

Michael James White

August 9, 1943 (Rockford, IL) June 16, 2021 (Winnebago, IL)

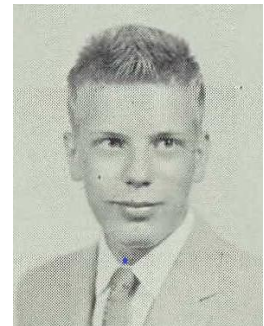
Michael "Mike" James Wise, 77, of Winnebago, IL, passed away on June 16, 2021. He was born August 9, 1943, in Rockford, IL to James and Helen (Weber) Wise. Michael proudly served his country as a **Navy Sea Bee**, both active and reserved, from 1962 to 1970. He married Leslie Journy on April 24, 1971, the first ecumenical wedding in the Rockford Diocese. A strong supporter of the right to unionize and a union steward for three years, Michael retired from Woodward Governor in 2011.



Michael loved his family. He was a Boy Scout leader and basketball coach. He was also devoted fan of the Chicago Bears and Cubs. Sober for over 30 years, Mike was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He loved searching for treasures and dreaming about purchases to someday enrich his family.

Mike is survived by Leslie, Wife of 50 years; Children, James (Anna) Wise, Lori (Alejandro) Olea, and Ryan (Nya Hargan) Wise; Grandchildren, Samantha (Zachary), Carlie, Mia (Christopher), Alex, Victoria, and Amalia; Great grandchild, Maverick, and two more on the way; Sisters, Sally Cassaro, Susan (John) Rodgers, and Jaime (Tim) Young; In-laws, Laurie Vieth, Mollie (Rick) Teckenberg, Jane Brook, Tim (Diana) Journy, Lee (Robert) Conzen, Ann (Brent) Rogers, Kirk Journy, and Tom (Jill) Journy; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his Parents and Brothers-in-law, Martin Journy, Ray Vieth, and Geoff Brook.

Services for Mike will be private. In lieu of flowers, Memorials can be made to the family. The family was assisted by Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, 1860 South Mulford Road, Rockford, 61108. Share online memories and condolences at www.fitzgeraldfh.com.



Reference:

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