



Michael Francis Hottois

Michael Hottois passed away on May 22, 2022 at age 76. Michael retired from the University of Louisville after an over-40-year career teaching Scenic and Lighting Design, where he was a full professor and former chair of the Theater Department.

Michael had amazing talent in set design and lighting. He designed sets for local, regional and national theatres, including the Louisville Ballet and HBO. His credits are numerous. His talent for set making and design cannot be overstated. He was passionate about his craft and enjoyed teaching his profession to future generations of set designers. He was a respected educator and honored by the success of his students. He was a teacher, mentor and friend

Michael earned his undergraduate degree from The State University of New York at Brockport and his Master of Fine Arts from Brandeis University. He was a member of the United Scenic Artists and Local USA 829.

Michael had many interests, he loved soccer and was the first Boys Soccer Coach at Providence High School in Southern Indiana. He was a sailor and enjoyed classic cinema. He was a huge fan of the New York Yankees and the University of Louisville Women's Basketball Team. His musical interests ranged from Frank Sinatra to Bob Dylan.

Michael was a devoted bicyclist and rode 43,187 miles with the Southern Indiana Wheelmen. Riding with Michael you would learn about his passion for set design, teaching and the devotion to his family.

He is survived by his wife, Georgette and sons, Ryan, Sean and Miquel.
Grandchildren, Sophia, Gavin and Clark.