
In Memory of **Mike Karels**



We are deeply saddened about the passing of Mike Karels, [a pivotal figure in the history of BSD UNIX](#), a respected member of the FreeBSD community, and the Deputy Release Engineer for the FreeBSD Project. Mike's contributions to the development and advancement of BSD systems were profound and have left an indelible mark on the Project.

Mike's vision and dedication were instrumental in shaping the FreeBSD we know and use today. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide us in our future endeavors.

Our thoughts are with Mike's family, friends, and all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

See the [notification prepared by the family](#) for more insights into his incredible life.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to the Foundation to fund future FreeBSD projects.

Articles about Mike:

[BSD-Urgestein: Michael J. Karels mit 68 Jahren gestorben](#)