



Michael R. Vause Sr.

July 28, 1949 - June 11, 2020

Michael R. Vause, Sr, age 70, of Minooka, IL died suddenly and unexpectedly on June 11, 2020 following a lifetime courageous battle against depression. He is survived by his loving and supportive wife of 44 years, Christine (Chris) Nelson Vause. Loving father of Trish Stelmaszek Goebel (Jerrod), Michael R. Vause, Jr. (Val Val), and Valerie Gunderson (Brad).

Beloved Poppy and grandfather to Kyle Stelmaszek, Kevin Stelmaszek, Kaylen Stelmaszek, Isabella Goebel, Bethany Goebel, Emily Goebel, Paige Vause, Ross Gunderson, Tred Gunderson, and Piper Gunderson.

Mike was born on July 28, 1949 in Key West Florida to James (deceased 1953) and Mary (Kelly) Vause. He was raised in Augusta, Georgia then Joliet, Illinois by mother, Mary, and dear father, Robert F Shipley.

Survived by his four brothers James Vause (Mary Jane), Robert W. Shipley (Michelle), Don Shipley (Carolyn), and Jeff Shipley (Valerie). Mike was the proud uncle to many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and nephews.

Mike was the cherished brother in law to David (Judy) Nelson, the late James (Barbara) Nelson, Kathryn (Terrence) Farmer, Roberta (Steven) Fullington, Nancy (Michael) Alstad, and Kenneth (Susan) Nelson.

Mike was proud to have a long career in the trucking industry and spend many years as a truck driver at the former A&M Cartage of Mokena Illinois and Diamond Ring Expediting of Channahon Illinois.

In his retirement he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his canine companion Buddy. He enjoyed golfing and maintaining his yard at home. Mike was a long time member of Minooka United Methodist Church and a Past Trustee. He was an avid Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan.

A celebration of his life will be held on Thursday June 18 at the Minooka United Methodist Church. Visitation from 10 am to noon at the church with a private service and interment following.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the family for a future memorial for Mike would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Seward Mound

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael R. Vause Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Dear Chris,*

You and your family are strong. What Mike meant to you all will live on forever with you. I know he is in a good place, because God is good...and Mike is forever embraced by peace and love.

David Bailey - August 14, 2020 at 12:45 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael R. Vause Sr..*



June 17, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Chris and Family, my sincere condolences to you all.*

Jerry Sandlin - June 17, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael R. Vause Sr..



June 17, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ Chris, I pray that your husband's rest be PEACEFUL. Amen

RaShelle Brooks - June 17, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael R. Vause Sr..



June 16, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael R. Vause Sr..



June 16, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael R. Vause Sr..*



June 15, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ *Chuck & Nancy Dixon lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Vause Sr.*



Chuck & Nancy Dixon - June 15, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ *Matt & Darien Fincher purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael R. Vause Sr..*



Matt & Darien Fincher - June 15, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Michael R. Vause Sr..*



June 15, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael R. Vause Sr..*



June 15, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Mike was a fellow co-worker , employee and more so a friend . Had alot of fun trucking or golfing with Him and Chris or sitting at the Tinley Bowling having a beer after work. He will be missed by his family and friends . Fly high buddy and go in peace and know you were a good man and loved by many .*

Brett Bernard - June 15, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ *Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Vause Sr.*



Bryan & Joelene Hays - June 15, 2020 at 02:01 PM