



Michael 'Mike' Kroupa

March 14, 1945 - August 21, 2018

Michael Orlo Kroupa, age 73 passed away peacefully at Traverse Manor Assisted Living in Traverse City. He endured a long illness resulting from a severe stroke 5 years ago. Mike was born March 14, 1945 to Fred and Dorothy (Belleville) Kroupa. Raised on the family fruit farm on Old Mission Peninsula with one sister and two brothers, and lots of Kroupa cousins on adjoining farms on Kroupa Road.

A 1963 graduate of Traverse City Central High School, Mike was honorably discharged from the US Army after serving in Vietnam and Korea. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the NRA. Also a member of PGI, an International pyrotechnics organization, attending their fireworks conventions all over the country. He co owned and operated Peninsula Pyrotechnics for years. He provided fireworks shows for many towns through out the area and the Beach Bums. He generously did shows for many friends and relatives.

An avid hunter, hunting big game in Montana, Wyoming and many trips to Alaska. Mike's life work as a stone brick mason was perfection and requested by many who knew his work. His first fireplace he built is at the family beach house and will always be a testimony of his fine work.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Tom Kroupa and Rich Kroupa and brother in law Fran Wood. He is survived by his sister Karen Wood, sister in laws Kathy Kroupa and Karol Kroupa. Many nieces and nephews who loved their "Uncle Mike". Also surviving is his faithful kitty "Corky" who has been at his side for 18 years.

Thank you to the staff at Traverse Manor and the Heartland Hospice staff for their thoughtful care for Mike during his journey through this illness.

Memorial contributions in Mike's honor may be directed the VFW Post #2780.

A celebration of life will take place at the VFW Hall; 3400 Veterans Dr, Traverse City, MI 49684 on Friday August 31, 2018 at 12:30PM.

The family is being cared for and served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Comments



“ I knew Mike years ago from the Military and lost track of Him, I always Got a Laugh at how easy going He was and always enjoyed being around Him. I was at the cottage on a couple occasions and His Stone work was "Perfecto" !!!!! What a decent Guy, and My condolences to the Family !!!!! David Michael Core

David Michael Core - August 23, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ My condolences to Mike's loving family. I regret not seeking him out these past years as he suffered from a stroke. He will always hold a special place in my heart! My fondest memory of Mike is from the summer of 1981. Mike accompanied my dad, Sel Zimmerman, and his family on their move to Glenallen, Alaska. I rode the whole way with Mike through Canada, down the very dusty Alaskan Highway. We all camped at night and Mike chatted with me for about 7 days in the cab of his pickup. Having a daughter of my own now, I can appreciate the patience Mike had listening to me at 10 years old for hours on end! I remember those days every time I hear Willie Nelson sing, "On The Road Again"! Mike and I sang that popular tune all the way to Alaska!
Rest in peace, Mike! Please give my dad a big hug from me and my brothers.

Sincerely,
Shanon Zimmerman McCormick

Shanon Zimmerman McCormick - August 23, 2018 at 10:12 AM