



Mr. Michael T. Bem III

May 17, 1960 - September 17, 2016

Michael T. Bem III, 56, of Clay Twp. passed away on September 17, 2016 in St. John Hospital, Detroit, surrounded by his family. He was born on May 17, 1960 in Detroit, Michigan.

Michael married Deborah S. (Sills) Rouvalis on July 4, 1990 in St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

If you knew Michael, you'd know as of September 19, 2016, there are 96 days till Christmas. Christmas wasn't just a holiday, it was a year round passion.

The only reason he wouldn't want Christmas all year was for his love of the water and boating. Michael was an avid mariner and loved all things nautical.

During many years of declining health, Michael became an enthusiastic reader. In 2015 alone, he read several hundred books. When he wasn't reading, he was scouring the internet looking for his next great find.

Michael had a true appreciation for the theatre, music and the arts with a particular love for the work of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Michael had a huge soft spot for animals. He is survived by Eddie, Mollie, Maggie, Peaches, Squeak and Sonny.

Michael is survived by his wife, Deborah Bem; daughter, Angela Geib; son, Chris Rouvalis Jr.; son, Scott Rouvalis; grandson, Eric (Jessica) Geib and granddaughter, Zoe Rouvalis; and many very special cousins. He is also survived by his mother, Josephine Bem and brother, Kevin (Susan) Bem.

He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Bem Jr.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2016, in

the Jowett Funeral Home Chapel, 57737 Gratiot, New Haven, Michigan.

Visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. until the time of services at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to Guardians for Animals (www.guardiansforanimals.com).

To view obituary and share memories visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - New Haven
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New Haven, MI 48048
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

TI

“ *Mike I know we haven't seen each other in years wish we would have stayed in touch RIP my friend say hi to my mom and dad*



Tim - July 06, 2018 at 06:02 PM

SH

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



shawn - September 23, 2016 at 06:13 PM

JH

“ *Mike, I'm glad you aren't suffering any longer, but, oh, my, how we all miss you! Deb, I'm here if you need me. My love to you. Mike, you and Bob have a great time together!*

Judy Harris - September 22, 2016 at 08:47 PM



“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - September 22, 2016 at 11:22 AM

KE

“ *Mike was the best father in law. Always made me feel beautiful and special. He was the most positive and loving man :) right up to the end he was trying to make US feel better. You will be so missed Mike. I love you ❤️*

kelly - September 21, 2016 at 10:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael T. Bem III.*



September 21, 2016 at 06:34 PM

TR

“ I'm so glad you're not in pain anymore my dear friend 💖 I know you and my dad are having a frickin ball up there! It's almost so loud I can hear you guys down here 😊 XOX



Tracy - September 21, 2016 at 08:02 AM

ST

“ He was always laughing and smiling with family.



Steve - September 20, 2016 at 07:50 PM

ST

“ We always had lovely family dinners together and could count on lots of laughter!



Steve - September 20, 2016 at 07:46 PM

WE

“ We laugh our heads off all the time. His love of music was ever the topic of conversation. His belief in my abilities as a musician were uplifting and inspiring. He gave me a wall decal that says "Music Is Who I am Not what I do". That will be motto from this point on. Mike your dream will live on! Deb will want for nothing. Love you forever!



william elijah - September 20, 2016 at 12:27 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shawn - September 20, 2016 at 12:21 PM