



## Michael Francis Edwardson

April 29, 1947 - January 6, 2016

Michael Francis Edwardson, age 68, passed away peacefully at William S. Middleton Hospital Madison Hospice after a long battle from complications due to exposure from Agent Orange during his tour in the Vietnam War. His final days were blessed and comforted by the presence of his family.

Mike was born April 29th, 1947 to the late Leroy and Eve (Stanton) Edwardson in Stanley, Wisconsin. He grew up in Stanley, where he was a gifted athlete and student. If you didn't know of his great athleticism first hand, Mike was always gracious at sharing one of his many "big play" stories. Mike also met the love of his life in this small town and married Cheri Seefeldt in 1968. Mike attended college at UW Stevens Point until his senior year, dropping out one credit short of his Bachelor's degree, to raise his young family. He later returned to school at age 58 and graduated with a degree in History and Economics, wanting to show his grandchildren the importance reaching your goals.

Mike was drafted to Vietnam in 1969 and served his time in the Army as a Military Police officer. While the politics of this war were confusing, Mike was a proud veteran, despite the toll it took on his later life.

Mike and his family relocated to Richland Center in 1975. Mike purchased Wallace Cooper and Elliott Insurance Company with partner and good friend Sheila Troxel, a business which they ran together for 31 years, until Mike's

retirement in 2010. Mike had a wonderful work family who he would do anything for and they for him.

While Mike enjoyed working in his yard, playing softball, golfing, his poker club with the guys, and, of course, rarely missing a Badger game, his family always came first. He was very involved in his daughter's many activities while they were growing up and loved being a grandfather and spending time in their lives.

Mike will be sadly missed but fondly remembered my many, including his wife Cheri of 47 years and three loving daughters, Robyn (Steve) Coy and their three children, Brendan, Hailey and Carly; Heather (Jesse) Hassemmer and their six children, Skylor, Peyton, Sawyer, Bryce, Wyatt, and Kennedy; Lacey Edwardson and her four children, Mikayla, Noah, Lily, and Savannah; three brothers Carl (Penny) Edwardson, Gene (Julie) Edwardson and Paul Edwardson; brothers in law, Rick (Sue) Seefeldt and Wayne (Sandy) Seefeldt; Nieces, nephews and many good friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Fred and Margorie Seefeldt.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 11, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, memorials may be made to the family for a fund to be determined at a later date.

Mike's family would like to thank the providers and staff of William S. Middleton Veteran's Hospital for the excellent care he received over the past several years, with a special thanks to the Hospice staff for helping make Mike's final days with his family so comfortable and peaceful.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Cheri,

*Was so surprised to hear of the sad news about Mike. When I went to our 50th class reunion last Summer I was so looking forward to seeing him .... too many years had passed. You may remember that I went all through elementary and high school with Mike, and somewhere along the way we became friends. He was funny, and smart, and kind, and thoughtful, and so many things. Having gotten married and moving to Colorado in the 70's, most of my memories of Mike are from our younger years. Gulden's Drug Store, "the root beer stand", riding bikes and chasing the pea truck up Franklin Street in Stanley, cruising main street for no particular reason, meeting at the wall and talking about whatever, and just a lot of "kid stuff". He wrote in my senior year book that if I ever needed help with anything, I would always have a friend at 129 Barber Street. And I always believed that he would have been there. My thoughts are with you and your family .... may we all keep our memories of Mike, and when we think of some of those special ones, I know we will be smiling.*

*Roz Gardner Miller*

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**Roz Gardner Miller** - February 08, 2016 at 02:39 PM

BM

“ we are sorry to here of mike's passing. Many memories of our softball playing days on which Mike as usual always had something to say that would crack everyone up, as he did wherever he was...what a personality.....he was able to make you feel upbeat even when he was experiencing difficulties....He will really be missed, but hopefully he is in a better place being his jovial self

*Bill & Donna Mcorkle*

Bill McCorkle - January 11, 2016 at 01:50 PM

Mona Kohl

“ We were so sad to hear the news about Mike. We remember good times with you and our group of friends in Richland Center when we were all just starting out! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Sincerely, Mona and Tom Kohl*

Mona Kohl - January 10, 2016 at 08:47 PM



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Clary Memorial Funeral Home - January 10, 2016 at 02:40 PM

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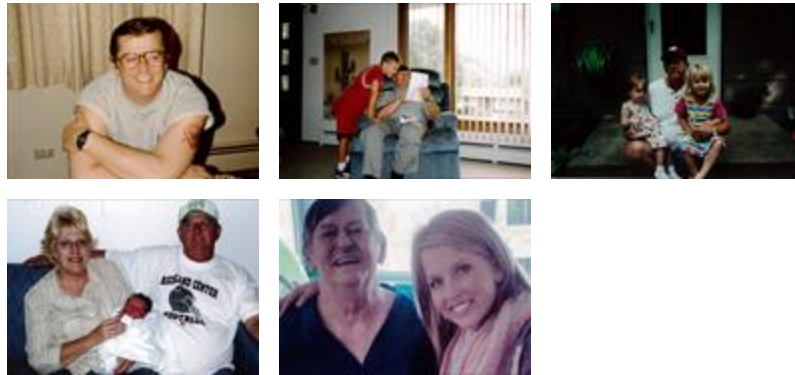
“ Tom and Mary Bloom purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Michael Francis Edwardson.



Tom and Mary Bloom - January 10, 2016 at 01:46 AM



“ 48 files added to the album Mike



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - January 09, 2016 at 01:41 PM

BR

“ Barbara D. Roberts purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Francis Edwardson.



Barbara D. Roberts - January 08, 2016 at 04:42 PM

GE

“ Being Brothers of Mike Carl & I Had Great time growing together .All of us love to play sports Mike & Carl were at all sports We would play football in the winter in the snow One be the passer & the other 2 would against.

the other If it was to cold we play football in our room Ma love that She would say What going on up there ! Our fishing us brothers had were a lot fun Mike always had a kind word for me when would hit in the head with a bait Like I will kill you lol I still laugh Carl would say that to when i would hit him So would Dad Lol Mike always there for me and Carl When ever we need him ! He love family very much He so proud of 3 girls. He was proud of his grandkids he Would brag to Carl and I all the time He was a great brother And will miss him a lot.. Ma will Mike there be soon to keep you company Carl and Love you Mike ! Forever your brothers❤️❤️ Carl and Gene

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**Gene Edwardson** - January 08, 2016 at 02:13 PM

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**Edward Fink** - January 08, 2016 at 09:13 AM

BB

“ Mike & Cheri were the first neighbors we connected with when we moved across the street from them 9 years ago. Cheri's love of animals is apparent through her pet sitting services which we used many times over the years. Visits with her, Mike and their dogs on their back porch will be remembered always. Mike and I shared a love for our yard work, always seeing each other out and about doing something in our yards.....best way to get some fresh air and get the circulation going! Mike was always gracious in lending me a tool, ladder or piece of equipment if needed. I will miss you Mike, rest in peace.....Eternal rest grant unto Michael, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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**Brian Boyd** - January 08, 2016 at 05:44 AM