

## **Michael C. Morris**

1961-2010

Michael C. Morris (Doc), beloved son of Claude and Karen Morris of Fox Lake, Illinois, passed away Sunday, December 12, 2010, at the home of his sister, Julie, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Mike was born September 18, 1961, in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Michael received a B.A. in Anthropology/Sociology and French from Rockford College and an M.A. in Spanish and a Ph.D. in Foreign Language Education from the University of Iowa. While at the University of Iowa he was a member of the Acacia Fraternity. He was an Associate Professor at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, where he taught courses in Spanish language, linguistics and language teaching methodologies. His research focused on the analysis of foreign language teachers' beliefs regarding instruction and the relationship of those beliefs to their classroom presentations, as well as foreign language classroom assessment. He gave many in-service presentations to elementary, secondary and university teachers at the local, state and national level as well as abroad. He was a contributing writer for McGraw-Hill on the fifth and sixth editions of *Pasajes*. His work has appeared in foreign language annuals, such as *Hispania*, *The Modern Language Journal*, *Journal of Graduate Assistant Development* and the annual volume of the American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators. He was a co-author for McGraw Hill's soon-to-be-published text *Experience Spanish*. Mike was also the faculty advisor for the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity at NIU.

Mike enjoyed traveling abroad, playing volleyball and tennis and spending time with family and his many friends.

Mike is survived by his parents, two sisters – Julie (Ric) Regnier of Trevor, WI, and Claudia (Randy) Kelch of Phoenix, AZ – and five nephews – Patrick Kelch of Phoenix, AZ, Jonathan Kelch of Irvine, CA, Bryan and Patrick Regnier of Trevor, WI, and Ken (Stephanie) Regnier of Clarksville, TN – as well as two great nephews – Hunter and Aiden.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Claude and Nellie Morris, Glen Rubens, and Roy and Dorothy Peterson.