

Obituary: Mike Lipp October 28, 2019

Unit 124 and District 11 extend our condolences to Mike's wife Becky Lipp, his sister Pam Campbell, and the entire Lipp family on Mike Lipp's untimely death.

Mike was a family-first man. He and Becky were married for 32 years. Mike found bridge late in life and learned by playing with his mother Mary and Sister Pam. He was dedicated and principled. Mike was a son, a brother, a husband, a father, uncle, and grandfather. He served our country and was a major contributor to the Cincinnati Bridge Community. Mike became a Life Master in September 2005 and earned 2725.16 Master Points and the Rank of Gold Life Master. He became a certified ACBL Director and succeeded where few had in recent years – growing evening bridge. His care for and attention to his players was exemplary. He never let negative behavior invade his games from any source. Within one year he took a game from zero to 13-15 tables on Monday evenings – an unheard of success in today's world where retirees and daytime dominate club bridge.

Mike grew to manage four games at the CBC, coordinated the Unit Tournaments and special game sanctions, promoted the Cincinnati Bridge Center, and became its first Manager 2 years ago. In this role Mike brought the monthly Unit Championship game on Tuesdays. He also oversaw the monthly ACBL reporting for several clubs operating out of the Cincinnati Bridge Center. He counseled the Unit Board on many occasions and for the past several years served as a Unit Trustee on the District 11 Board of Directors. As a voting member he represented the needs of our Unit in exemplary fashion. Mike always had commonsense advice and kept his advocacy for the common player front and center in all our decisions.

Mike became an ACBL Assistant Tournament Director a few years ago. He helped run Sectionals and assisted at Regionals when needed in District 11. He had a great working knowledge of the laws and knew how to guide Non Life Masters without turning them off or stressing them out. Mike would often work games for the Unit without compensation so that members could enjoy a holiday party or an awards night. He mentored players and was always approachable. Mike was the go to person for the Unit when issues with scheduling directors arose. He never let us down. Mike had a genuine thirst for improvement and learning.

Unit 124 Board of Directors, all of Mike's Games players, and his many friends in Unit 124 and District 11 all miss Mike sorely.

You can view Mike's Obituary at

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/cincinnati/obituary.aspx?n=michael-k-lipp&pid=194305089>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Moese  
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