



Michael A. Phillips

September 6, 1957 - April 29, 2016

Michael "Mike" Phillips, 58, of Crystal Falls Township, MI went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 29, 2016. He was born September 6, 1957 in Oak Park, IL son of the late Jack and Ester (Ketola) Phillips.

Mike grew up in Crystal Falls Township, MI. He helped his father, Jack, in the early 70's to build most of the foundations around Fire Lake. He lettered in Track & Field and Cross Country 5 times while attending high school at Forest Park before graduating in 1975. Mike served his country in the U. S. Army and spent 2 years in Germany where he worked as a Fixed Stationed Tech Controller. After leaving the Army, he attended Ferris State University and earned an Associate Degree in Computerized Numerical Control.

He moved to West Michigan, where he worked at H.S.Die & Engineering for 27 years as a CNC Supervisor. It was here he met his future wife and the mother of his 3 children, Lisa VanHouten. He resided with his wife and 3 children in Allendale, MI for many years.

Mike was active in both golf and bowling, and won numerous titles in the Amateurs Bowling Tour & the Michigan Bowlers Tour. He loved to hunt, trap and walk the woods. He retired and moved back to the Hardwoods (Crystal Falls Township), where he felt most at home. Mike spent the past few years working on his 'Hardwoods House' and was so proud of all of the work he had

done.

Mike had a quirky sense of humor, which he lovingly passed down to his children. Although he went through many trials during his life, he had a heart for others and a desire to help those in need. He is deeply loved by his family and will be incredibly missed.

He is survived by his three children, Craig (Jessica) Phillips of Conklin, MI and their children, Jack and Charlie (He was so proud to be a Grandpa), Kaci Phillips (Andrew Malady) of Phoenix, AZ, and Nicholas (Lindsey) Phillips of Milford, MI; and their mother, Lisa Phillips of Allendale, MI; two sisters, LuAnn Phillips and Kathi Phillips, both of Crystal Falls Township, MI. He was also survived by many loved nieces and nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Ester Phillips, and by his beloved brother, Ken Phillips.

Friends may call from 10:00 am until 11:00 am Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday at the Nash Funeral Home. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. Luncheon to follow at Bethany Lutheran Church in Amasa. Condolences to the family of Mike Phillips may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 North Third St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Kathi & LuAnn - I am so sorry for your loss. During high school Mike taught me a lot about living in the UP and we always had a good time when we saw each other.*

I can't believe that he's gone.

Matt Raunio

Matt Raunio - May 07, 2016 at 11:46 AM

PW

“ *Kathi and LuAnn - and all of your family -*



Pati Weedon - May 05, 2016 at 09:08 AM

PW

thinking of you at this time and always.... Your brother Mike is now with Ken - your Ma and Dad.... All my Love to ya Kath..., Pati

Pati Weedon - May 05, 2016 at 09:11 AM

PS

“ Dear Mike, I know I really didn't, but I feel like I failed you, and I know you understand. I always had it the front of my mind that when I moved back, I could be a better advocate to you than I could from far away. That I cannot fulfill that intent makes my sadness even greater. We stayed the best of friends all these years without barely seeing each other for decades. So, what saves me is my memories of you and they are great ones; you welcomed me like a brother when I moved back in 10th grade; we had such great times in school; we ran cross country together, camped out in the bunk house, took sauna as often as we could. I visited you when we were in college for epic weekends. And then, our lives started our independent paths and we didn't see each other for a long, long time. I visited on the train when you lived in Grand Rapids, and then we continued on our separate ways. We always seemed to miss each other in visits up north, but I would still go and visit your mom; I loved your mom; she treated me so good- she was in declining health, so I would get cookies and call her, and she'd make coffee, and we'd sit and talk and laugh- it was great. I miss her. She loved you so. We all loved you so, and will miss you terribly...

Paul Sundquist - May 05, 2016 at 08:29 AM

KK

“ Kathi & LuAnn, Thoughts and prayers with you and his family. I can just see the 4 of them up in heaven having a wonderful reunion!

Love you,

Kathy & Paul

Kathy Kinville - May 04, 2016 at 08:13 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Mike. Please know that your family is in my prayers.....*Todd VanPeeren*

Todd VanPeeren - May 04, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Michael A. Phillips.*



May 04, 2016 at 03:51 PM