



Michael Frey

October 21, 1949 - September 15, 2014

Frey, Michael, 64 yrs. September 15, 2014 surrounded by his family and friends. Beloved son of Florence Frey and the late Norman Frey Sr.; dear brother and brother-in-law of Norman (Nora) Frey, Jr., Carol (William) Sims, Donna Klosterhoff, Laura (Dennis) Emory and the late Sandra Frey. Uncle to Michael Frey, Eric and Kelly (Frey) Hendricks, Nicholas and Cori Freeman, Korey and Katherine Klosterhoff, Matthew and Karen (Sims) Crismore, Chad, Steven and Jack Emory; great uncle to Evan and Nicholas Hendricks, Isabella Frey, Emory Crismore and Dewey Klosterhoff; employer and friend to his caring attendants.

Forty-five years ago Mike suffered a life-threatening, life-changing injury while serving in Vietnam. His injury left him a quadriplegic and dependent on a respirator. Mike made many friends of his attending physicians, nurses and support staff at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco and while residing at John Cochran Veteran's Hospital in St. Louis and then Jefferson Barracks' Spinal Cord Injury Center at Jefferson Barracks. In 1984 Mike left the hospital environment behind and ventured out to his customized home in Florissant.

Mike will always be remembered for his ability to accept any challenge with strength, courage, and humor. He inspired everyone who knew him.

Visitation Sunday September 21, 2014 2pm-8pm with a service at 7:30 pm at Hutchens Mortuary, 675 Graham Rd., Florissant, MO. Interment - private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Humane Society of Missouri,

1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110 or Disabled American Veterans
Memorial Program, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250.

Previous Events

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SEP **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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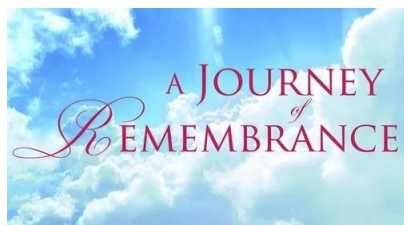
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Tribute Wall



“ Hutchens Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Frey



Hutchens Mortuary & Cremation Center - September 21, 2014 at 09:43 AM



St Louis just lost one of the longest living tetraplegics. Friend Laura Emory's brother.

Michelle Gilley - September 21, 2014 at 03:31 PM



I was a brand new nurse, 20 years old, when I met Mike at the Jefferson Barracks VA. He was never put off by my inexperience and indeed taught me quite a lot over the next two years of caring for him. He also taught me about courage in the face of adversity. RIP, Mike. You fought the good fight.

Lori Halker - July 02, 2015 at 07:41 PM

RH

“ Mike's first days in the VA ICU was my first week there. He was a special veteran and friend to me. We shared lots of funny moments and special memories including the first time he came home for Christmas and baseball games with Jack Buck. He made me laugh and listened to my stories and was a special person. I only just found out that he is gone and you have my deepest sympathies.
Ruth Meyer Hunter

Ruth Hunter - January 10, 2015 at 03:12 PM



“ *When I first met Mike I was a bit timid while in training and he caught on to that and used it to scare me every chance he got. Mike was fun and playful and truly a great friend to me and my children. I was blessed to have him be a part of my life. He will always be with us in our hearts. I miss him so much.*

Sarah Curtis - September 26, 2014 at 10:21 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Michael Frey.*



September 19, 2014 at 09:42 PM



“ *Laura and family,
Your brother is an inspiration to all of us who knew of him. There is an old saying that God will not put upon us more than we can handle. Mike exemplified this notion, and embraced his challenges with such dignity and grace. Of the many stories you told of him, he lived his life full of humor and strength. Treasure all the good memories you have of Mike and smile as you think of him. You are in my thoughts and prayers!! Liz*

Liz - September 19, 2014 at 04:37 PM



“ *My sympathy to Mike's family. My brother, Ralph Howard and Mike were in basic training, together. A couple of times, Mike rode, to or from Ft. Leonard Wood, with our family. Prayers and peace to all. We thank him for his service. Blessings, Vicki Howard Usher*

Vicki Howard Usher - September 19, 2014 at 12:39 PM

LS

Vicki

I remember Mike speaking of Ralph and your family in 1968. It was always a joy to see him when he would come home; and then so hard see him leave again. We have shared a very special and unique relationship for 46 years. It has been my pleasure to be his friend and remain friends with his loving family

Linda Schaefer

Linda Schaefer - September 19, 2014 at 06:03 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Frey.*



September 17, 2014 at 02:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Frey.*



September 17, 2014 at 12:56 PM