



Michael Jay Wilber

December 18, 1946 - November 16, 2010

Michael Jay Wilber, Sr., 63, of Potterville, MI, went to be with the Lord on November 16, 2010 surrounded by his family. Mike was born December 18, 1946 in Owosso, MI to Frank and May (Van Aken) Wilber. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, a former member of the Dewitt Moose Lodge and was previously employed by W.R. Grace and Wohlert Corporation. Mike was an avid Santa and baseball card collector and enjoyed spending time outdoors. He was a husband, father, grandfather, Papa, friend, and neighbor who was always known to say, "If you need anything, just give me a call." He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Helen; his children, Tammy (Gary) Robert, Barbra (Calvin) Funsch, Michael Wilber, II, Amy Jo (Timothy) Bates, Candy Stallcup, Charles (Heather) Wilber and Daryan Wilber; his grandchildren, Kyle, Ashlee, Bryan, Frank, Andrew, Michael III, Trenton, Sedric, Emmalee, Ariel, Nicholas, Melony, Nathaniel, and Charles, Jr. He also leaves behind his siblings, Clark (Grace) Ketchum, Dorthea (Leo) Peasley, Wayne (Paula) Wilber, Ramona (Tony) Hart, Norma Hyatt, Wanda (Gordon) Merrell; many nieces & nephews; and life long friend, Charles Lumbert.

Visitation will be at Pray Funeral Home on Monday, November 22, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 12:00 noon followed by military graveside service at 1:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Lansing, MI with Pastor Richard Moe of St. Paul Lutheran Church officiating. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Jay Wilber*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Your dad was a great man and a great father .. He was always a dad to me.. Love u a million and will miss u a ton...*

Benjamin Jeremy Royston - November 21, 2010 at 06:25 PM

RM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. A more loving, caring, thoughtfulness for others ever walked this earth. Your family was truly Blessed and will be missed by all.*

Ruth and Jerry Martin - November 21, 2010 at 03:57 PM

CK

“ Here is something that we found a while back on a card and particularly liked. We would like to share it with you as we remember Mike. Native American Prayer I give this one thought to keep I am with you still I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that flow, I am the diamond glints on the snow, I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not think of me as gone. . . . I am with you still in each new dawn. I remember babysitting Mike when I was around 10 years old. Time sure flies. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Clark, Grace, Steve, Crystal, Joe and Stacy

Clark and Grace Ketchum - November 21, 2010 at 03:23 PM

VB

“ Im sorry for your guys loss, Mike was a great person and will never be forgotten, he was a nice and loving person that would always be there for you when ever you need help. There are so many memory with him since I've know him almost my hole life. I will miss you mike, but i know your in a great place now. I love you mike

Victoria Bates - November 21, 2010 at 01:15 PM

CB

“ Mike is a very special person. And a father and husband and always be in are hearts. Every one he has met he left something nice in their heart .And that is way he won't be forgot by anyone . The prays are with all the family . God a Mike are look down and watching everything going on and is happy to see the family all together again.

Corrina & Larry Bates - November 20, 2010 at 06:21 PM

JV

“ I am so sad to hear about your lose. I will always remember the times in the neighborhood with your father, the time when he came to my aid when I had to break into my house. The cops came over and your dad came to vouch for me. He had that fatherly grin that said, "Joe, you look like your in a little bit of trouble here". I always loved his fuzzy beard, I know it sounds silly but it was him. Once again, my condolences for your loss, my prayers and your thoughts are with you at this time. God Bless.

Joe Velasquez - November 20, 2010 at 05:57 PM

KH

“ Well, I remember when I was young, Mike and Helen would come to our house and I would always sit in the kitchen and listen to the adults talk. The thing I miss alot is getting together in the summers for the 4th of July, we would go to Lansing and have a picnic, then at night we would watch the Fire works. I love them both very Dearly. Now I am connected to the daughters. He will be missed alot, I just wish, I lived closer to come home to it.

Kathy Harris - November 20, 2010 at 04:38 PM

CW

“ The process of living includes many dimensions, death, when it approaches, is part of the full expectancy of life. I know this does not lessen the pain you and your family are feeling now. You will not escape sorrow nor grief for the departure of a dear one. If you try to understand that every situation carries a blessing, the wonderful memories of your father will offer you comfort throughout. Lord, I ask that you lift the weight in Mike and his family's hearts. Cradle them in Your loving arms and be their strength. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Cathy Wikle - November 20, 2010 at 02:46 PM

KF

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. I haven't had the opportunity to be lucky enough to see the Wilber family in many years, but that doesn't make this loss hurt any less. I do not have very many pleasant memories from childhood, but a lot of the ones i do have center around your family and you. You will always be remembered by me as a kind and generous man, and whenever I came to your house I was always treated as family. I remember going to your job with Mike jr. and you made us take those hideous salt tablets, the memory still makes me laugh. To your wife and beautiful kids I offer my most sincere condolences and please know you are all in our prayers, we may have lost a great man and a wonderful father, but heaven has gained a perfect angel. The Frarey family sends its love Mike, you will be missed.

Kris Frarey - November 20, 2010 at 01:37 PM

LB

“ Ill never forget how he loved to go to the casino in Mt. Plesant. We would leave late at night and sometimes wouldnt get home untill 4 or 5 in the morning. Barely dragging our feet and he would practically have to be dragged out of the casino. We couldnt ever leave untill his last quarter of "spending" money was gone. But we always had a great time. I will miss him very much. Goodbye Dad I Love You.

Leah Beeman - November 20, 2010 at 01:18 PM

J(

“ My condolences to your family, I have known your family for years and my thoughts and prayers are with you

jennifer Surdenik (kippen) - November 20, 2010 at 01:16 PM

TH

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. If there was anything I could do to lessen the pain I would do it in a heartbeat. You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you travel down this journey. Mike will always in my mind be that big strong dad I always wanted. I know it had been years since I have seen any of you, but you are always in my prayers. My mother always loved you all, and we always remembered fun times from when she baby sat for you all. She will hang out with Mike in Heaven and wait for all of us with one of her old friends. I love you all, Tammie and Debbie Crego

Tammie (Crego) Hurst - November 20, 2010 at 12:03 PM

KD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to all of you.

Kimberly David - November 20, 2010 at 10:13 AM

RT

“ Dear Helen and family, We are deeply saddened on the passing of your loved one. Mike was a good neighbor and a great friend. Always willing to lend a hand. We will miss him dearly.

Ron and Michelle Tackett - November 19, 2010 at 08:57 PM