



Michael A. VandeVoorde

February 11, 1950 - February 27, 2023

Michael Andrew VandeVoorde age 73 of Custer passed away on Monday, February 27, 2023. Mike was born on February 11, 1950 in Fremont, the son of CJ and Odene (Way) VandeVoorde, and grew up on a farm in Walkerville where he would graduate from Walkerville High School with the class of 1968. Mike served his country by enlisting with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam Conflict. After several reenlistments, Mike completed his service earning the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. Upon returning home, Mike served as a Deputy Sheriff for Oceana County, worked on farms in Missouri and Oklahoma, and finally working as an Auto Mechanic at Midas in Ludington. On March 24, 1989 he married Janet (Bardos) Allen at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer, and they have celebrated almost 34 years together. Mike was very patriotic and proud of his service and was a Life Member of the Custer Gold Bar VFW Post 5096 and the Peacock VFW Post 5315 in Baldwin.

Along with his wife Janet, Mike will be greatly missed by his daughter Dawn (Bryan) Carrier of Ludington; his stepdaughter Tina (Jeff) Kelley of Brethren; his grandchildren Zachary VandeVoorde, Amanda Kelley, and Allison Kelley; his sisters Irma McCumber of Ludington, Florence Purchase of Custer, Linda (Harold) Nunn of Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents CJ and Odene; his brother Fred VandeVoorde; and his brothers-in-law Arland "Buck" Purchase, and Tom

McCumber.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Mike at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 8 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer with Rev. Daniel DePew as celebrant. Burial with full military honors will be held for Mike later this summer at St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may meet with Mike's family on Wednesday morning from 10:00 until time of Mass at the church and the Rosary will be prayed for Mike at 9:30 am at the church. Those who would like to remember Mike with a memorial donation are asked to please consider the Huntington's Disease Society of America (www.hdsa.org) in honor of his wife Janet's struggle with this difficult disease.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

1000 South Custer Road
Custer, MI 49405

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 8. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
85 South Madison Street
Custer, MI 49405

Visitation

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

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Funeral Mass

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in Peace Mike. It was a genuine pleasure pleasure to know you. God bless and thank you for your service in their military.*
Harold Workman

Harold Workman - March 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM

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“ *RIP Mike! And my deepest sympathy to his family, There was never a dull moment when mike was around. He had a way of making you smile. I'm sure hes got a lot of stories to tell them all in heaven. He will be missed!*

Cindy Hopkins - March 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM

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“ *We are so sorry to learn of Mike's passing. We knew him well from his many year's at Midas/Goodyear Auto Service Center. Mike always had a smile and was a really nice guy. We will keep you all in our prayers. Sincerely, Jim and Alice Anderson*

Jim and Alice Anderson - March 03, 2023 at 03:07 AM