



Michael "Mike" Joseph Susalla

September 7, 1952 - June 11, 2016

Michael Joseph Susalla, 63, of Kalkaska, Michigan was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Mike was born in Bad Axe, Michigan on September 7, 1952 to the late Harold and Elizabeth (Kucharczyk) Susalla. He grew up on a farm in Parisville, Michigan. He was the 3rd child in his family. Mike attended Ubly High School later he went on to Delta College and graduated with a two year degree. After graduation from college Mike moved to Detroit to work construction. He was married to Mary Jo Richardson on February 24, 1973 at Christ the King Church in Detroit. He was a carpenter 31 years retiring in 2004. Mike and Mary Jo moved to Kalkaska in 2004. Mike served as a Deacon for five years at Living Hope Church. He was an usher and led the Van Ministry. He volunteered with many organizations and also donated his time and services to his church family. Mike was a true outdoorsman he enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating with his family and friends.

Left to cherish the memory of this faithful servant of the Lord are; his loving wife of 43 years, Mary Jo, his daughter, Carolyn (Paul) Johnson of Novi, two grandchildren; Hannah Johnson and Noah Johnson and a daughter-in-law Kelly Susalla. Also surviving are two brothers and a sister; Leon (Susan) Susalla, Judy (Vern) Mazure and Wayne (Sherry) Susalla.

Mike was preceded in death by a son, David Susalla and a brother, Ronald Susalla.

Friends are welcome to visit with Mike's family on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

A Funeral Service honoring Michael will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Living Hope Church, 3050 W. South Airport Rd., Traverse City, MI 49684. Pastor Carey Waldie will officiate.

A Memorial Service honoring Mike will be held at a later date in the Metro Detroit Area.

In lieu of flowers those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to the Living Hope Church – Building Fund.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Mike's family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

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

Events

JUN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

JUN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Living Hope Church
3050 S. Airport Road West, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ Our thought and prayers are with the Susalla family. It seems like yesterday Mike and I were coaching boys little league baseball in Redford. I will always cherish the memories participating and watching our son(s) and daughters playing baseball.

Christopher and Trudy Arai

Christopher Arai - June 16, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ Mike was a true friend to me. The kind that you could depend on when the going got tough, not the fair weather kind. There were countless times in the twelve years that I knew him that he came to my rescue to secure my safety and my well being.

When I was sick in the hospital after an operation and felt like I wanted to die he prayed for me and cried tears over my bed that I would recover and get well again. I will never forget that unselfish act of kindness and spirit.

I'm very sadden by the turn of circumstances that ended his life early. I thought he had his cancer beat and would recover and live on for years to come. He had so much faith in the Lord and did his work on his behalf. I guess that is why the Lord called him back home so early...for a job well done.

So glad you are with the Lord now and at peace. Know that you were an inspiration to all of us who still remain on this earthly plain. Until we meet again...shine on in the heavens as a bright star to guide all of us and I know you'd want us to function from a place of love as you were that.

Kathryn Lovings

Kathryn Lovings - June 14, 2016 at 01:20 PM



“ We are thinking of you all at this time, and you are all in our prayers, Uncle Mike was a true blessing to many of us you knew him and we will miss him dearly, we love you all.

Mike and Julie Malesko

Julie Malesko - June 13, 2016 at 08:14 PM



“ A true man of God!
Mary Jo you will be in our prayers for a long time.
We rejoice for Mike, but weep with you.
May the abundant grace of God carry you, in Jesus!

The Rosinski family

steve - June 13, 2016 at 04:09 PM