

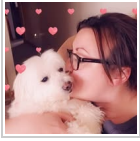


Michael George Fechner

April 28, 1959 - September 29, 2021

Age 62 of White House passed away Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at his home following a brief illness. He was born April 28, 1959 in Niagara Falls, NY to John E. Fechner, Jr. & Patricia A. Strachan Fechner. He worked in the Nashville music industry as a sound engineer. He enjoyed music and spending time on his parent's farm, which he had purchased. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his lifetime companion, Nathalie Cole, White House, TN; sisters, Jacqueline Fechner, Lockport, NY and Cynthia Sepielli, Ransomville, NY; one niece; one nephew. There are no local services or visitation planned. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Tribute Wall



“ My name is Danielle and I'm Mike's niece. Thank you to everyone that has posted so many beautiful memories. It's such a comforting thought to know that my uncle was loved and appreciated by so many. If anyone has posted a picture here I would truly appreciate it if you could email me these pictures. Thank you so much for all the love and memories ❤️

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Danielle Lazeration - October 08, 2021 at 08:23 PM

B(

“ I met Mike in Lockport, Pendleton area in 80 when we went to work for bands. I did stage and lighting and he did the sound set up, the stage and lighting at that time was huge and of course so was the sound set up, Mike did not believe in small, but both of us got along as soon as we met, he was so nice, even tempered even when we had to pull all this equipment out of the truck on to the stage. We did this our self, just the two of us, we worked together helping each other setting up the massive stage lighting and sound and then tear it all down back in the truck and on to the next bar or venue. We became best friends for the next 40 years. I was there when he met his love Nat. We drifted but always stayed in touch by travel in one way or another. He would show up with Diffy or Bad Company, calling me to tell me he close, and, I made it possible to be there, I loved him to no end to always see him. My love to Nat, sisters and all other family and of course Mike, love ya buddy, bobby aka Squeak.

Bobby Rupert (Squeaky) - October 04, 2021 at 05:12 PM

JD

“ Mike Fechner was a great mentor to me in both work and life. I had the pleasure to meet him over a decade ago archiving analog tapes out at the Castle where he gave me a chance professionally before I deserved one. We formed a friendship early on and as he continued to build up his home studio and increase his studio work we became frequent collaborators and even closer friends. Over the past year, as illness began to change his physical capacity, Mike never changed. He remained the calm, patient and kind man I had always known despite circumstances many would find frustrating. It's truly hard to believe we'll never spin up another reel of tape or grab wings after a day of mixing. I love ya, Mike. I'll miss you, but I won't forget you. You were such a huge part of my life. Thank you for everything.



Josh Ditty - October 02, 2021 at 01:52 AM

JG

“ I am only one of many whose lives got poorer the moment Mike left our Earth. If you know him, you love him. Peace be with you forever, Mike. Thank you for being a wonderful friend.



Jason Glass - September 30, 2021 at 08:28 PM

PB

“ I met a busker today with a fine voice and rich acoustic guitar tone. He remarked on my 'Paul Rodgers' Free Spirit' hoodie I was wearing, and how great the sound was for Free Spirit at the Royal Albert Hall... well... that brought the tears, as only hours before, I'd heard we lost the sweetest soul and sound engineer, Mike Fecky Fechner... so so sad, the heart of the Free Spirit, Bad Company and Dolly Parton dream team. 'Pistol Pete' he used to call me in his slow American drawl, "Coz you wear your guitar like a gun slinger". We will miss your cool, calm, mastery and control over all. Goodnight Fecky, like a 'Six Gun Sound' you leave a big bullet hole in our hearts.”

'Pistol' Pete Bullick

Peter Bullick - September 30, 2021 at 07:02 PM

KS

“ I had the pleasure of touring with Mike when he was road mgr/foh for Joe Diffie. He was the quintessential professional, great ears, and a genuine pleasure to spend endless hours with on a bus. He was, as everyone has mentioned, the model of calm. I only saw him get rattled once. We played a festival in Ogden, Utah and Mike was conducting Joe's meet and greet behind the stage. He had his iPad playing the usual pre-show music, except that he had recently added a song from John Butler, a novelty number that was definitely not family-friendly. While it did have theological undertones I doubt the audience would've appreciated that particular exegesis. Mike heard the first two bars of the song and took off running for foh. It had to be a good 50 yards and he had 6 more bars at 100 bpm before the song got out of hand. Usain Bolt never ran that fast. At the last possible second Mike grabbed the iPad and forwarded to the next song. He reappeared back stage, beet red, dripping sweat and completely out of breath. "Boys, I almost got fired tonight," he said. Godspeed you on your journey, Mike.

Ken Soper - September 30, 2021 at 05:35 PM

DB

“ A beautiful man left this world yesterday and definitely one of the greatest if not greatest sound engineers ever. An incredible talent and beautiful soul that Pete and I along with our band G, E and Rich, had the great honour to work with and who was so kind to us making us feel that nothing was too much trouble. He made a big impact on us, with his quiet Enigmatic but Assertive demeanour - we'll never forget Mike, he simply was The Best. Sending Much love to his family at home and his tour friends/family. He'll be very much missed by all who knew him. Pete and Debs Bonham-Bullick xxxx

Dborah Bonham - September 30, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ Red Poinsettia Saddle (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Michael George Fechner.



September 30, 2021 at 11:31 AM

TD

“ My goodness, if I have one silly photo with this man I have a hundred. Many fond memories traveling this planet together mixing one of the greatest rock bands that ever made a record. He was nicknamed "The Good Doctor" for his precision skills, he performed like a surgeon always calm in any situation. No matter the circumstances we always found something to laugh about, most of the time at ourselves making funny faces at the camera. Here we are living the dream. I couldn't of asked for a better guy to share an audio snake with. I'm gonna miss ya brother is an understatement. Love ya my good man, see you on the other side. Blessings to everyone who ever met you. Godspeed



Tim Dressler - September 30, 2021 at 09:15 AM

JB

“ In the short time I had the pleasure to work with Mike he was the best Soundman I have ever worked with and a wonderful human being. He raised the bar so high that no one gets close . Love Jan & Jason Bonham ❤️🙏

Jason Bonham - September 30, 2021 at 08:20 AM

BF

“ I toured with Mike for 5 years. He was an amazing sound engineer & an even better friend. His clam even temperament was something that always impressed me. He could stay clam under the most strenuous circumstances. We spent many days and nights on long bus rides just talking about anything and everything. I will miss you Mike. You were truly a great friend & brother.



Ben Friedman - September 29, 2021 at 11:57 PM

HC

“ Best FOH man in the business. A real class act.w

howard leese Bad Company - September 29, 2021 at 11:13 PM

JE

“ This is Mike on tour in New Zealand 2018. He was an incredible sound engineer, but more importantly he was kind, gentle, funny, and always a calm presence no matter what was going on. I loved being around him and will miss him. RIP Mike, I loved the way your shirt matched your maroon luggage on travel days. Xo



Jen - September 29, 2021 at 11:04 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear this news. Mike was such a mensch. He always had a kind smile and loving, gentle demeanor. His spirit will carry on up in rock and roll heaven... love you Mike. - Joshua



Joshua G - September 29, 2021 at 10:37 PM

JE

Yes, agree with all this! ❤️

Jen - September 29, 2021 at 11:05 PM

BP

I love you and miss you my brother! You were a true badass at your craft!! I will always treasure our time together at work and at play.

Bill Parker - September 30, 2021 at 12:33 AM

JG

A good friend, a true gentleman, but a poor fisherman. Kapikog Lake will miss you.

Jerry Gravel - September 30, 2021 at 10:38 AM