



Ralph "Mike" Michael Presson

September 9, 1946 - June 18, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Ralph "Mike" Presson announces his passing on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at the age of 77.

Mike was born on September 9, 1946 in Cario, Illinois, to the late Donald and Evelyn (Apperson) Presson. He served his Country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. On May 2, 1970 Mike married the love of his life, Miss Barbara Zychinski, this union was blessed with two sons.

Mike and Barbara moved to St. James from St. Louis just after he retired from Industrial Soap Company which was the former Smith-Scharff Paper Company, where he worked for over thirty years in the warehouse as a forklift driver.

They joined Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Mike was active in the Knights of Columbus, and while he was in St. Louis was active in the Holy Name Society. Mike, needing something to fill his days, took up woodworking and stained-glass arts, he was very gifted and talented at both.

As a family they would go to Lake Wappapello, or Clear Water Lake and spend the day, sometimes they would bring along the tent, and camp for the night or the weekend, he also enjoyed float trips on the Upper Meramec. Mike had a passion for his lawn, he took mowing very seriously, always wanting the lawn to be perfect for those backyard barbequing events he loved. Mike liked to have family and friends over for a meal.

Mike was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, who will be forever loved and missed by those that had the pleasure of knowing him.

Ralph Michael Presson is survived by his wife Barbara, of the home; son, Christopher Presson, of St. James, MO; brother, Kenny Presson, of Hillsboro, MO; grandchildren, Addison Presson, Celeste Cracchiolo (Nicholas), Joseph Presson JR, and Ashley Westermann; nieces, Dana Presson Gramm, and Beverly Presson Parker. In addition to his parents Donald and Evelyn Presson, he was preceded in death by his son, Joseph Presson SR; sister, Zandra Crowley; brothers, Hubert and Donald Presson.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024 with an 11:00 AM Mass at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. James, Missouri. A visitation will be held at the Church prior to the service from 9:00 AM until Mass at 11:00 AM. Military Honors will follow the Mass. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
St. James, MO

Funeral Mass

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
St. James, MO

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“ *Just saw tis on Facebook, did not see anything in the obits online, so very sorry was unaware of Mike's passing. Will inform the rest of the family. Please know the Presson family is in our prayers. God bless and know we love you all. My personal condolences to Barb, Mary, all my love and prayers. Eleanor*

Eleanor Szymanski - June 25, 2024 at 04:56 PM