



## Michael William Lifford

July 4, 1948 - March 31, 2022

Michael William Lifford, known for his quiet, loyal and caring personality, passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Michael, 73, of Dimondale, MI, was born to William and Betty (Beers) Lifford on July 4, 1948 in Lansing, MI. He married the love of his life Virginia Clark on September 14, 1968. A journeyman mold maker, he excelled as a manager for Franchino Mold and Engineering for 37 years. Michael had an obsession for competitive archery, a passion that he shared with his parents and his son. He was a multiple time State and National Archery Champion and the State MAA Shooter of the Year for many years. Michael used his archery skills in the outdoors bow hunting around the US. After his retirement from Franchino he started Lifford Archery which he operated in Dimondale and Pottersville from 2003- 2016. He was capable of anything 'archery' and loved the challenge of fixing an unworkable bow or teaching the art of archery to youth. His passion led him to oversee the start of many youth archery programs. Beyond his love of archery he was also an avid motorcyclist. A family man, Michael adored spending quality time with his family. In so many ways Michael will be missed as he accomplished so much for others in his lifetime.

Michael is survived by his wife, Virginia; children, Doug (Patty) Lifford; grandchildren, Rebecca (Zach) Ruddick, Emily Lifford, Joseph Khoury, Alyssa Khoury, Nathan Khoury; sister, Patricia (Rusty) Papendick; sister-in-law, Marijo Lifford. He was predeceased by his parents; daughter, Michelle Lifford Khoury;

son-in-law, Frederick A. Khoury, and brother James Lifford.

Friends are encouraged to support Michael's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) His family is planning visitation at Charlotte Assembly of God on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am at the Charlotte Assembly of God Church on Charlotte, MI on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in Chapel Hill Cemetery Lansing. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Capital Area Sportsman's League Archery Programs. Contributions may be made to the League online at <https://casl-membership.square.site/> The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

4444 West Grand River Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48906

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Charlotte Assembly of God  
1100 E. Clinton Trl.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall

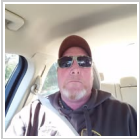


“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael William Lifford*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 04, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *Hey this is Dan hughes...he was original anything archery he was top shelf...we had few health issues... im so sad I didn't get to ride bikes*  
*I remember us trying to sight in my cross bow*  
*Had few problems at first. Bing he knew what to do...im so sorry about your loss..covid took my dad.. I know I'm late...my brain injury is the main reason we lost contact..if need anything let me know...please thank you...im so sorry this happened to you*

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**Dan Hughes** - June 15, 2022 at 09:50 PM

TF

“ Dear Virginia, Doug and family,

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Hopefully it can be of some comfort knowing that you have many friends that care about you and your families.*

*For myself, it's been a privilege to have known Mike and called him my friend for the last 40 or so years.*

*I have a lot of fond memories of the times that I've spent with Mike. Many of those memories also involved Mike's son Doug and his brother Jim in which he made me feel just like part of the family. Mike was always a first class, genuine Good Guy. I'll miss him.*

*Ted Foster*

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**Ted Foster** - April 09, 2022 at 07:32 PM

RD

“ *I'm so sorry that Uncle Mike has passed away. I can't imagine how hard that must be on everyone, especially Aunt Ginny. Although I am unable to make it to Michigan, know that John and I are thinking of you all from afar. May the Lord will give you His healing peace in the days to come.*

*—Rachel*

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**Rachel Duplechain** - April 06, 2022 at 03:13 AM

KG

“ *Ginny and family, My heart just aches for you. We go way back , I found out you were one in a million! Ginny you were there for me in many ways and now I'm reaching out, and letting you know I'll be keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you. Kathy Gardener*

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**KATHY GARDENER** - April 05, 2022 at 07:22 PM

LW

*Virginia- I'm sorry to hear you lots your beloved. I would like you to get in touch with me, as I & several other Scouts would like to see you ! My sympathies, LOLLY Laureen Westbrook. FB*

**Laureen Westbrook** - September 13, 2022 at 01:57 PM

WH

*“ My sincere condolences to Virginia Doug and the Lifford family. Not only was your husband and father a very excellent archer, He was a even better human being. Mike always was there to greet you with a warm smile, and when he spoke best you listen because it was always very knowledgeable. Mike had time or made time for every person he met, always there. mike was there for me every single time, and was glad to help out. Spent many wonderful times in the basement work shop listening to stories and trying to oAbsorb his archery skills. I will miss you my friend, but I will never forget you. Such a tragic loss for archery, and all of us here on earth, but what a wonderful gain for all in heaven. 🏹🏹🏹🏹🏹🏹*



**Wayne Hipp** - April 05, 2022 at 11:35 AM

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*“ Tony and Candy Tidswell purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael William Lifford.*



**Tony and Candy Tidswell** - April 04, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 04, 2022 at 01:37 PM