



Michael Fraune

February 6, 1945 - December 4, 2015

The Mass of Christian Burial for Michael "Mike" Fraune of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Visitation will be at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. With family at his side, Mike passed away on Friday, December 4, 2015, under the gentle care of Knute Nelson Hospice, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, MN.

Michael was born February 6, 1945, to William and Helen (Peka) Fraune at the Thiel Hospital in Bertha, MN. He attended the Bertha-Hewitt Public School and graduated in 1963 and during his childhood had taken piano lessons for seven years. He also attended St Cloud State University for two years.

Mike was united in marriage to Marie Neussendorfer Carlson on November 21, 1970, at St Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and helped with several their organizations.

Mike worked at the Natural Gas Company in St. Croix Falls, WI, and surrounding towns before starting at Northern Minnesota Utilities, now known as MN Energy Resources, in the Wadena, MN area. He retired after 34 years of service. Mike was a lifetime member of the Lake Region Pioneer Threshing Association in Dalton, MN, the Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers of Bagley, MN and the Stearns County Pioneer Club at Albany, MN. He enjoyed working

with steam engines and built many working model steam engines, both traction and stationary. Mike spent many hours working in his shop and could fix almost anything including reels for fishing. He was a member of the Wadena County Park Board for many years and loved camping, canoeing, and fishing on the Crow Wing River whenever he could. He loved to go camping and fishing anytime and could spend hours either in the canoe or boat.

Preceding Mike in death were his parents, William and Helen Fraune, in-laws Paul and Magdeline Neussendorfer; brothers-in-law, Wilfred Neussendorfer and Piet Rutten; and sisters-in-law Pauline Neussendorfer, Jeanette Holmquist, and Elaine Fraune.

Mike is survived by his wife of 45 years Marie; daughters, Kathy Bristow (Richard Swenson) of Park Rapids, MN, Charlene Carlson of Windom, MN, Janice Djonne of Olivia, MN; sons, Gregory (Kimberly) Carlson of Alexandria, MN and Jeffrey (Dona) Carlson of Duluth, MN. He is also survived by grandchildren, Matthew (Kayla) Djonne, Andrew (Cassie) Djonne, Jake Carlson, Mackenzie Carlson, Michaela (Robbie) Rapp, Dylan Carlson, Danielle Carlson, Jasmine Carlson, Jae-Yung Carlson, Mareah Carlson, Daelee Carlson, Chelsea Swenson, Cassandra Swenson, Michael Swenson, Jeremy Olson, and Foreign Exchange granddaughter Karoline Chitarra; great-grandchildren Coltyn Djonne, Rylee Djonne, and Baby Djonne due in May; brothers, Joe, Paul, John, Mark and their families.

Honorary Pallbearers are Mike's granddaughters Michaela, Danielle, Mackenzie, Chelsea, Jasmine, and Mareah.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Djonne, Andrew Djonne, Dylan Carlson, Jake Carlson, Jae-Yung Carlson, Daelee Carlson, Greg Carlson and Jeff Carlson.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Fraune*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 08, 2015 at 07:39 PM

SL

“ *Sher Linnes lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Sher Linnes - December 17, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Fraune.*



December 10, 2015 at 05:18 PM

HA

“ *Helen Allee lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Helen Allee - December 10, 2015 at 09:17 AM

HA

Mike was always such a pleasant guy to visit with. He was a good friend of my dad when he worked for the gas company in Wadena. We used to see him quite often when we delivered his paper. He always had time to visit with you. Will miss seeing him . Helen

Helen Allee - December 10, 2015 at 09:19 AM

PD

“ *Peggy DuMont lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Peggy DuMont - December 09, 2015 at 06:14 PM

BA

“ *Marie*

I was so sorry to hear about Mike. He was such a nice guy--always so laid back -- I enjoyed working with him and you in the office -- those were the good days.

You are in my thoughts and prayers . Bonnie Ahlers



bonnie ahlers - December 09, 2015 at 04:55 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Michael Fraune.*



December 09, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Fraune.*



December 09, 2015 at 04:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Fraune.*



December 08, 2015 at 09:00 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 08, 2015 at 07:32 PM

DM

“ Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune



Dixie Murray - December 08, 2015 at 09:11 AM

JB

“ Dear Marie and Family, We are so saddened by hearing this sad news of Mike's passing. We so enjoyed his gentle nature and just down right good friendship from both of you. He will truly be missed by many. I know he is in a better place without pain I can still see his smile when I would tease him. We will keep all in prayer, Love and hugs



Jim and Lorie Baron - December 07, 2015 at 11:32 PM

RP

“ *My condolences to the Fraune / Carlson family.*

Robert Peters - December 07, 2015 at 10:34 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Bob & Donna Haman - December 07, 2015 at 01:51 PM

JR

“ *Jack & Judy Richter sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Fraune*



Jack & Judy Richter - December 07, 2015 at 05:42 AM

MF

Mike prayed many rosaries. He would often tell me that he prayed the rosary for me too.

Marie Fraune - December 07, 2015 at 05:27 PM

JS

“ *Jim & Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



jim & Tracey Stoneman - December 07, 2015 at 05:26 AM

JS

Great friend for longer than I can remember. I'll miss you Mike

jim & Tracet Stoneman - December 07, 2015 at 05:28 AM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Dan Kern - December 07, 2015 at 04:45 AM

IB

“ *Irene Baron lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Irene Baron - December 06, 2015 at 07:36 PM

GG

“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - December 06, 2015 at 06:58 PM

JD

“ *Jerry/Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Jerry/Janice Denny - December 06, 2015 at 05:54 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Esther and Alan Freitag - December 06, 2015 at 05:18 PM

JB

“ *Janice Bastian lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Janice Bastian - December 06, 2015 at 05:00 PM

JB

our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Janice Bastian - December 06, 2015 at 05:02 PM

DO

“ Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune



Doug and Joan Ostlund - December 06, 2015 at 04:07 PM

TS

“ Tracy And Dave Fraune Swadner lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune



Tracy and Dave Fraune Swadner - December 06, 2015 at 03:34 PM

RW

“ Robert & Phyllis Wilkening lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune



Robert & Phyllis Wilkening - December 06, 2015 at 02:43 PM

RT

“ Rich & Marilyn Trout lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune



Rich & Marilyn Trout - December 06, 2015 at 12:04 PM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - December 06, 2015 at 10:48 AM

PS

“ *good memories camping and threshing shows thoughts and prayers are with the family*

Pat Schmitz - December 06, 2015 at 10:11 AM

PS

“ *Pat Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Pat Schmitz - December 06, 2015 at 10:10 AM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Bob and Kathy Derby - December 05, 2015 at 09:57 PM

MO

“ Mike Ortmann lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune



Mike Ortmann - December 05, 2015 at 09:03 PM

SS

“ Marie, Char and family~ May you find comfort in your faith, family and friends during this time. We have fond memories of visiting with Mike ~ not only did he have the gift of conversation, he also had a strong sense of faith and family. <3

Sherry & Jeff Shirkey - December 05, 2015 at 07:38 PM

RK

“ Rich & Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune



Rich & Mavis Kendall - December 05, 2015 at 05:11 PM

BR

“ Bob And Mary Roggenkamp lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune



Bob and Mary Roggenkamp - December 05, 2015 at 04:17 PM

DH

“ *Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - December 05, 2015 at 03:09 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Michael Fraune*



Rita Anderson - December 05, 2015 at 02:44 PM

RA

So sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Michael and he was a good friend of Dick's too.

Rita Anderson - December 05, 2015 at 02:45 PM

DA

*Marie, Char and Family,
What a beautiful video tribute to Mike and the entire family. When watching it, the love for his entire family is so evident. May God be with each of you in the days ahead. You are in our prayers.*

Doug and Julie Anderson

Doug Anderson - December 09, 2015 at 01:01 PM

DS

Marie,

Just watched the video of the tribute to Mike. Want to laugh and cry. He was such a kind man. He always made you feel good spending time with him. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Don and Dee

Dee Schwartz - December 10, 2015 at 10:33 AM