



Michael "Big Mike" Dankenbring

August 7, 1937 - August 25, 2009

Michael "Big Mike" Dankenbring, 72, of Kalkaska, passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born on August 7, 1937 in Mulliken, he is the son of the late Henry and Dorothy (Rogers) Dankenbring. Mike was a veteran serving our country in the National Guard. He married Colleen K. Harris on June 22, 1957 in Lansing. Together they raised their family in Lansing until 1977 and moved to Kalkaska. Mike retired from Kraft House in 2002 after working for 18 years. He wasn't happy unless he was working, hunting, fishing or spending time with his family. Mike was known as the "Bear Lake Handyman" because of his willingness to help and serve others. Surviving Mike is his wife, Colleen of 52 years; his children, Kathryn E. (Marc) Cook of Grand Ledge, Kent C. (Pamela) Dankenbring of St. James, Florida, Kary M. (Tammy) Dankenbring of Cedar Springs; 6 grandchildren; and his brother, Terry (Nancy) Dankenbring of Grand Ledge. Preceding Mike in death were his sisters, Lynne and Sally. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, August 28th at 1:00 pm with visitation from 11-1 at the Bear Lake Christian Church with Pastor David Rosenberg officiating. Memorials may be given in behalf of Mike to the American Cancer Society or Munson Hospice. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Big Mike" Dankenbring*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Michael "Big Mike" Dankenbring*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *We were deeply saddened when we learned of Uncle Mike's passing. As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring Uncle Mike's memory. We are praying for you. He will never be forgotten. We know Uncle Mike experienced a great deal of suffering since he was diagnosed with cancer. We pray that you will find comfort in knowing that he is no longer in any pain. Love, Terry, Jane & Kids*

Terry Cushing Family of San Luis Obispo, California - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I extend my deepest sympathies to your family during this difficult time. Mike was so kind and, well, silly, around me and my brother at my grandparents' house (David and Jean Schroeder), when he came to visit, that I looked forward to seeing him the next time he was in town. He was the tallest man I had ever seen, and certainly one of the funniest. Thank you for sharing your time with us. Wishing you strength and peace, Suzy Schroeder*

Suzy Schroeder of Milwaukee, WI - August 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Kary, Tammy & Seth, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family. Let us know if you need anything. The Barts

Jeff, Kathy & Ryan Bart of Grand Rapids, MI - August 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Colleen and family, I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I went to High School with Mike in Grand Ledge. He was a really nice guy. I am so glad that Mike and you, were able to make it to 50th Class reunion. It sure was nice to see him again, after all of those years. You have my deepest condolences. Joyce (Class of 57)

Joyce Morr of Portland, Mich. - August 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM