



Michael Shawn Gilson

May 13, 1959 - January 30, 2022

Michael Shawn Gilson passed away on Sunday, January 30, 2022. Born May 13, 1959 in Charles City, Iowa, the son of Marvin Michael and Bonnie Joan (Swarts) Gilson. Married to Jennifer Jo Kerr on June 7, 1981 in the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, Iowa. Mike grew up in Iowa and later moved to Rockford in 1970. Graduated from Rockford West High School Class of '77. Mike was employed by the Rockford School Board as a Custodian for 25 years, Metro Center and Lowe's. He was a loving husband, father, and papa who loved his family and would do anything for them, LOVED Christmas, his dogs and the Chicago Bears. Survivors include wife of 40 years Jennifer; children, Christopher (Renee) Gilson, Bryan Gilson and daughter Katelyn (Joseph) Maples; grandchildren, Adreienne, Auberie, Hayden, Keagen, Lane and Jace Wybourn; sister Jessica Holmes, brothers Andrew and Joshua (Stephanie) Holmes; Aunt Beverly O'Brien; Uncles Paul and John Gilson; cousins, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Marvin, Bonnie (Gilson) Holmes, Arthur Holmes, grandparents Donald and Erma Gilson, in-laws Robert and Dorothy Kerr and daughter-in-law Courtney (Smith) Gilson. Private graveside service May 13th at Twelve Mile Grove Cemetery. Celebration of life May 14, 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family, share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ Jen and family, Im so very sorry for your loss. Mike was an awesome everything and heaven has truly gained an angel. Prayers and many hugs to all of you.
Kym Tolliver

kym tolliver - February 09 at 09:42 AM

LV

“ Jennifer, so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. Thoughts and prayers going out to you and your family at this difficult time.Linda Vicencio

Linda Vicencio - February 05 at 04:20 PM

KA

“ So sorry to hear of this wonderful kind hearted man. I had the pleasures of meeting Mike when I worked with his wife Jennifer for many years. I pray that God gives the family strength during this time of loss. 💕💕💕

Kawana - February 04 at 07:35 PM

JF

“ So very Sorry for your loss. Mike and I became friends at Roosevelt Jr. High. We did a history project together. We built the White House. What a disaster. The teacher laughed when he saw it. Gave us a C but A for effort. We said, c'mon, this took us all weekend. He said, It looks like it.

James Finley - February 03 at 10:19 PM

LF

“ I knew Mike for over 40 years. Loved a good joke and great sense of humor. Helped anyone he could always knew so much about fixing anything inside or outside a house and anything to do with cars. Always offered a helping hand. I remember two occasions I came home. Once all my deck furniture had been pushed to the perimeter of my deck. Totally freaked me out. It was him and Jo being funny. We've laughed about for years. Another time just a couple years ago; after working ten hours at work coming home in the snow almost dark to find my entire driveway cleared. After wondering who did that asked neighbor who was out he said nope wasn't him. Mike had driven over with his snowblower and cleared out my driveway. I was so happy after a long day. He was a true blessing. Missing him.

Linda Dal Fratello - February 03 at 08:18 PM