



## John (Mike) Michael Hill

December 12, 1948 - June 8, 2021

John (Mike) Michael Hill age 72 passed away on Tuesday June 8, 2021. Mike was born on December 12, 1948 in Detroit Michigan to John Hill and Mary (Fonte) Hill. After elementary school in 1959, his family moved to Fife Lake, Michigan. They built a log cabin as a family and called it home. He then attended Giddings School, a one room schoolhouse in Garfield Township. Mike and his twin brother Mel quickly acquired the “Hill Boys” name and still are referenced as such today. He and his siblings were all active in 4-H where they developed an array of skills that continually grew with them. These skills would later serve as a solid foundation that Mike continually built upon with his career. Mike graduated Kalkaska High School in 1967. He immediately went on to further his education at Northwestern Michigan College until his enlistment in the United States Air Force In 1969. He served our country until he was honorably discharged in 1973.

After leaving the military Mike began working in construction with his father at a young age. He invested a lot of time and energy refining his talents to become a licensed builder and a skilled mason. In 1976 John M. Hill Builder/Hill Construction was formed. Mike’s company flourished and he was proud to build lifelong homes for his many clients. In 2012 Mike became the Building Inspector for Kalkaska County, becoming the Building Official in 2019. Mike found added gratification that he served as a steppingstone to many of today’s prominent builders, whom he now provided inspections for and offered

his expertise to.

Mike was married in 1979 to Deborah (Monette) Hill and together they had four daughters. Anyone who knew Mike was well aware of his “four beautiful girls”. Mike always talked about his girls and their love for horses. One of Mike’s favorites was attending the annual Cow Camp Rodeo and watching his girls compete. Mike also enjoyed being a Papa to his 4 granddaughters. He was very proud of his family and loved to tell all the stories he had to everyone around. He also had a love for antique vehicles, owning several Studebaker trucks and a plethora of other makes and models. Mike loved to hunt. He was a long-standing member of Camp Woolrich, an annual tradition with friends, in Hermansville in the Upper Peninsula. He also loved having a few beers with friends and telling stories.

Mike is survived by daughters Jennifer (Joseph) Madigan, Megan (Perry) Daniels, Emily (Wayne) Golden, and Mindy (Joey Leach) Hill; granddaughters Jaylee and Liberty Madigan, Hallie and Harper Golden; brother Melvin (Penny) Hill and sisters Mary Ann Hill and Marlene Hill; Uncle Anthony (Mary) Fonte and many cousins. Mike is preceded in death by his parents John E Hill and Mary Rose (Fonte) Hill.

Funeral services will be at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Monday, June 14, 2021, viewing at 10:00 AM, services at 11:00 AM; interment at Garfield Township Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Final Visitation

JUN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Burial

JUN 14 (ET)

Garfield Township Cemetery  
0466 W Sharon Rd SE  
Fife Lake, MI 49633

# Tribute Wall



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.*



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June 13, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Hill Family. We will always remember Mike as he always would solve issues for us. He put the foundation in our manufactured seasonal home at Pond Holes Corner. We enjoyed when he would come over and have a cup of coffee and Italian Biscotti. Having him come over for breakfast a few times was enjoyable and discussions were always good. The Milana,s also knew his mother Mary and her parents. We will miss you Mike. May you Rest In Peace.* 🙏🙏🕊️🕊️

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**Angie/Paolo Milana** - June 13, 2021 at 01:07 PM

PH

“ Mike has been more than a brother-in-law to me; he has been a wealth of knowledge - both about the family I joined, and about practical, day-to-day things. He has always been there to lend a hand or give a hug whenever I needed it. He has been a best friend and constant companion to Mel. They are truly "two peas in a pod". Here is a baby picture of the two; your guess is as good as mine about who is who, but my guess is that Mike is on the left.



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**Penny Hill** - June 13, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.



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June 13, 2021 at 09:30 AM

PG

“ Working with Mike you knew that he was going to tell you a story. He was full of them and always made people smile even if you were having a bad day. His laugh was infectious. Mike was a truly good guy and always proved his daughters were his life. Sending prayers and hugs to your family. Pam Grody

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**Pam Grody** - June 12, 2021 at 09:28 AM

PM

*We are so sorry and our deepest condolences to the Hill Family. We are sorry that we cannot be there tomorrow due to some health issues. Mike put the foundation in for our manufactured home at Pond Holes Corner in 2007. Mike was always willing to come out and help whenever we needed it. He was also a good friend and loved to sit and talk over coffee and Italian cookies. The Milana family also knew his mom and his grandparents in Detroit (Fonte). Enjoy ed having him over for breakfast a few times as we all enjoyed our conversations together. May you Rest In Peace Mike Hill and we will miss seeing and talking to you. 🙏🙏📱📱*

**Paolo and Angie Milana** - June 13, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.*



June 12, 2021 at 08:06 AM

LS

“ *Love, Roxy Squires purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.*



**Love, Roxy Squires** - June 12, 2021 at 12:27 AM

RZ

“ *To All of The Hill family, I am so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. May all your wonderful memories help you through this difficult time.*

**Rose Zech** - June 11, 2021 at 11:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.*



June 11, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.*



June 11, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.*



June 11, 2021 at 07:57 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mr. Nick Jones, 4H Leader, and her Electrical Club. Left to

**todd jones** - June 10, 2021 at 10:24 PM

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“ *The Davis Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.*



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**The Davis Family** - June 10, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.*



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June 10, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.*



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June 10, 2021 at 04:16 PM

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“ *Had many many great times with Mike, I and we will miss him*

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**Caesar Lorenzetti** - June 10, 2021 at 03:56 PM

SA

“ Prayers of comfort to Mike’s family! Keep the memories alive & know that he is spending eternity in his heavenly home now. It is so hard to lose a family member, but I can only imagine if it were a twin as in this case. Mel, it will be harder on you than most but keep that infamous smile when you think of him, and when it is your time you both will be reunited again. ❤️



Condolences and love,  
Aaron & Sandi

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Sandi - June 10, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John (Mike) Michael Hill.



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June 10, 2021 at 02:48 PM

SL

“ Rest In Peace you Dear Sweet Man. It was absolutely wonderful to work with you. I’ll miss your beautiful smile. You will be missed my many ❤️

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Sandy Lepla - June 10, 2021 at 02:16 PM