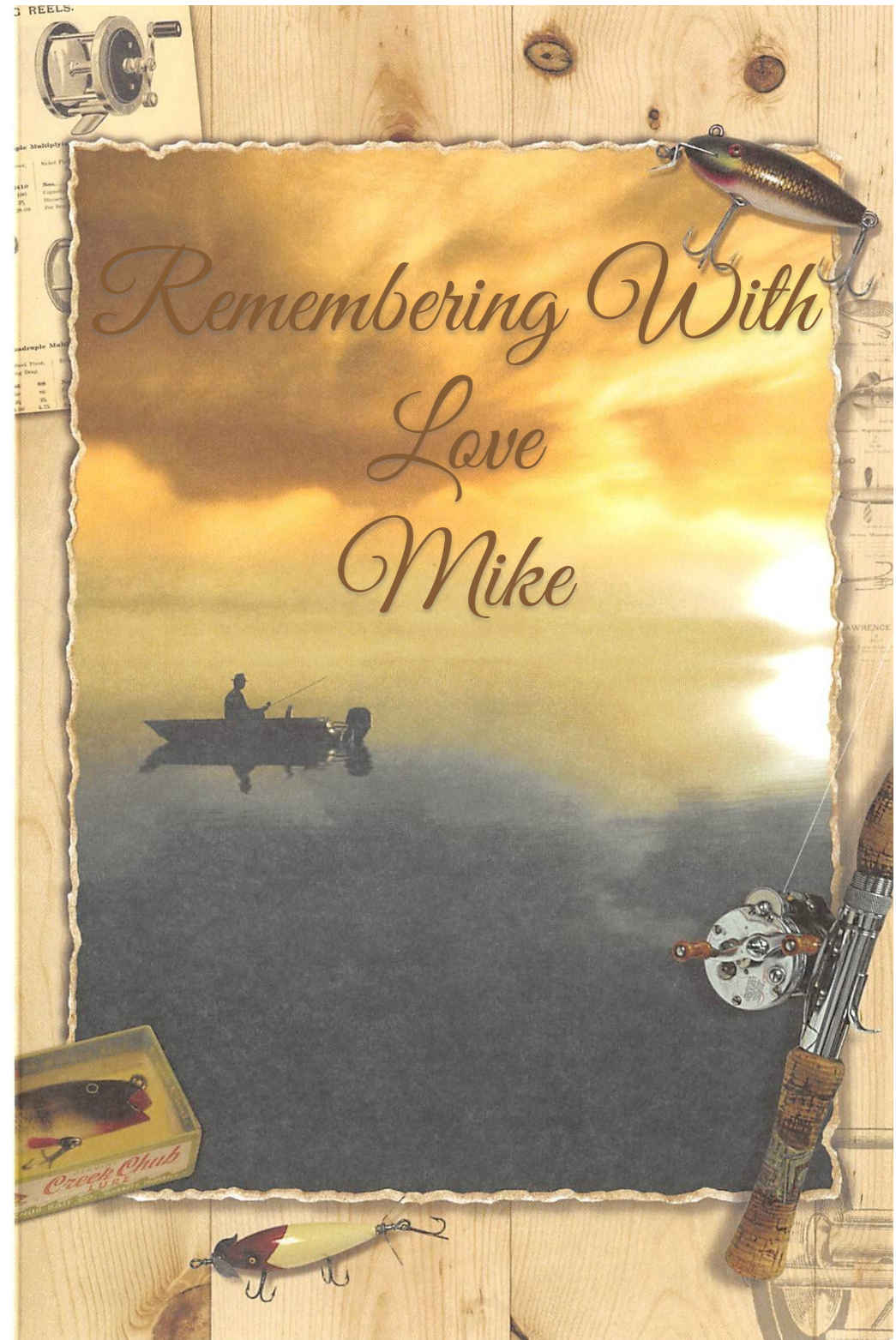*Michael Stensgaard, 43 Detroit Lakes, MN, died Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at his home.*

Michael was born June 5, 1974 in Detroit Lakes, MN.

After graduation from Detroit Lakes Senior High School, Mike studied Theatre Arts in California. He returned to Minnesota and worked as a stone mason and as a welder. He settled back in Detroit Lakes in 2017. Mike loved the outdoors and working with his hands. He loved to fish, and enjoyed his pets, especially his golden retriever "Kobe", Mike was looking forward to starting a new garden this spring.

Mike is survived by his mother and stepfather: Jacquelyn and William E. Walker of Park Rapids, MN, his daughter, Andrea Brogren of Detroit Lakes, three brothers: John (Min Shen) Ehlers of Luxembourg, David Ehlers of Portland, OR and Adam (Melissa) Stensgaard of Kindred, ND. He is also survived by one step-brother, Bill Walker of Menahga, MN and one step-sister, Elizabeth Walker (Mike Berre) of Rochert, MN.

He is preceded in death by his father, Keith Stensgaard, his grandparents: Jack and Thelma Harris and Selmer and Ebba Stensgaard.
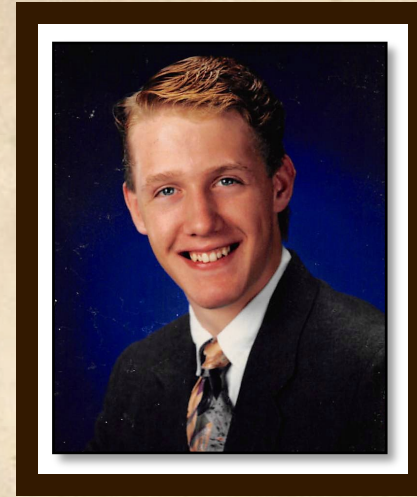
Remembering With Love Mike

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.
I've found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me.
God wanted me now, He set me free

Author Unknown

In Loving Memory of

Michael Stensgaard

June 5, 1974 ~ December 19, 2017

Service of Love and Remembrance
Saturday - April 14, 2018 - 11:00 am
The David-Donehower Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiating
Reverend John Simonson
First Lutheran Church of Detroit Lakes

Music
Recorded Selection
by the Family

Spring Interment
Oak Grove Cemetery
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota