

Michael John Lind

1968-2025

Michael John Lind was born on September 13, 1968, in North Platte, Nebraska, to Suanne (Mills) Lind and LaMar Lind.

Mike and his family lived in Arnold, Nebraska, until 1975, when they moved to Minden. In 1976, following his parents' divorce, Mike, his mother, and his sister, Amy, returned to Arnold to live on their grandparents' farm. Mike loved being a country kid—riding horses, exploring the canyons, and spending time with friends from Arnold Elementary School.

In 1981, the family moved to Hastings, Nebraska, where Mike excelled in basketball and proudly represented the Hastings High School Tigers. Known affectionately by his friends as "Linney," he formed many lifelong friendships and graduated with the Class of 1987.

Mike attended the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He graduated in 1992 with a degree in journalism and went on to build a successful career in sales. His professional life took him across the country through positions with International Paper/Xpedx, Avery Dennison, FedEx, and BSN Medical/Essity. Mike loved working with people, traveling, and finding humor in every situation.

Mike's life was filled with adventure. He loved living in Colorado and took every opportunity to be outdoors, often with a loyal dog by his side. An accomplished athlete, he enjoyed snowboarding, mountain biking, and hiking in the mountains he loved so much. Over the years, he accumulated countless frequent-flyer miles and hotel points, which he joyfully shared with family on many memorable trips.



Mike adored his nieces, Emily and Natalie O'Neill. Alongside his brother-in-law, T.J., he taught them how to snowboard, mountain bike, hike, and appreciate the beauty of the Colorado mountains.

In 2015, Mike married Kendra Hinkson. Though they later divorced in 2019, they shared meaningful years together before Mike returned to Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mike is survived by his mother, Sue Lind; sister, Amy (Lind) O'Neill and her husband, T.J. O'Neill; and nieces, Emily and Natalie O'Neill. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends who will miss his humor, generosity, and adventurous spirit.

A gathering to celebrate Mike's life will be held on Friday, November 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at First-Plymouth Congregational Church, 2000 D Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Hastings Public Schools Foundation, 1515 W. 8th Street, Hastings, NE 68901 (or online at HastingsPublicSchools.org/Foundation/Donate.html), or AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport, 4002 Ash Street, De Soto, IA 50069 (or online at AHeinz57.com/Donations/Donate), or the Arnold Public School Foundation, P.O. Box 172, Arnold, NE 69120, or donor choice.