



Michael E. Reynolds

December 21, 1951 - March 13, 2015

Michael E. Reynolds, 63 of Hardwood, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family and friends on Friday, March 13, 2015 after a five year battle with cancer.

Michael was born on December 21, 1951 in San Antonio, Texas son of the late William H. Reynolds and Joyce M. (Anway) Husak. He graduated from Gwinn High School in 1970. He earned his associates degree from Bay de Noc Community College in 1973, and then graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northern Michigan University with degrees in Political Science and History. Mike worked for the Federal Government at the Escanaba Social Security Office for many years before retiring. He married Paula Murray on December 5, 1970 in Foster City and they remained happily married for 44 years.

Mike was a very generous man sharing the works of his many hobbies with family and friends. He was a wonderful chef and baker always interested in trying new recipes. He made delicious wines from the fruits and berries he grew in the family yard. As a carpenter Mike built the family home, but fine wood working was more his passion. He built nearly all of the family's furniture and did additional pieces for others. He was an outstanding musician and was able to put himself through college playing guitar and singing in a band. After becoming a Christian he used his musical talents to worship the Lord at

church services and provided the music for many area weddings. He taught Sunday school at Mission Covenant Church in Foster City beginning with the high school students and continuing for many years with the adult classes. His hope for others was that they would take an honest, intellectual look at Jesus Christ and realize their need for Him. Mike was an avid reader and especially loved God's Word, the commentaries of many Christian writers, anything historical, and all sorts of cookbooks. His hobbies also included fishing, archery, making fine writing instruments, and engineering solutions for whatever problems arose.

Mike's sense of humor and love of words were apparent to everyone, especially his children and grandchildren that he loved so unconditionally. As one of the grandchildren said, "We could talk about the funny things Grandpa said and did at his funeral, but it would take too many hours."

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Paula Reynolds of Hardwood; a daughter, Heidi (Steve) Johnson of Foster City; a son, Michael J. "Mick" (Heidi) Reynolds of Hardwood; 14 grandchildren Samuel, Hannah, Lydia, Simon Peter, Ethan, Daniel, Magdalene, Caleb, Phoebe, Timothy, Mary Emma, and Ezra Johnson, Molly and Jared Reynolds; his mother in-law, Pauline M. Murray of Helps; Brothers, Thomas (Cheryl) Reynolds and William (Joanne) Reynolds all of Cornell; sister, Julie Reynolds of Escanaba; Brothers in-law, Bruce Murray of Helps and August "Gus" (Kris) Murray of Foster City; sister in-law, Tina (Mark) Anderson of Felch; He is further survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 16 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm (CST) at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and on Tuesday, March 17 from 10:00am to 11:00am (CST) at the Mission Covenant Church in Foster City. Funeral services will follow at 11:00am (CST) on Tuesday at the Church. Pastor Carl Hammer will officiate. Burial will be in the

Foster City Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Mick Reynolds, Steve Johnson, David Larson, Scott Murray, Samuel Johnson, Simon Peter Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Steve Anderson, AJ Murray, Manley Murray, Chris Reynolds, David Anderson, and Jim Anderson.

Condolences to the family of Michael E. Reynolds may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Foster City Cemetery

Hwy M69
Foster City, MI 49834

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Visitation

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Covenant Church
W2376 Cemetery Road
Foster City, MI 49834

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Covenant Church
W2376 Cemetery Road
Foster City, MI 49834

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Dear Paula and family,
I was so very sorry to learn of Mike's passing. I hope that it will bring you comfort to know others have you in their thoughts and prayers. May God grant you peace at this difficult time and take the sadness from your heart filling it with wonderful happy memories of one you loved so dearly.*
Joanne Cowell

Joanne Cowell - March 21, 2015 at 10:24 AM

AH

“ *To the family and friends of Mike Reynolds. I am hoping that you will like a remembrance from a teacher's point of view. Mike was a student in one of my English classes at Bay College in the early 1970s. As would come as no surprise to you, he was an excellent student--intelligent, respectful, studious, a joy to have in class. Years passed, and one night a college party found my fellow teachers and me in the Hardwood area, where I ran into Mike playing in his band. We talked for a moment, and I was pleasantly surprised to find that he still remembered me. But that's the kind of man Mike was. I'm glad that he was a part of my life.*

All the best, Al Howard, Escanaba

Al Howard - March 19, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JR

“ Dear Paula and family,

We are not able to attend Mike's funeral service tomorrow, but you will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Your amazing husband/ father/ grandfather was a multi-talented genius! He not only loved God with his whole heart and soul, but his family as well. Mike was gifted with a great mind, remarkable building skills, culinary talent, and musical talent that blessed many, and passed on to his children and grandchildren. He was a terrific role model as a husband, father, and grandfather. He lived a very full and rewarding life with a most wonderful family. You can all take comfort in knowing he is now at peace.

Love to you all,

Don and June Rittenhouse

JUNE RITTENHOUSE - March 16, 2015 at 07:07 PM

AH

“ Dear Paula, Mickey, Heidi and other family members,

We were saddened to learn of the passing of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. Yet we're happy to know he's with Jesus and that one day we'll join him there!

We appreciate the years you supported our ministries here in Ukraine and your prayers for us and our family. Those were enjoyable days at BR-H helping you Paula in your reading room. May God give you His peace and comfort during these difficult days, as well as many fond memories of Mike.

*With love & prayers,
Randy & Annette Hillebrand
Kiev, Ukraine*

Annette Hillebrand - March 16, 2015 at 03:50 PM

MO

“ Dear Paula, Mickey, Heidi and entire family of Mike....

I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. It pains me to know that he had to endure such a hard time in this life but relieved to know he has so many that truly loved him and cared for him. God Bless you all.

Paula I remember when I was really young and you and Mike just married...you came to my parents restaurant and I just remember how "happy " and in love you guys were and I was just little....I still saw that right up to the very end.

My sincerest condolences to you all. May God be with you all at this sad time.

*Love,
Mary R. Oman*

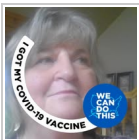
mary oman - March 16, 2015 at 03:18 PM

KS

“ Paula and Family, I am so sorry of Mike's passing. You have my deepest sympathy.

Karen Salo, Ishpeming MI

Karen Salo - March 16, 2015 at 03:12 PM



“ Paula, you and your family have our deepest Sympathy may you all find peace. Linda and Warren Anderson

Linda Anderson - March 16, 2015 at 01:17 PM

NU

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Mike's family. Mike was very talented and will always be remembered for the great music he playedand from the sounds of it many other talents. I did not know him personally but I enjoyed his music with Al and Pug many times. May God give you the strength you need at this difficult time. Sincerely, Nona L. (Peterson) Uren.

Nona L. (Peterson) Uren - March 16, 2015 at 12:40 PM

PM

“ Paula and family, So sorry to hear about Mike's passing. You all had a long battle. He is now at peace with his Lord and Savior. Being in FL, needless to say, I won't be able to be there with you to celebrate his life. But know that you will be in my prayers. Love to all. Paul Moroni

Paul Moroni - March 16, 2015 at 07:54 AM

JM

“ Deepest condolences Paula and family from the John Moroni family Hope you and your family are doing well best wishes for all JOHN and GRETCHEN

John MORONI - March 15, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael E. Reynolds.



March 14, 2015 at 08:54 AM

SS

“ Paula, I remember when we were learning to make fleece blankets, and Mike was showing us how to tie a square knot.... "right over left.... left over right". Simple, right? Not for us, we just didn't get it no matter how many times he showed us! He lost his cool a couple of times before the light bulbs finally went off :-) Love you, Sue



Sue Sundholm - March 14, 2015 at 08:34 AM