

Michael Winston Shelander was born on March 17, 1945 at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota the son of Warren and Arlys (Houfer) Shelander. He grew up in Forest Lake, Minnesota where he attended school and enjoyed working on cars. He was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he served for 13 months.

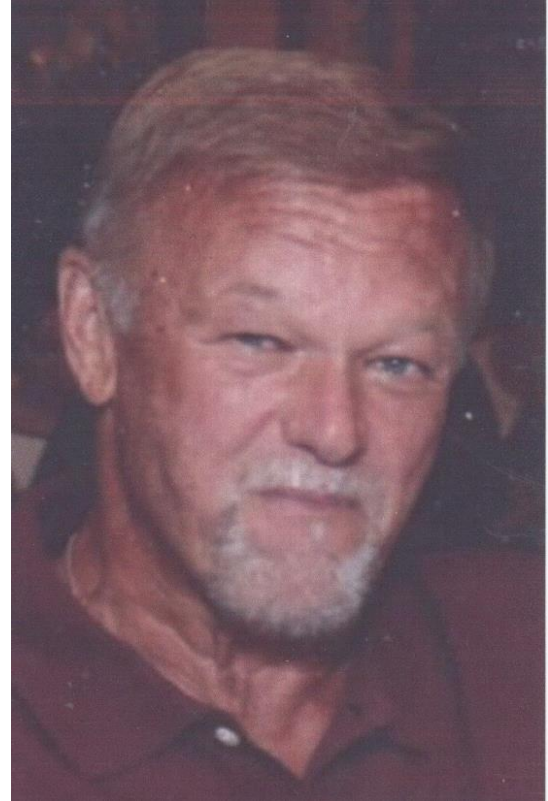
Mike returned to Minnesota where he met the love of his life Paula in Paula's mom's kitchen as the parents were friends. Mike and Paula were married on October 5, 1968 at Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. After their marriage the couple lived in NE Minneapolis and Ham Lake. Mike drove truck for 30 years. One of his cherished memories was taking his daughter, Ronna to the hospital where his only grandchild, Shelbie was born. The Shelanders retired to Brandon, Minnesota.

Mike loved living on Devils Lake. Lake life was for him whether he was fishing, reading a book, enjoying a campfire with some country music and a cold beer – this was his happy place. His lawn was his pride and joy and he was a Master Cook.

Mike died on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Paula; children: Curt (Kathleen) of Brandon, Ronna (Jason) Brown of Cambridge, MN; granddaughter, Shelbie Brown of Isanti, MN; three brothers: Arlo (Loretta) Ken (Jen), Keith; sister: Deb Held.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

## *Remembering The Life Of*



Michael "Mike" Shelander

1945 - 2021

*The Day God Called You Home*

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*

*In Loving Memory of*

***Michael "Mike" Shelander***

March 17, 1945 † August 28, 2021

**Memorial Service**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Thursday, September 2, 2021  
11:00 AM

**Officiant**

Father Peter VanderWeyst

**Musical Selections By**

One More Day  
Daddy's Hands  
He Stopped Loving Her

**Military Honors By**

American Legion Post #87  
VFW Post #936  
VVA Post #235 Rifle Squad  
Marine Corps League #1409  
Minnesota Funeral Guard

**Arrangements**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota