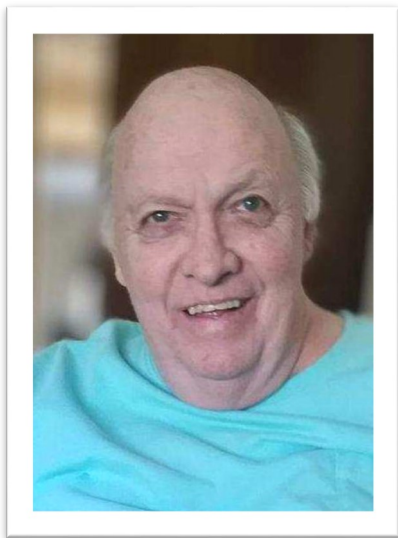
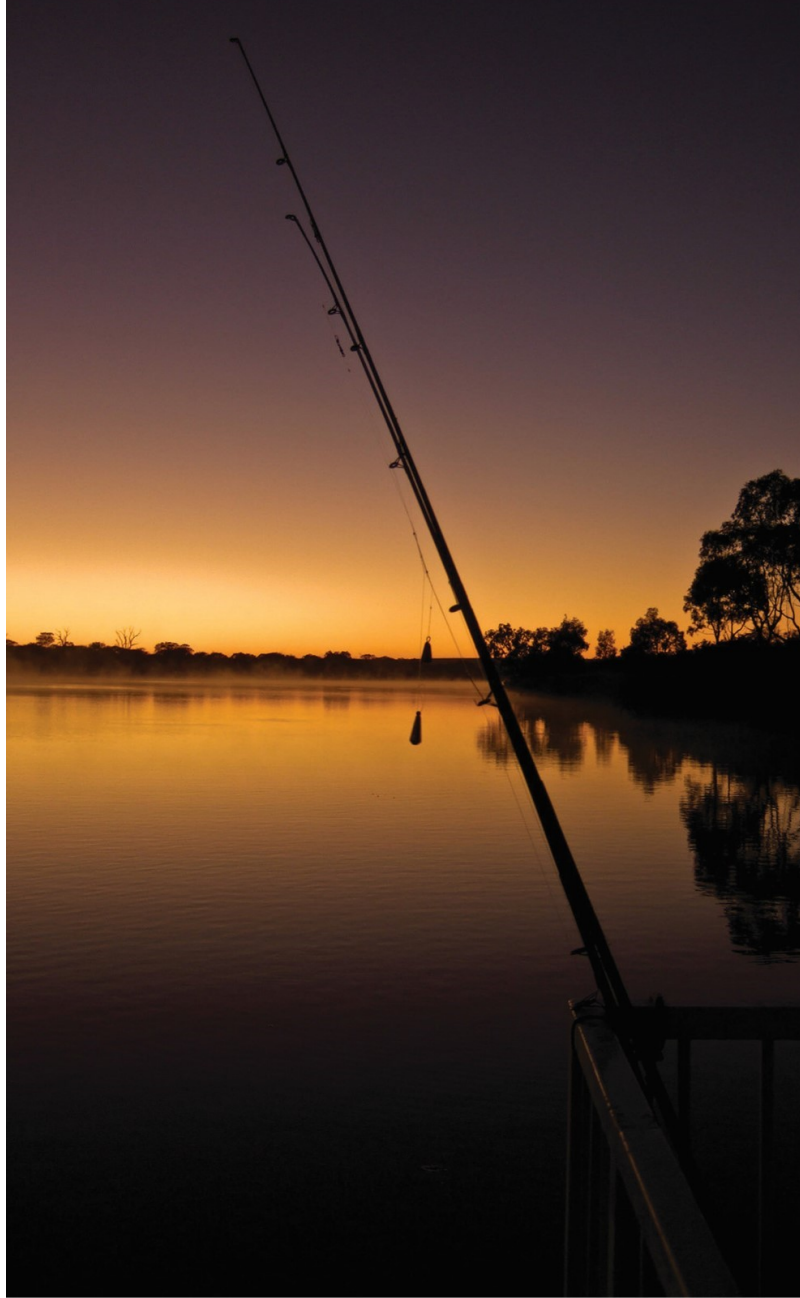


Michael “Mike, Mikie” Louis Bernstetter was born at Wesley Hospital (now Tri-County Hospital) in Wadena, MN on April, 30, 1950 to Louie and Marcella (Marcie Pitzl) Bernstetter. He grew up on the family farm in Sebeka, MN and attended St. Hubert’s Catholic Church in Bluegrass, MN. He graduated from Sebeka High School in 1968 and Wadena Vocational Technical College (now MN State Community and Technical College) with his electrical lineman certificate in 1969. He worked for Alexandria Light & Power for nearly 40 years serving as a lineman and purchasing and safety agent. He also served as a volunteer firefighter and with the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years rising to the rank of 2nd Assistant Fire Chief. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, cooking, wine making, meat smoking, and woodworking. He volunteered as a board member for the MN Deer Hunters Association and the Alexandria Elks.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Louie and Marcie. He is survived by his children Christina (Emmanuel) Akolly, Cheryl (Edgard) Maboudou-Tchao, and Chad (Bobbie) Bernstetter, grandchildren Lydia Akolly, Alexander Akolly, Claire Akolly, Dodji Maboudou-Tchao, Arianna Maboudou-Tchao, Teagan Bernstetter and Carter Bernstetter, brothers Dennis (Lynn) and Joseph (Christine) Bernstetter, sister Mary Beth (Mark) Brockpahler, former spouse Janice Heltemes, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.



GOD looked around the garden,
 And found an empty space.
 He looked down upon the earth,
 And saw your tired face. He put
His arms around you
 And lifted you to rest.
 God’s garden must be beautiful
 For He only takes the **BEST**.
 He knew that you were weary,
 and He knew that you were in pain.
 He knew that you would never
 be well on earth again.
 He saw the roads were getting rough,
 and the hills were hard to climb.
 So He closed your weary eyelids,
 and whispered
Peace be Thine.



In Memory of

Michael L Bernstetter

April 30, 1950



May 25, 2023

Memorial Service

St. Mary’s Catholic Church
 Alexandria, Minnesota

Fri., June 2, 2023

11:00 AM

Officiant

Father Matthew Kuhn

Pianist

Luke VanOverbeke

Cantor

Erin Takle

Honorary Urn Bearers

All of Mike’s Beloved
 Grandchildren

Inurnment

St. Mary’s Cemetery
 Alexandria, Minnesota