



## Michael "Mike" Eugene McCleery

June 20, 1951 - October 26, 2023

Michael Eugene McCleery, 72, of Pekin, Illinois, passed away at home on October 26, 2023 after a 9 month battle with a ruptured AVM. Mike was born to Ellis McCleery and Mildred Louise McCleery on June 20, 1951. He married Glenda S Huffhines on May 20, 1986 in Pekin, IL and she preceded him in death on November 21, 2016. Mike was also preceded in death by his parents, and grandson Koby M Guengerich.

Surviving are four daughters: Kindra Huffman of Creve Coeur, IL, Kelly Huffman of St Petersburg, FL, Dusty (Marty) McCleery- Donath of Pekin, IL, and Corrie (Alex) Plunkett of Bartonville, IL. One brother, Robert (Debra) McCleery, and one sister Patricia Worrick both of East Peoria, IL. 5 Grandchildren: Kaila, Jordyn, Dakota, Londynn and Sailor. 3 Great-Granddaughters: Maddie, Jayde, and Tatum, along with many nieces and nephews.

Mike served his country in the United States Army, a veteran of Vietnam.

Mike was a self-employed carpenter, working many years in construction, he also worked in Prison Ministry and served diligently up until his illness, spreading God's word to encourage and uplift inmates.

Mikes family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to Jordyn Thomas for her

unconditional love and care to Mike in his final months fighting this illness, which allowed him to be comfortable at his home in peace.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at Union Cemetery in Washington, IL. Cremation has been entrusted to Schmidt- Haller Burial and Cremation services in Peoria.

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Michael "Mike" Eugene McCleery*

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM

PS

“ *Mike took me under his wing as it were and took me into Pekin. He ministered for all but 5 minutes and told me I could close and walked to the back. I took 5 minutes and closed. As we were walking out of the prison he said to me, "I don't have to worry about you I won't be back when you are here. Great man of God great partner in the Lord and now with the Master. Mike they broke the mold with you. I will miss you!"*

Peter L Schneider - November 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mike's family and friends. Mike was an incredible blessing in the lives of so many people. He shared kindness with an infectious smile, and shared his passion for life with a loving heart. He was a very supportive neighbor and a good friend. RIP Mike. Joyce Bury Messer*

Joyce Bury Messer - November 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Bob, Patty, and family, I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. Janet (Bury) McGinnis*

Janet McGinnis - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ A Memorial Tree was planted in honor of Michael "Mike" Eugene McCleery.

Guest - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Eugene McCleery.

Emerald Garden Basket - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I've been praying and will continue to pray for Dusty and the entire McCleery family during this time of loss and transition. May God's peaceful presence saturate your souls. Paul Harshbarger - SMI

Paul Harshbarger - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Pat ... I will miss Mike and the times he spent at my home the was and as loved by all my kids and grandkids..thanks to his girls for takeing such good care of him.all are love to you.

Sister - October 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My heart goes out to the entire family. Mike was truly a great guy. There were many times he helped everybody in the neighborhood. Didn't ask for anything but just gave a smile. I know he thought the world of his entire family, he was a great worker. I saw him do many kind things for so many people and ask nothing. I enjoyed being around him and he always put a smile on my face just to see him. I will truly miss him. I had a lot of respect for that man. Bob and patty I know you will miss him I know I do Carl Bury

Carl Bury - October 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Sympathy to all of Mike's family. He was a great neighbor, and although we moved, we often smile when we talk about him and the old neighborhood. He helped us a lot and had many good conversations with him on the back deck. Sending our love and condolences, Pete and Joan Ingolia

The Ingolias - October 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM