



Myron "Mike" Jay Maassen was born April 21, 1957, in Sioux Center, Iowa, the son of Marinus and Jennie (Kooiman) Maassen. Mike married the love of his life, Liane Becker, on May 19, 1984, in Rock Valley, Iowa. Mike and Liane would go on to have two daughters, Kelsey and Sara.

After graduating from Rock Valley Public High School, Mike worked for Fischer Construction and even worked as a cop at nights. Mike began working for Rock Valley Public School in September of 1984, as the maintenance man and bus driver. It was there that Mike spent the next 35 years creating lasting memories for all the students lucky enough to ride on his bus or meet him in the hallway. Co-workers loved him as he had endless stories, jokes, and pranks up his sleeve that would always leave a room with brighter smiles than when he entered.

Mike's love for the outdoors was ever prominent. It didn't matter if it was a hunting getaway or a week-long fishing trip. He also loved to be out on the sticks with a golf club in hand, whether it was 9-holes or miniature golf. You could also find Mike spending time at the Rock Valley Gun Club and pool league. He was never truly satisfied until he showed his true prowess in games like 31 and Wahoo. Not only competitive on the field but also on the tabletops. Not unlike his dominance in board games, Mike, along with his wife, liked to make guest appearances at bingo fairs across the northwest Iowa area! Traveling wasn't Mike's favorite thing to do, so he found his vacation spots at various bed and breakfast wineries across the area, he often loved taking those trips with his wife and children.

Mike very much loved this community, his church family, and all alike. He was a great husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. He will be dearly missed. Mike passed away Saturday, January 20, 2024, at his home in Rock Valley at the age of 66.

Mike is survived by his wife, Liane; mother, Jennie Maassen of Rock Valley; children, Kelsey Maassen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Sara (Dalton) Bennett of Doon, Iowa; siblings, Sandi (Steve) Anderson, Butch (Karen) Maassen, Brad (Mike) Maassen, Larry (Pam) Maassen, Leanne (Doug) Blied, and Brent (Carisa) Maassen; father and mother-in-law, Louis and Agnes Becker; brothers and sisters-in-law, Arlin Becker, Anita (Bill) Vossmeier, Luiza (Greg) Peterson, Lucas Becker, Alona (Blair) Bjerkeset and Donna Maassen; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marinus; brother, Doug Maassen; and brother-in-law, Peter Koehler.

In Loving Memory

Mike Maassen

April 21, 1957 ~ January 20, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:30 AM, Saturday, January 27, 2024
Faith Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Jim Sweers
First Community Church of Hope of Doon, Iowa

PIANIST

Dorothy Smith

EULOGY

Bruce Wright

MUSICAL SELECTION

"I Can Only Imagine"

Mercy Me

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

"I'll Fly Away"

PALLBEARERS

Dave Meylink ~ Dennis Feekes ~ Randy Taylor
Mark Wynia ~ Justin Anderson ~ Jason Anderson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Greg De Wit ~ Ron Pederson ~ Randy Slobe

USHERS

Nathan Maassen ~ Austin Koehler
Jacob Maassen ~ Ryan Maassen ~ Derek Maassen

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Mike's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church gym following the committal service at the cemetery.

*God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around him
And whispered, "Come with Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away,
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



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