



Michael Stickels

August 14, 1943 - February 23, 2025

Michael James Stickels, 81, passed away Sunday, February 23, 2025, at River Ridge Retirement Village in South Haven, Michigan, after a courageous eight-year battle with Alzheimer's. Mike was born August 14, 1943 in Battle Creek, Michigan, son of Carl and Diana Stickels, of Bangor, Michigan. Mike lived most of his life in Bangor and graduated from Bangor High School. Mike honorably served his country in the United States Army and continued his military career with several additional years or more in the National Guards. Mike had a long business career in commercial chemical sales, selling to hospitals, municipalities, factories, and restaurants.

Mike loved anything with an engine, and especially the muscle cars of the sixties. He owned at least two or more GTO's that never saw a speck of dust, that he proudly displayed in numerous car shows and parades. He also rode his Harley anywhere he could.

He loved the Lord and was a member of the South Haven Church of Christ. Surviving are his two sisters, Becky Burford, and Laura (Darrel) Elms; nieces and nephews, Denise (Tom) White, Loren (Leah) Elms, Joseph (Katie) Elms, Bethany (Roger) Kirkman, Jodi (Chris) Offringa, Leslie (Jimmy) Colford, Karen Griffin; stepsons, Erick (Courtney), and Jonathan (Shanda) Waechter; and grand nieces and nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Jayne, and daughter, Lacy Miller.

The family will meet friends on Saturday, March 8, at 10 AM, until the memorial service begins at 11 AM, at the D.L. Miller Funeral Home in Bangor,

www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com. The family wishes to recognize and thank the staff at River Ridge Retirement Village in South Haven for the loving care and concern they showed our brother and suggest any donations be made to River Ridge.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Hill Cemetery

56845 28th Ave
Bangor, MI 49013-9764
(269) 427-5831

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I want to send my thoughts and prayers to Mikes loving sisters Becky and Laura.
May Mike now be in a happy and peacefull place with other family members.
I shared many years of friendship with Mike in Bangor class of "1961" and Benton Harbor.
RIP MIKE

Richard Avery - March 09, 2025 at 11:40 PM

DA

“ Mike was very fortunate to have two sisters who loved and cared for him so much in his difficult final years. Becky and Laura, take comfort in knowing that he has been set free from this troubled life and is now safely home at last.

Dianne and Alan - February 27, 2025 at 11:17 AM

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“ Condolences in this difficult time

Kimberly frye - February 27, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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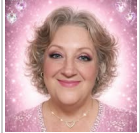
“ The last years have not been easy for your families. Although I am saddened for your loss, I rejoice that Mike's suffering here on earth has ended. What I will remember is Mike's zest for life and how he embraced his neighbors and friends with gusto. May all those fabulous memories bring your families much comfort.

Melanie Thompson Zeiger - February 27, 2025 at 08:12 AM

RA

*RIP MIKE, my fellow classmate
at Bangor 1961.
My prayers go out to Becky and Laura, as I know he will now be
at peace. During his long illness
Mike had loving family and friend support.*

Richard Avery - February 27, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ *I loved Mike, and all our Stickels' side
cousins. We lost way too many this year, but
we know they're with the others waiting on us.
Love you Becky and Laura, you were so good
to look after Mike these last 8 years.*



Melissa Clayton - February 26, 2025 at 07:09 PM

MB

“ *Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of
Michael Stickels*



Maggie Brooks - February 26, 2025 at 04:43 PM

RH

“ *God bless & comfort all his friends & family at
this time of separation.*



Russell D Hodgman - February 26, 2025 at 04:34 PM