



Michael Robert O'Connell

February 24, 1953 - April 22, 2021

Michael Robert O'Connell of Oregon, passed away after a long illness Thursday April 22, 2021. Born February 24, 1953 to parents Kathryn (Minehan) and Robert O'Connell in Evanston, IL. He spent his primary years in Des Plaines, Illinois then moved to Oregon, Illinois in high school. Mike was a graduate of Sauk Valley College and attended Illinois State University. He was employed as a restaurant manager for many years then employed by HA International in Oregon till his early retirement. Mike was a member of the Mt Morris Moose, Checker Car Club, and Lee County Irish Heritage Society. He spent many hours working on his 81 Checker Marathon. Mike loved watching Da Bears, birthing of spring calves, elaborate home fireworks. Mike spent many hours reading while the radio played and always with a beloved dog at his feet.

Mike is survived by his wife of 35 years Bonnie (Bettner) O'Connell, children Amanda (Steven) McCracken, Dixon, Jennifer Cowden, Lafayette, Colorado, Jennifer (Scott) Brown, Dixon, Sedoris John Ferguson, Los Angeles, California; grandchildren Kaitlyn Oliver, Ridley McCracken, Austin Portner, Andrew McCracken and Aidan Brown. He is also survived by his brother John (Linda) O'Connell, Lafayette, Indiana, sister Roberta (Jeff) Hedrich, North Aurora, Illinois. They also opened their hearts to Jeanine Fuller, Jenee' Jeanblanc, and Joseph Manis to live on "The Farm" assisting them to adulthood.

Private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Mary Catholic Church

in Oregon on Sat. May 1, 2021 at 11:00 am. Family and Friends are invited to the farm for lunch following Mass. Public visitation will be Friday April 30, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, IL.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to Heritage Square in Dixon.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Robert O'Connell*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Michael Robert O'Connell*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Sympathy to the family Bill & Ruth Luepkes, Oregon, Illinois*

William Luepkes - April 29, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Condolences and prayers to all of the families. Prayers for Doug and family.*

Marcia Duitsman - April 27, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Robert O'Connell.*



April 26, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Robert O'Connell.



April 26, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Robert O'Connell.



April 24, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ Mike was a great Stepdad! Cool, calm, and collected. Mostly serious but had a good sense of humor. He choose his words intelligently, you could see him thinking before speaking. He was super smart, he knew a lot about a lot. He was a good conversation once you got him talking. My friends all liked him. He worked hard at that sand plant and couldn't wait to chill in the kitchen with a beer and a book. The only Sport he cared about was the Bears, lol. He was forever upset about the state of the team. So for Me, the Bears will always make me think of Mike and that is pretty Special.. Sending all my love to him in Heaven. Thank you Mike and RIP..



Sedoris Ferguson - April 24, 2021 at 09:13 PM

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“ *Michael has been around my family since at least 1971. He was a friend of my older brother. So he was at our house off and on. Michael was instrumental in my brother converting to Catholicism. We have known Bonnie & Mike for a number of years and through a number of building projects. Through good times and bad times. But they are friends that can be counted on at all times. Mike will be missed.*

Charlotte & Joe Hodder - April 24, 2021 at 10:14 AM