



*Tho his smile is gone forever,
and his hand we cannot touch, still
we have so many memories
of the one we love so much.*

*His memory is our keepsake
with which we will never part.
God has him in His keeping,
we have him in our hearts.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Michael "Mike" Gilbertson

WHO WAS BORN
November 4, 1945
Canby, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
November 6, 2023
Roberts County, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Saturday, November 18, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Scott Sutherlin

MUSICIAN
Jan Steele

HONORARY BEARERS
Nieces and Nephews:
Chad Gilbertson | Kelly Roach | Neil Gilbertson
Emily Finley | Jim Christofersen

INURNMENT
Private Family Service
Grandview Cemetery, Gary, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
Mike's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Memorials may be given to the America
Diabetes Association in Mike's memory.

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Mike was born on November 4, 1945, in Canby, MN. He was the son of Elroy Gilbertson and Louise (Parsons) Gilbertson. Mike was raised in Gary, SD, and lived there until 1965. He attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Mike lived and worked in Bloomington, MN, from 1965-2003. He worked for North Central Airlines, Republic Airlines, and retired in 2003 from Northwest Airlines as a Senior Inventory Analyst.

Mike was united in marriage with Lynette Sutherlin on December 11, 1993, in Bloomington, MN. Following retirement, Mike and Lynette built a home on the shores of Big Stone Lake in rural Wilmot, SD. Mike was an avid sportsman; he loved fishing and hunting. This year he was proud to have caught a 20 pound northern and a record walleye off the dock. He loved the sound of the flush of a rooster pheasant while hunting with Dot, Sadie, or Kota. Mike enjoyed watching sports, especially college sports, including the South Dakota State Jackrabbits. He also was a Minnesota Vikings fan and faithfully watched NASCAR, often making Lynette hold dinner for the “last four laps.”

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lynette of rural Wilmot, SD; two step-sons: Scott (Erin) Sutherlin of Eagan, MN; and Robert Sutherlin of Apple Valley, MN; two brothers: Keith (Becky) Gilbertson of Alexandria, MN; and Merle (Linda) Gilbertson of Ft. Myers, FL; nieces and nephews: Jim (Gaye) Christofersen of Blaine, MN; Chad (Shannon) Gilbertson of Delafield, WI; Kelly (Brian) Roach of Maple Grove, MN; Neil Gilbertson of Fargo, ND; Emily Finley of Fargo, ND; and six step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents: Elroy and Louise Gilbertson; sister, Karen; and stepfather, Robert Jesme.

Mike’s family and friends will remember him as a practical teacher and a great story teller that often taught a lesson. He was humble, an outdoorsman, and lived simply. He had a deep voice that left an impression and a contagious laugh. You never saw him without a cap on his head and a toothpick in his mouth! He loved living on Big Stone Lake with his best friend, Lynette.



The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable. A perpetual series of occasions for hope.