



## Michael Ray Robertson

February 15, 1954 - January 3, 2017

Michael Robertson, 62, of Des Moines and formerly of Oskaloosa passed away Tuesday morning, January 3, 2017, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Michael Ray Robertson was born February 15, 1954, in Courtland, New York to Chester Leroy and Vicki Voleda (Barrows) Robertson, while his father was stationed in New York with the Navy. The family returned to Iowa, his father's home when he was a small child. Mike received most of his education in Oskaloosa, and he was a 1972 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California until his discharge in 1976. While living in California, Mike met and went on to marry, Mary Lynn Tatro, February 14, 1979, in Las Vegas, Nevada. After his discharge, they settled in Lancaster, California and Mike worked as a mail carrier. Mike and Mary enjoyed traveling and attending Southern Rock and Roll concerts in the early years of their marriage. In 1985, their first daughter, Sara was born and sister, Kathryn followed in 1988. That same year, the couple moved to Las Vegas, where Mike was employed by a pest control company. In 1992, the couple decided to move to Iowa to be closer to Mike's family; he was again employed by a pest control company, and later he delivered wholesale flowers all over the state of Iowa. Mike was an avid Iowa Hawkeye, Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Cardinals fan; he also never lost his appreciation for Southern Rock & Roll music and a deep love for his country. His family includes his wife, Mary of 37 years of Des Moines; two daughters: Sara (Todd) Bitting and Kathryn Robertson, both of Des Moines; three grandchildren: Nathan and Eliana Bitting and Carter Cabrera; three sisters: Gail Yurgel of Leighton, Sue and Doug Witt of Cedar, and Linda (Mark) Kelley of Oskaloosa; two brothers: Alan (Phyllis) Robertson of Ollie, and Barry (Susan) Robertson of Bondurant; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by two brothers: Chet and Gary Robertson, a brother-in-law, John Yurgel and a sister-in-law, Cindy Robertson. Funeral services for Mike will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday morning, January 7, 2017, at the Good News Chapel in Oskaloosa with Pastor Alvern Boetsma officiating. Burial will be in Old White Cemetery with Military Honors by the Oskaloosa Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Friday, at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 6-8 p.m., Friday evening. Memorials may be made in his name and will be designated at a

later time. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the online guest book at [gvlfuneralchapel.com](http://gvlfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Ray Robertson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *I am Mike Braden's daughter and knew him when I was young. My dad thought the world of him in those days. We were sad to hear and wish they would have kept in better touch. Michelle (Braden) DeWees*

January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, I never got to meet him as he was my second cousin. Janet Burke is my mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in your time of need.*

Heather wilson - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *My thoughts and prayers with you and your family. Sorry for your loss.*

Toni Counterman - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Janet Burke - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Im so sorry to hear this i wish we knew!! I Love You Uncle Mike Its very sad to see him go so soon but atleast he will be surrounded be family and luv everywhere he goes.may god bless u and sorry mary and girls if u need something im here just let me know!!! RIP Uncle Mike give my daddy and mommy gma and gpa luv for me*

Tiffany Robertson - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Linda Kelley and Robertson family, Our condolences to you and your family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Very sorry for your loss.*

Ginger Allsup - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Thinking of Mike and his family! I wish that we would have kept in touch. Mike was a great friend!

Mike Braden - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Mary and Family thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry for you loss.

Colleen Baker - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Our condolences to the family.

Ben and Danielle Klein - January 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Garland - January 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM