



A light from our household is gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled.  
A place is vacant from our home  
Which never can be filled.

We have to mourn the loss of one  
We did our best to save;  
Beloved on earth, regretted still,  
Remembered in the grave.

'Twas hard to part with one so dear,  
We little thought the time was near.  
"Farewell dear one,  
Your life is past.  
Our love for you til the end  
Will last."



*In Loving Memory of  
Michael Howes Sr.*





Michael Edward Howes Sr., 52, of Bismarck ND, passed away with his family by his side on September 20, 2020, at Sanford Hospital in Bismarck.

Mike was born July 29, 1968, to Maurice and Reva (Johnson) Howes in Mandan, ND. He was the youngest of seven children. Mike completed his schooling in Mandan and joined the Army National Guard 191<sup>st</sup> MP Guard Company immediately after high school. He went on to certify as a police officer through Lake Region State College in Devils Lake, ND. In 1988, Mike married Tricia Nelson and through their marriage

they were gifted with four children. In 1994, Mike met the love of his life, Joan. The two of them were united in marriage in June 2003, and with Joan’s two children, they grew into a family of eight. They referred to themselves as, “the Brady Bunch 2.0”.

Mike was the pillar of his family who was deeply loved and adored by all who knew him. He was an outdoorsman through and through; an avid hunter, fisherman, and camper. Mike and Joan loved to spend their weekends glamping (glamorous camping) in their “home on wheels” at General Sibley or Ft. Lincoln State Park. After his chemotherapy treatments, he was so ecstatic to finally be able to hear the crickets chirping again while sitting by the campfire- he had not been able to hear them in many years. Mike was also an exceptionally talented artist and vocalist.

At the center of Mike’s world were his grandchildren. From having them out for summer sleepovers at the camper, to attending sporting and school events, to simply singing a silly song to them in his famous Donald Duck voice; nothing made Mike prouder than being ‘papa’ to his seven beautiful grandchildren. Each one of them will carry the pride of their papa everywhere their lives lead them.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Joan. His children, Chris (Billie Jo) Scott of Mandan, ND; Chelsey (Peter) Riepl of Bismarck, ND; Mike Jr. (Sadie) Howes of Washburn, ND; Montana (Kelsie) Howes of Bismarck, ND; Toria (Taylor) Cain of Mandan, ND; Tiara (Scott) Howes of Bismarck, ND. Beloved grandchildren, Jayden, Kaylee, Keaton, Kyla, Koley, Sawyer, and Maylee. His siblings, Vikki (Bill) Howie of Chariton, IA; Ruth Craven of Bailey, CO; Peggy Lundin of Nashville, TN; Tammy (Darrell) Mulz of Rapid City, SD; Jim (Holly) Howes of Rapid City, SD; and brother-in-law, Louie Jungling of Valley City, ND. Mike is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Reva Howes; grandparents; and his sister, Raeann Bisson.

The family requests anyone attending either the visitation or the funeral to please wear a mask due to Covid 19.

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*Michael Howes Sr.*

July 29, 1968—September 20, 2020

**Funeral Services**

Friday, September 25, 2020; 10:00 AM

Buehler-Larson Funeral Home

Mandan, ND

Officiant: Rev. Christina Martin

**Order of Service**

Gathering	
Thanksgiving for Baptism	
Special Music	“The Dance”
Greeting	
Prayer of the Day	
Special Music	“Even Though I’m Leaving”
Scriptures	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Psalm 139:1-13 John 14:1-6
Funeral Message	
Special Music	“Now you Belong to Heaven”
Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer	
Commendation	
Special Music	“Amazing Grace”

**Honorary Urnbearers**

Monte Lund ~ Terry Morast ~ Duane Hopfauf

Tom McDonald ~ Michael Dill

**Graveside Service**

**Mandan Union Cemetery**

Mandan, ND