



Michael "Mike" L. Fines

December 22, 1954 - January 15, 2023

Michael L. "Mike" Fines, 68 years young of Monrovia, passed from this life after a brief illness while in the care of IU West Hospital on Sunday, January 15, 2023. He was born one of seven children in Beech Grove on December 22, 1954, to Norman W. and Bernice R. (Necessary) Fines.

Growing up in a tight knit family on the near east side of Indianapolis, Mike attended Arsenal Tech High School until his freshman year when the family packed their bags and headed to the quiet life of Morgan County where he graduated with class of 1973 from Mooresville High School. Athletic by nature, he played on both school's football and baseball teams. A hard worker from an early age, he worked for Kroger as a bag boy while in school. After graduation, he found his passion for the open road, beginning his lifelong career as a Truck Driver. Employed with Earle M. Jorgenson trucking, previously known as C.A. Roberts for twenty years, he went on to work for Ryerson's Metal before deservingly retiring on January 16, 2020.

Mike's marriage of twenty-three years produced four children: Shannon, Josh, Jessica, and Nick. He was a hands-on father who was tender and loving, diligently providing for his family and ensuring they never went without. Weekends were spent on Lake Monroe, camping, fishing, and boating on the family's houseboat "Jenny L.". A masterful cook, he served dinner nightly, and was an expert on grilling ribs and famous for his green beans at family

functions.

Quick witted and with a sense of humor that was usually cheeky, Mike was known to be flirtatious at times and never had a problem with being brutally honest. He enjoyed a good game of pool, shooting guns, woodworking, and welding. His second and final long-term relationship led him to spend more time outdoors, listening to music, laying in the pool, doing yardwork, hanging out in his spectacular barn, playing on the tractor, or cruising around in his cherished 1977 Corvette. He loved babies and animals and was utterly proud of all his accomplishments in life. With a beaming smile and big blue eyes, Mike left us all too soon, but never forget he loved you more than you will ever know.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Norman Wayne Fines, and brother, Gary Fines.

He leaves behind his children, Shannon Frye (John) of Whitewater, WI, Joshua Fines (Brandy) of Martinsville, Jessica Fines (Scott) of Mooresville, and Shawn "Nick" Fines of Indianapolis; siblings, Vicky Scott of Mooresville, Donna Fines (Jamie) of Myrtle Beach, SC, Carolyn Fines-Reed (Terry) of Mooresville, Cindy Davis (Rick) of Strongsville, OH, and Steven "Gunner" Fines (Susan) of Camby; sister-in-law, Barbara Fines of Mooresville; grandchildren Broderick, Camden, and Adalynn Frye, Landon and Maddy Fines, Waylen Lyons, Zane and Valerie McCaughna, and Mackenzie and Jayda Fines; many nieces and nephews, along with his beloved fur babies, Lucille, Jobi, and Rowdy.

Cremation and Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 18, from 5pm until a Celebration of Life Memorial Service that will begin promptly at 7pm., with Pastor Jim Shields officiating. To share a favorite story,

send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Mike's memory,
please visit his tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 5:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

JAN 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ I worked with Mike and I remember he would always brush his brow with his hand and it would be wet with sweat and say Brian, we have a major malfunction...which translates to fix my damn AC. Mike made my mornings.
Brian Scott

Brian Scott - January 18, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - January 18, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Fines.



January 18, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Fines.



January 17, 2023 at 09:10 PM



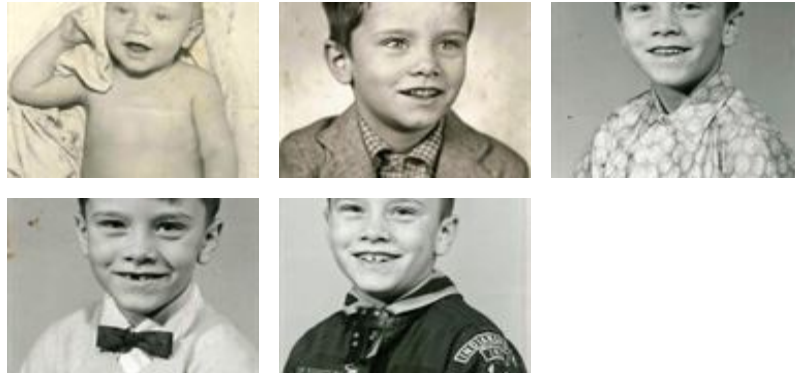
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Fines.*



January 17, 2023 at 07:14 PM



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“ *Mike was a great co-worker, and will be missed*

Claudia Weidman



Claudia Weidman - January 17, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" L. Fines.*



January 17, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *Mike was always having a fire pit and sitting around and enjoying that pit, I remember once when he was starting it with gasoline and bent down to light it and the flames blew back and it scared us all he did get burned but acted like it was nothing, Kids I'm sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort in your hearts to you all.*

Dianna Taylor - January 16, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Big Mike was my first HERO while growing up. If I was given any grief he went along with me to be my Big Stick. He threatened to beat up my kindergarten boyfriend when the boy said he didn't want to be my boyfriend any more to threatening my now husband to treat me with love in all things. He feed my daughter her first jars of baby food and helped my son learn to walk offering him the needed hand support.*



You will be missed.

I have and always will love you.

Donna Fines - January 16, 2023 at 06:42 PM

PR

I have known Mike most of my life. Always said "hey VanDeVanter" every time he seen me. He was a great guy. I am so sorry to hear this. He will be missed. Thinking of his family at this time.

Pam VanDeVanter Robinson - January 16, 2023 at 07:16 PM

LH

Jessica I'm so sorry for your loss of your father. Please know I will keep you and your family in prayer and may God 🙏 give you strength at this time

Leslie Hardiman-Morris - January 16, 2023 at 08:27 PM