



Michael J. Fowler

November 20, 1944 - May 9, 2024

Michael J. Fowler, 79 of Love Park, IL., passed away on Thursday afternoon, May 9, 2024, while visiting family here in Bluffton.

He was born on November 20, 1944, in Beloit, Wisconsin to Kenneth Clayton & Marion Agnes (Haley) Fowler.

Michael went to St. Patrick School and finished his schooling at Auburn High School. He worked at the Castle Steel Company for many years and retired from Youngberg Industries in 2007. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards and was always ready for a trip to the casino. He enjoyed playing pool and was a long-time member of the White Eagle Club.

On January 29, 1998, in Rockford, IL., Michael and Mary (Cox) were married. Together, they enjoyed spending time at the Double K & D Ranch and Campground. She preceded him in death on December 13, 2021.

Survivors include his children; Patrick (Nicole) Fowler of Bluffton, Penny (Mark) Verstraete of Rockford, IL., Alan Cox of Rockford, IL. and Ricky Cox of Las Vegas. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Amber (David) Banks of Montpelier, Connor Fowler of Bluffton and Justin (Susan) Carner of North Boone, IL., along with 5 great-grandchildren.

Michael is also survived by two sisters: Margaret (Steve) Carlson of Rockford, IL. and Kathryn (Tom) Tulley of Melrose Park, IL.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary, a daughter, Colleen Dannenberg on Sept. 16, 2023, and siblings, Mark Fowler, Timothy Fowler, Patrick Fowler, Mary Fowler, Anne Mullen and Joe Fowler.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Kitty from the White Eagles Club, and to his two beloved sisters; Margaret and her husband Steve, Kathryn, Colleen & Dave, Penny, and Dave Neubauer, for all of their attention and care for Michael.

A celebration of life service will be held from 12 Noon to 3 P.M. on Sunday, (June 9, 2024) at the White Eagle Club, 235 15th Street, Rockford, IL.

Memorials may be given to the family and can be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

White Eagle Club
235 15th Street
Rockford, IL 61104

Tribute Wall

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“*Kate and Family: Sorry to learn of Mike's passing. Keeping all of you in my prayers.*”

Diane Diventi Zabawa - May 17, 2024 at 08:09 AM