



Michael Pratt

August 4, 1948 - June 16, 2022

'Til the battle is won - that is how Mike Pratt always lived. And in true Pratt fashion, he fought this last battle until the bitter end. Cancer is a thief of time and on June 16, 2022 his last battle was fought.

From athlete to coach to professional analyst and broadcaster, Mike Pratt has lived and breathed sports for more than 50 years. His illustrious career began in 1967 after he was recruited by legendary coach Adolph Rupp to play for the Kentucky Wildcats. A versatile young athlete who excelled at high school sports in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio, Pratt found even greater success at UK, helping lead the team to three SEC championships and two Elite Eight appearances. Pratt was an Academic All-American, All-American, and two-time All-SEC athlete. Following graduation, Pratt played for the ABA Kentucky Colonels (1970-1972) then went on to coach at UNCC under Lee Rose, until he took over as head coach from 1978-1982. Pratt then moved to broadcast in 1985, working for several outlets including the Charlotte Hornets Television Network, ESPN, and Fox Sports South. He is a member of the UK Athletics Hall of Fame (2009), the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame (2010), and the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame (2019). Since 2002, Pratt has been a familiar face—on the floor and behind the scenes—in Kentucky basketball as color analyst for the UK Radio Network. His work as color analyst led him and Tom Leach to write *Kentucky Basketball Two Decades Behind the Scenes*.

Mike's parents (deceased):

Raymond Eugene and Grace Joyce Pratt

Spouse:

Marcia Schmidt Pratt

Brother:

Patrick Pratt; spouse - Andrea Pratt

Daughter:

Tamaryn Pratt; spouse - Jonas Tanenbaum; children Giancarlo, Ginevra,
Giacomo Pratt Voltolina

Son:

Christopher Pratt; spouse - Amy Pratt; daughter Mia Pratt

Stepchildren:

Christina Stone; spouse - Tyler Stone; Jaxon, Payton Stone

Andy Schutz; spouse - Kaelin; children - Wyatt, Hudson, Parker Schutz

Tim Schutz; spouse - Sarah; children - Amelia Schutz

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kentuckiana Friends of V.

Mike's Celebration of Life will be held Friday, August 5, 2022 at University of Kentucky Memorial Coliseum in Lexington, Kentucky from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. It is open to the public, and casual dress is encouraged as there is no air conditioning at the colosseum.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

University of Kentucky Memorial Coliseum
201 Avenue of Champions
Lexington, KY 40506

Tribute Wall



“ Was able to meet Mr.Pratt one time sometime back.What a unique person,basketball,man he was.Gary Orme of Mt. Sterling, Ky 403532

GARY ORME - June 23, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ When I was a young boy watching UK basketball with my dad I was so impressed with this love of Mike Pratt and that alone made me a lifelong Kentucky fan thanks Mike For The Memories

Terry Carrico - June 19, 2022 at 11:14 PM



“ Enjoyed watching Mike play for UK, pro basketball, & covering UK Sports. Such a pleasant man who 2as loved by Big Blue Nation & will be remembered & dearly missed. Condolences to family 🙏🙏



Tom Willoughby - June 19, 2022 at 02:40 PM