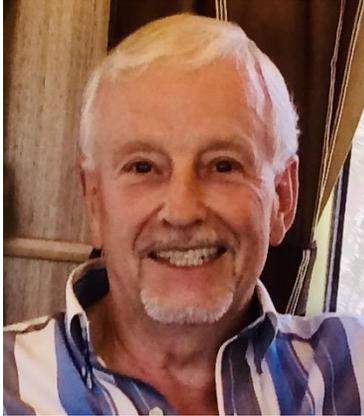


## MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER CARSON

August 7, 1949, to August 5, 2021



Michael Christopher Carson (Mike) died peacefully of ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease on August 5, his family at his side.

Michael spent more than 35 years in the resources exploration industry working in over 45 countries in the Americas, Australia, Africa, Europe and Middle East.

Michael started his career in 1972 with Geoterrex as a field geophysicist and spent his entire career there in its various iterations, retiring in 2009. After the formation of Fugro Airborne Surveys in the early 2000's, Mike was appointed President & Regional Manager, Americas and he led the successful effort to integrate many formerly competitive companies into a single worldwide airborne geophysical company. He had a knack for herding cats and said he wanted his employees to work hard and have fun. From 2006 to 2008, he was president of IAGSA (International Airborne Geophysical Safety Association).

Michael had a wonderful family life as the doted upon last child of five, and then as part of the family he helped create, where his DDJs (Dad's Dumb Jokes) were lovingly tolerated. Mike and his wife Trish had a great marriage for 45 years on the premise that they would love each other at least every second day. Fortunately, every day was covered, sometimes by one or the other and sometimes by both.

Michael was an avid sportsman playing squash, tennis, golf and hockey. Until he was diagnosed with ALS in January 2020, he ran triathlons (swimming, biking and running). As a young man, he raced Formula Ford for a few summers and remained a car enthusiast. He also loved good theatre, good food and good wine.

Michael realized that his success was partly due to good luck and was concerned for those not as lucky. Michael volunteered on the Major Gifts Committee of the United Way of Ottawa for several years and donated generously to many causes. He and Trish recently set up a scholarship for Indigenous students to study geophysics through the Canadian Exploration Geophysical Society (KEGS) Foundation.

Michael leaves his wife Patricia Paul-Carson, children Leah, Margaux and Matthew, son-in-law Matt Rinfret and granddaughter Naomi.