



Richard Michael McManus

February 21, 1960 - August 10, 2020

FITCHBURG-Michael McManus, 60, of Fitchburg, passed away Monday, August 10, 2020 in the Health Alliance Leominster hospital after an illness.

Michael was born in Rushville IN on February 21, 1960, a son of the late Richard McManus. He graduated from Rushville Consolidated High School in 1978 and had resided in Fitchburg since 2004.

He was a U.S. Army veteran having served from 1982 to 1986.

Mike was no stranger to hard work: on his family farm as a child and young man, hauling ass and taking names on the football field, serving shoulder to shoulder with some of the finest men in the US Army, and on construction sites across central MA. He was hard-headed, hard-partying, and hard-working, but had a soft side as witnessed in his beautiful finish carpentry, woodworking treasures, and love for his wife. He had special fond memories of his many beach vacations at the family's former home on Plum Island and in Florida. And if he chose to spend time with you, you can be assured he liked the cut of your jib.

He leaves his wife of 33 years, Mary H. (Wilkins) McManus of Fitchburg; his mother, Janet (Vredenburg) McManus of Indiana; a brother, Thomas McManus of IN; two sisters Lisa Markley (William) of IN and Mindy May

(Sean) of VA; his mother-in-law Pauline Wilkins of Fitchburg; brothers-in-law, Patrick Wilkins (Donna) of Ashby; John "Will K" Wilkins of Hartford, CT; Brendan Wilkins (Payton) of Leominster; Neil Wilkins (Christine) of Clinton; sisters-in-law Elizabeth Zwicker (James) of Fitchburg; Martha Wilkins (Russell) of Leicester; Rosamond Gleason (James) of Philadelphia, PA; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

He is predeceased by his father-in-law Edward Wilkins; a brother-in-law, Timothy Wilkins (Sherry; and sister-in-law Susan McManus.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon. His family will receive family and friends on Saturday afternoon August 15, from 2 to 4 PM in the Isabell & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., c/o LDF Development 40 Rector Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10006

For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit www.andersonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
316 Clarendon Street
fitchburg, MA 01420
brian@andersonfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Regina Sharp lit a candle in memory of Richard Michael McManus



Regina Sharp - August 17, 2020 at 08:43 AM

SC

Good childhood memories with Mike and the rest of the McManus clan. Sorry for the families loss

Sam Cross - August 19, 2020 at 06:46 PM

SS

“ Janet I am so sorry to hear this news. My heart goes out to you. I am keeping you and your family in my prayers, my friend.

Sara Stearley - August 12, 2020 at 07:37 PM

DM

“ Mary I am so sorry to hear Of your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Donna Mazyck

donna mazyck - August 12, 2020 at 04:11 PM

RM

“ So deeply sorry to hear this Mary. My thoughts are with you. 🙏
Rosie MacDonald

Rosemary MacDonald - August 12, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Michael McManus.* ”



August 12, 2020 at 02:55 PM