



## Michael Lee "Mike" Waide

February 21, 1946 - October 9, 2024

Michael Lee "Mike" Waide, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend died peacefully, at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at home in Alton, IL. The earth lost a great guy, but Heaven gained an angel.

Mike passed still donning his signature hair-cut; the flat-top from his boyhood, his ready smile, and his familiar "Okey Dokey!"

Mike loved his family first. He was proud of both his children and all his grandchildren; He enjoyed working around the house/yard, fishing, playing sports, bicycling, the St. Louis Cardinals, family gatherings, and especially holidays. Mike was born February 21, 1946 in St. Louis MO and later adopted by Frank and Hope Helen (Lane) Waide in 1953.

After graduation from Alton High School (1964), Mike joined the Navy. A proud Viet Nam veteran, he flew the American and Navy flags where he could see them daily.

Mike married Sharon Jean Siemer on December 10, 1966. A loving and admired couple, they had two children, Darin Waide (Kat) of Alton and Dana Croxford (Michael) of Godfrey; and six grandchildren, Aiden, Landon, Alana and Mailee Waide and Bryce and Lyla Croxford.

Despite contracting Multiple Sclerosis (MS) at 40, Mike continued to work at the Venture Stores, rising from loading dock worker to manager and then manager of the company's central warehouse.

Although MS finally disabled Mike, he had a smile for visitors and an upbeat spirit. A people person, everyone he met liked Mike. He felt lucky to have not

just one family, but four: the Waides, the Siemers, the Kaners, and the Croxfords.

He is survived by his children and grandchildren, named above, his sister, Marilyn Hope (Waide) Lake and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his caretaker.

Mike was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon (Dec. 2023), his adoptive parents, his brother, Frank J. Waide, Jr., his birth father and stepmother, his half brother, Sidney (Jackie) Kaner, his Siemer in-laws, Leo and Alfreda, many uncles and aunts, and too many friends.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 14, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Friends and family may visit our website at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com) to leave condolences to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Funeral

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ We lost a really great friend, what a big heart packed in that small body. He was always very friendly to everyone. I have known Mike since our early teen years and will miss him.

*Larry Donahue*

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**Larry Donahue** - October 13, 2024 at 12:05 AM

JT

“ Mike and Sharon was always happy and friendly. Good people. Mike worked with the boy scouts and helped out whenever could for them. He will be sadly missed.

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**judy Thompson** - October 12, 2024 at 08:47 PM

NM

“ I have known Mike since junior high school years. What a great guy he was. Liked and respected by everyone. My warmest regards to his family on their loss.

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**Nelson Metz** - October 12, 2024 at 01:37 PM

JB

“ Jeff & Vicki Bruce & Bill Banghart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee "Mike" Waide.

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**Jeff & Vicki Bruce & Bill Banghart** - October 12, 2024 at 09:06 AM

JB

“ Jeff & Vicki Bruce & Bill Banghart purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael Lee "Mike" Waide.



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LF

“ Love, Lori Thomas and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee "Mike" Waide.

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**Love, Lori Thomas and family** - October 12, 2024 at 08:24 AM

LF

“ Love, Lori Thomas and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Michael Lee "Mike" Waide.



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**Love, Lori Thomas and family** - October 12, 2024 at 08:24 AM

MA

“ Such a loss.... Mike will be missed by friends far and near and of course his loving family. A Special Man touched so many hearts. My deepest sympathy Dana and Darin and families

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**Mickie McBrien Admire** - October 11, 2024 at 06:34 PM

PK

“ Dana- so sorry to hear about your dad. I'll always giggle at that virtual roller coaster video you made with him. Hugs to you and your family.

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**Patty Kolesa** - October 11, 2024 at 06:15 PM

CB

“ Mike was such a sweet man. I worked with him a long time ago. He was always smiling. May you rest in peace. I condolences to his family.

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**Carolyn Bourland** - October 11, 2024 at 03:24 PM