



## Michael L. Ford

August 20, 1946 - December 22, 2022

ADRIAN- Michael Lynn Ford, 76, of Adrian, passed into the arms of Jesus Wednesday, December 22, 2022.

Born on August 20, 1946, in Decatur, Indiana, Mike was the son of Jerry and Catherine (Martin) Ford.

On February 11, 1971, Mike married Linda Jean Cole in Tecumseh, MI with the Rev B.O. Bashore officiating. Mike and Linda shared over 51 years together.

Mike is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters, Rebecca (Michael) Albright of Adrian and Robyn Ford of Holt; two grandsons, Christopher Mason and Caleb Albright, with a great-grandson due to arrive any day; and his brother, Tony (Diana) Ford. He is also survived by brothers-in-law, Jim (Ruth) Cole of Adrian, Larry (Joan) Cole, and Jack Cole of Tucson, Arizona, and his nieces and nephews and their children. Also surviving are his son, Michael G. Ford, of Georgia, and his daughter, Michelle (Michael) Lance of Adrian and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law, Robert and Marjorie Cole, and his sisters, Judy O'Leary and Linda Herriman, and his brother-in-law, Keith Herriman.

Mike graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1965. He worked at Citizens Gas Fuel Company for 45 years, where he was a crew leader and union leader. He was recognized in The Daily Telegram for his work in helping people winterize their windows and as Citizens Gas' first ever Employee of the Quarter. He was a member of the AA family with over 40 years of sobriety. He

also loved riding his Harley and belonged to the 5th Chapter Motorcycle Club. He took many motorcycle trips with his friends, including trips to Nashville, Akron, and riding the Blue Ridge Skyway. He particularly loved to tell the story about riding up north and going across the Mackinac Bridge on his Harley. He participated in numerous local motorcycle charity events. If there was an event for charity, Mike was there. He was a crew member on the Citizens Gas team for the Junior Achievement Grand Prix held in Adrian for several years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was always going to their concerts, sporting events, grade school musicals and plays, or just helping out. Halloween was one of his favorite holidays, when he would gleefully dress up (his favorite costume was Jason Voorhees from Friday the 13th) and take his children and grandchildren trick-or-treating with his tractor and wagon. He loved playing volleyball at family get-togethers and was often called upon to be the grill master. He loved animals and had pets throughout his life. He was also proud of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and was the first to volunteer his help to family and friends throughout his life. To Mike, no one was a stranger.

Following Mike's wishes, cremation has taken place. There will be no public services.

Memorial contributions in Mike's honor may be made to the Lenawee Humane Society or the Lenawee Feral Support. (lenaweeferal@gmail.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, in Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael L. Ford*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Michelle Lance lit a candle in memory of Michael Ford*



**Michelle Lance** - December 29, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I have a lot of great memories growing up across the street in Osborn Sub. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Tammie(Klingensmith)Rosenberg*

**tammie** - December 28, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We worked together for many years at Citizens Gas Fuel Co. He was very active in the union. I enjoyed our trips to Detroit on the union business. We would talk about a lot of things.*

*Rest in Peace brother.*

*Dennis Boydston*

**Dennis Boydston** - December 28, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ So sorry to read this, Mike and I graduated together in 1965, he was always a nice guy, RIP Mike

*Art Barnhart*

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**Art Barnhart** - December 28, 2022 at 10:17 AM

“ I am saddened to learn of Mike's passing. I had the pleasure of working with him at Citizens Gas. He had a strong work ethic and a man of integrity. He always had a smile on his face and would give you the shirt off his back. Prayers to Linda and the family.

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**Scott Klemm** - December 27, 2022 at 10:05 PM

“ Mike was a fun guy! Had a laugh that was all his own, and a big smile. He and I made Eagle Scout together in Troop 13 at First Baptist Church. Whenever we met up we took time to relive some of the crazy things we did scouting. My thoughts and prayers to his family

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**Louie Rockwood** - December 26, 2022 at 11:45 PM

*Dear Becky our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless Henry and Dolores Thompson.*

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**Dolores Thompson** - December 27, 2022 at 10:17 PM

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*My dad was the hardest working man. He raised his four kids with that same strong work ethic. When I was a little girl, mom would drive to town and we'd see him working on a job site, Hardhat, ditty boots and his faded jeans. I was proud to be his kid.*

*Wherever he went, he always had friends. His laughter was his own. He was a very special. If you needed something and he could help, he did. I've missed you for a long time. May you rest in peace. Love you daddy.. 💖*

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**Michelle Lance** - December 28, 2022 at 12:03 AM

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*Sorry to hear about Mikes passing. We graduated together with the AHS class of 65. Nice guy always. Gloria Sauter Emery.*

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**Gloria Emery** - December 28, 2022 at 02:56 PM