



## Michael Eric Johnson

June 29, 1965 - May 29, 2026

Michael Eric Johnson, age 60, passed away May 29, 2026. Michael was born on June 29, 1965, to Norian Tavi (Layton) Lenz and Walter Ronald Johnson.

Michael graduated from Utica high school in 1983 and then continued his academic career by graduating from Central Michigan University in 1987 with a degree in Marketing. He was an Olympic alternate in Judo. He was known to his friends as "Judo Mike" due to his passion for judo. He treasured spending summers at Torch Lake with his grandparents, a place he always considered home. He loved the outdoors and cherished time spent fishing with his children. Michael loved sports, especially the Michigan Wolverines, and proudly passed that passion on to his five children. He took great pride in his children's accomplishments and was always cheering them on, whether from up close or from a distance. His children became his "remember when's".

Michael was preceded in death by his grandparents, Vivian Moeke Layton and Norris Layton; Lyle and Loraine Johnson; and his stepfather, Larry Lenz.

He is survived by his parents, Norian Lenz and Walter (Patricia) Johnson; his brother, Ryan Johnson; aunts, Jan Morrison and Ann Layton; cousin, Lyle Johnson; many Johnson cousins; and extended family members and friends.

The very best parts of him live on through his children, Katelyn (Dylan)

Richardson, Avery Johnson, Natalie (Blake) Parks, Cole Johnson, and Luca Johnson; and his beloved grandchildren, Ridge Richardson, Lennon Richardson, Paisley Parks, and Archer Richardson.

Michael will be remembered for feeling deeply, his passion for sports, the outdoors, and his vibrant ability to tell a good story.

A private service for those closest to Michael will be held at a later date at Torch Lake. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to his children, payable to Katelyn Richardson. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.