



**Michael J. Ringham, 69**, of Garner, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines.

Michael John Ringham was born in Mason City on July 11, 1953, to Mame Ringham. He attended Mason City High School, graduating in 1972. He met the love of his life, Linda Cropley, working at Guardian Photo in Mason City where he delivered film. They married on June 5, 1982, and were blessed with two children, Patricia (1984) and later John (1992). Mike attended NIACC and received his AA degree in electronics. Over his life, he held many interesting jobs that he enjoyed, including working with Linda at Unisys, repairing electronics for others, working at Kraft Foods for over 17 years, the Garner Elementary School where he loved talking and interacting with children and most recently the Garner Kwik Star, where he loved greeting everyone with a smile and a friendly hello. Throughout his life, Mike was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed bowling and participated in several bowling leagues. He attended many Minnesota Twins games with his family and grandkids and collected bobbleheads with John. He was a faithful fan of the Minnesota Vikings. In addition, he was a big fan of WWE wrestling and both DC and Marvel comic book characters. Mike loved putting together puzzles and model cars. He recently donated his entire car collection, of over 50 years, to the Britt Car Show to be given out to children to enjoy. He loved to watch all things Star Trek, and "Live Long and Prosper" was a familiar statement at home. Mike was a huge sci-fi fan and loved going to movies with his kids. He volunteered at school for the RSVP mentorship program and was an AWANA listener at the Britt Evangelical Free Church. He also enjoyed playing cards and going out to eat with family and friends.

Mike is survived by his wife of 40 years, Linda of Garner; daughter, Patricia (Benjamin) Bentley of Mankato, MN; son, John Ringham of Garner; five grandchildren, Taryan Barrick-Wessels, Caleb Bentley, Mason Barrick, Addison Barrick and Rasul Bentley; sisters, Lori (Kent) Beatty of Mason City and Debra Ringham of Mason City; sister-in-law, Janice (Dean) Bertilson of Garner; and brothers-in-law, Steve Cropley of Sheridan, WY, Stuart Cropley of Chatsworth, CA, Laurence Cropley (Amy Roberts) of Sylmar, CA and John Cropley of North Hollywood, CA; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his second mom and mother-in-law, LaVonne Cropley; his mother, Mame Ringham; his father, LaVerne Scheffel; and stepfather, Raymond Ringham.

# Celebrating the Life of

# MICHAEL J. RINGHAM

July 11, 1953 - January 31, 2023

#### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Britt Evangelical Free Church 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 4, 2023

#### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Steve Couch

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Romans 5:1-11 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 50-58

#### **MUSIC**

Deb Stevens, Pianist
Congregational Hymns
"10,000 Reasons"
"Amazing Grace"
Special Song
"I Can Only Imagine"
Joyce Tjarks, Soloist

### **USHERS**

Mike Stevens

Scott Ostermann

## **HONORARY BEARERS**

Neal Haugland Stuart Cropley Ron Bachman Mat Dallman John Cropley Jeremy Eekhoff Kent Beatty Beniamin Bentlev

## **CASKET BEARERS**

John Ringham Jack Bertilson Mason Barrick Steve Cropley Dean Bertilson Laurence Cropley

# **BURIAL**

Concord Township Cemetery - Garner, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church fellowship hall immediately following the funeral. Burial will follow the luncheon.