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Mike McCarthy

Veteran broadcaster Mike McCarthy passed away after a long time battle against the after-effects of cancer and other health related issues on December 30, 2020 at the age of 58.



Michael G. McCarthy August 31, 1962 – December 30, 2020

Mike was born 1962. A Chicago Native, Mike's family was in the convention booth design and construction business.

Mike lived, breathed, and loved radio. He became a contract engineer in the Chicago area, eventually working for Newsweb Radio in 1997. As the company grew to nine stations, he became the Chief Engineer, caring for stations from Kankakee, Crystal Lake, DeKalb, and Crete IL to Portage IN.

Along the way, Mike married his wife Jennifer (Adelman) in 2001. They had two daughters and Mike proved to be a devoted family man, spending as much time with them as possible.

Mike served in the local SBE chapter 26 and on the national SBE board for many years. He also was the frequency coordinator for the Chicago area and appeared at many sporting events, including those for the Bears, White Sox, and Blackhawks.

He was forced to retire in 2018 for medical reasons. Sadly, an infection prevented recovery, and Mike slowly lost ground.

Mike's ham call was N9EAO.

Mike is survived by his wife Jennifer and two daughters, Kelly and Colleen, as well as his sister Christine, brother Thomas, and therapy dog Koehl.

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We appreciate the assistance from several of Mike's friends in putting this material together.

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