed bunnies. Michael and Reba were married in 1963 in Eldorado, Oklahoma. They lovingly built a family during his time in the service and eventually settled in Tulsa where he established his law practice. Michael engaged in nearly every area of the law over his long career with his utmost joy being able to unite hundreds of families through his adoption practice. He was honored to be named as one of the Angels of Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute and to be a founding member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association.

An avid reader, Michael was capable of reading all the paperback books at the local Tulsa County Library branch in a week. His most treasured moments were those he spent with his family and their joy. He shared his sense of humor with his family, which extended to numerous less than successful cooking attempts of discovered



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recipes. He passed his love of music, performance, sports, and learning to each of his children. As a person of faith, he routinely read a Bible verse before bed each night and knew he would join his loved ones after passing.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Catherine Lynn. He is survived by his wife Reba, his son Aaron, his daughter Dara and husband, Brian Wilson, and their son, his most beloved grandson, Henry August, his son Jeramiah, his sister Karen Jurhee Blaugaich and husband, Pete, and their children Heather and Martin, and his brother Jerry Yeksavich and wife, Melinda.

Memorial services to be held on Saturday April 10, 2021 at 10 AM CST at the Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel with a light reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Reece's Rainbow, Special Needs Adoption Support (<https://reecesrainbow.org/>) or the American Kidney Fund (<https://www.kidneyfund.org/>).

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## Events


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### Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, April 10, 2021

 10:00 AM CT

 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**  
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012





## Tribute Wall

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**William P.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Michael.

February 9 at 12:57 AM



**Karen C.** sent a sympathy card to the Yeksavich family.

April 7 at 10:49 AM



**Deborah Burke** posted:

It was always a pleasure to spend a bit of time across the desk from Mike, listening to his stories and jokes as well as noting his sage legal advice. When I first met him as a board member for Dance Artists of Tulsa, I had no idea he was so funny and such a great guy. It didn't take long to become friends and I've always treasured that friendship. Our thoughts go out to you, Reba and Dara along with your family, as you make the transition. Mike was a character who will live in all our memories for a very long time. Deborah Burke and Malcolm Taylor

April 6 at 11:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Yeksavich family.

April 6 at 2:15 AM





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**Carol Grant** posted:

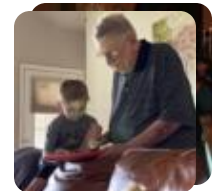
My name is Carol Grant. Mike will be greatly missed!!! There are so many great memories I am not sure where to start! We 1st met over an adoption in 1994 that ended up in court for 4 years with the Indian Child Welfare Act. I am a Birth Mother and Mike tutored me through that whole 4 years of what to say & not say & how to act before a judge. He made a great mentor. We became great friends during that 4 years! We won that case & I cannot help but feel that was because of Mikes Talents & knowledge! Mike's case will be pulled for decades to come & will help many people to win their battle also! He used to tell me over & over that WE had made history! I believe it was strictly Mike's work that won. He put his heart & soul into that case. I serviced his copier for many years through a copier business I had. So I saw him on occasion. I also did some mobile notary work for him with a Mobile Notary Business and we were friends on Facebook. Seems he was always making kind remarks that I so did not feel I deserved! I now wish so much that I had taken him up & pursued that lunch he wanted to have just to visit where court, office equipment or notary work did not get in the way. Just to visit. Mike was such a Kind & Caring person. I will miss him until I can see him again. I can only imagine the heartache & loss that Reba & Family feel!!! Mike, Thanks for the wonderful memories. Till we meet again!

April 4 at 4:15 PM

DW

**Dara Wilson** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You're the first man I ever loved. My heart is lost without you. I love you, daddy. We will forever love you. Your grandson has been playing with your Pokémon in your honor. He says, your army is safe with him. Until we meet again, we promise to take care of mom.



April 3 at 5:26 PM



# Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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