



Michael Douglas Lipsey

February 3, 1949 - December 6, 2023

*****UPDATED SERVICE TIMES AVAILABLE*****

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in at 11 A.M. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the Light & Life Free Methodist Church in located at 5730 Deeson Road, Lakeland, Florida 33810.

Michael Douglas Lipsey, 74 of Lakeland, Florida, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, while visiting family in Bluffton.

Michael was born on February 3, 1949, in Pontiac, Michigan to James A. & Helen (Hamilton) Lipsey. He graduated from Waterford High School with the class of 1968 and attended Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN.

On June 20, 1985 in North Branch, Michigan, Michael married the love of his life, Victoria J. (Landers). Michael worked for 30 years for General Motors in Lake Orion, Michigan and retired in 2006. Later in retirement, Michael and Victoria moved full time to Lakeland, Florida where he was a member of the Light & Life Free Methodist Church in Lakeland.

Michael cherished time with his grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as "Granddad". He loved music, books, bowling, and pickleball. He enjoyed operating his Ham Radio and was part of numerous Ham Radio Operators Clubs. He will always be remembered for his quick sense of humor, loving patience, quiet strength, listening ear, and innumerable "dad jokes".

Survivors include his beloved wife, Victoria J. Lipsey of Lakeland, FL, along

with his children: Nathaniel (Amanda) Hamblin and children, Eli & Oliver Hamblin of Fort Wayne, IN; Kevin (Hannah) Lipsey and children, Tobiah & Everest Lipsey, of Mentone, IN; Janiece Lipsey of Bluffton, IN; Angela (Kenny) Lane and daughter, Luella Lane, of Lebanon, PA. He is also survived by a sister, Pamela (Bob) Carey of Metamora, MI.

Visitation will be held from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Wednesday, (Dec. 13, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A private graveside service will take place the following day.

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Memorials may be made in Michael's memory to help offset the costs of final arrangements or to the John Hendricks Memorial Library of the Light and Life Free Methodist Church and should 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 share memories and online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Light & Life Free Methodist Church
5730 Deeson Road
Lakeland, FL 33810
<http://www.lfmc.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Our condolences to Janiece and the Lipsey family in your time of tragic loss. May the Hope of the holidays see you through.* ”

Maureen and Tom Butler - December 13, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael Douglas Lipsey.* ”



December 12, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Douglas Lipsey.* ”



December 11, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear this. God's peace to Nate and the rest of the family.* ”

Dave Hughes - December 11, 2023 at 09:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Douglas Lipsey.*



December 11, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Douglas Lipsey.*



December 11, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ *Michael was a dear friend who had a gentle soul and a wonderful quiet sense of humor. My condolences to his entire family and I will continue to remember you all in prayer.
Love, Sandi Edkins*

S.A. Edkins - December 08, 2023 at 02:28 PM