



## Michael John Horst

December 18, 1958 - July 5, 2021

Mike Horst, 62, passed away on July 5, 2021, at Bellin Hospital following a long history of illness.

He was born on December 18, 1958, to Agnes and Clarence “Pony” Horst. Mike attended and graduated from Phelps Public School in Phelps, Wisconsin. After graduating, he went to Wyoming with a several of his friends and his brother, where he found work driving truck for an oil company. After a few years, he returned to Land o’ Lakes Wisconsin and began working for Nagel’s Lumber Company. He became reacquainted with his childhood friend, Joni Cestkowski, and they later married in 1985. Together they had 2 girls, Sami and Kilie.

In the late 80’s Mike moved to Aurora, Wisconsin and then eventually to Crystal Falls, Michigan. He began working for Inland Diesel in Iron Mountain, Michigan in 1987 until he was badly injured in a car accident in 1990. After his life altering accident, Mike worked on many woodworking projects, hunted and fished, and spent time with his family and friends. His most recent true joy was spending time with his grandchildren.

Mike is survived by his wife, Joni; daughters, Sami (Walter) Dowling of Hancock, Michigan and Kilie (Bradley) Buschman of Pendleton, Kentucky; grandchildren, Abby and Luke Buschman; sister, Nancy (Arnie) Schauer and

brother, Tom (Renee) Horst; brothers-in-law, Jim (Lisa) Cestkowski, Jeff (Cindy) Cestkowski, and Jerel (Neelone) Cestkowski; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Agnes and Clarence Horst, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Iron County Hunters Safety Program. Checks may be made payable to the Iron County Hunters Safety Program.

Mass of Christian burial will take place at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 16, 2021, at Guardian Angels Church in Crystal Falls, with Fr. Daniel Malone officiating. Burial will take place in Land O Lakes Cemetery, Land o Lakes, WI, with Deacon Terry Verville conducting burial rites.

Memorials may be in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Michael Horst may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

## Cemetery Details

### Land O Lakes Cemetery

Land O Lakes, WI

## Previous Events

### Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
412 Crystal Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

WC

“ Wayne and Virginia Dowling, Mildred Comiskey purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Michael John Horst.



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**Wayne and Virginia Dowling, Mildred Comiskey** - July 14, 2021 at 01:15 PM

AB

“ Aunt Ceely And Uncle Bob lit a candle in memory of Michael John Horst



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**Aunt Ceely and Uncle Bob** - July 13, 2021 at 05:03 PM

EM

*Deepest condolences, Sending love & prayers. RIP Mr. Horst*

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**Elizabeth Montgomery** - July 16, 2021 at 05:34 PM

MS

“ *Joni...Sympathies to you and your family! I remember when he had that car accident that changed your lives. Sounds like he was a really good person, wood carving and everything. Best Wishes to all!*

*From, Mary Jane Soderberg*

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**Mary Jane Soderberg** - July 12, 2021 at 07:23 PM

FS

“ *Joni, Sami, Kilie.  
Mike is probably dancing right now on those streets of gold with Zeke.  
We heard a song by the group Casting Crowns called "Scars in Heaven" at about the same time, made us think how great our reunion will be someday...Miss you Mike!!  
Frank & Karla Suheski*

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**frank suheski** - July 11, 2021 at 04:33 PM

CS

“ *Chris Spigarelli lit a candle in memory of  
Michael John Horst*



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**chris spigarelli** - July 11, 2021 at 10:28 AM

CS

“ *Joni, Sami & Kilie---So sorry Mike has passed. I will always remember his great sense of humor! And I will treasure the woodworking pieces he made for me. Love to all of you...Chris*

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**christine spigarelli** - July 09, 2021 at 04:55 PM

DM

“ *Joni, Sami and Kilie, There are no words to ease your pain but know my thoughts and prayers are with you. I've been thinking of you daily and if there is anything you need please don't hesitate to reach out. 🙏🙏❤️*

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**Dawn Margoni** - July 09, 2021 at 09:25 AM


RA

“ *Joni I am so sorry that Mike has passed. I will always remember coming to your house and sharing meals with you and him. I am so glad that he got to make that last trip to see his grandkids. May you and the girls find peace with this. Love Bob*

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**Robert Armstrong** - July 09, 2021 at 08:53 AM

CH

“ *Joni and girls, sending our love, hugs and prayers. Jack and Cheryl*  


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**Cheryl** - July 09, 2021 at 08:49 AM

JW

“ *We send our thoughts and prayers to this lovely family. Horsey people are always there for each other in good times and bad and our love is with you at this sad time.*  
*God Bless,*  
*Jackie Wiegand and Becca Wiegand Germain*

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**Jacqueline M Wiegand** - July 09, 2021 at 07:31 AM

LP

“ *Mike and Joni came over to our house for a cookout. As we sat in the backyard eating our burgers, I got a kick out of Mike's shirt. He was wearing a t shirt that looked like a tuxedo. He said he wanted to get dressed up for the occasion. It was comical. He always was smiling and laughing.*

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**Lin Peterson** - July 09, 2021 at 06:38 AM