Obituary for Michael "Mike" Bowersock

Michael G. Bowersock, age 56, of Dublin, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Loyola Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. Born in Lima, Ohio, Mike was a graduate of Lima Central Catholic High School, Class of 1977. He received his B.A., Journalism degree from The Ohio State University and his M.B.A., Finance degree from Franklin University. Mike enjoyed a 32 year career in broadcasting with television stations in Lima, Toledo, Detroit, MI and Columbus. Most recently, he served as a Public Information Officer with the Ohio National Guard. Mike was a devoted family man who adored his wife, four children and countless close friends. He loved broadcasting, but reporting was much more than just a job. It was about connecting with people, listening to and telling their stories. He was compassionate and genuine with everyone he met and spent much of his free time volunteering to make a difference in others’ lives. He won numerous awards for reporting, was a talented chef and musician and loved playing with the Gladden Strummers. He was a man of faith who grew up in the Catholic Church and was a member of the United Church of Christ for 30 years. His spirit will live on in all the lives he touched. Mike was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Ida Bowersock, his brother Bobby Bowersock and his sister-in-law Mary Lou Bowersock. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 30 years, Lisa Winegardner Bowersock, his children Clinton Michael Bowersock of Oakland, CA, Thomas Ray Bowersock, James Davis Bowersock and Grace Margaret Bowersock, all of Dublin; his brother Bill Bowersock of Tampa, FL; the extended Bowersock, Winegardner and Paxton Families; and his many colleagues and friends. Mike and Lisa are faithful members of Dublin Community Church, United Church of Christ where Lisa serves as the Associate Minister. Family will receive friends from 2:00-8:00 p.m. FRIDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 14 mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) A Celebration of Life Service for Mike will be held at 2:00 p.m. SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 at DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC, 81 West Bridge Street, Dublin, OH 43017 with Reverend Robert Tussing, officiating. Graveside burial services will be held 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2016 at Memorial Park Cemetery, 3000 Harding Highway, Lima, OH 45804. In lieu of flowers, Rev. Robert Tussing and Dublin Community Church requests that memorial contributions may be made to either: The Mike Bowersock Memorial Account at any Fifth/Third Bank in Central Ohio, Lima or Detroit or Dublin Community Church Abiding Memorials Fund www.DublinCommunityChurch.org. (Memorial donation envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church.)