



Mr. Michael D. Stickney

March 4, 1951 - August 18, 2018

Michael D. Stickney passed away peacefully Saturday, August 18, 2018 before sunrise at the Alice Hyde Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient since Friday, August 10, 2018. Michael was born March 4, 1951, the son of Douglas and Joan (McCarthy) Stickney of Malone, New York. He attended local schools and graduated from Franklin Academy, "The Class of 1969". He graduated from Paul Smiths College in 1971 with a degree in Forestry Management.

On November 6, 1976, he was united in marriage to the former Patricia S. Guerin in Knox, New York. She survives.

Michael was employed with the Department of Environmental Conservation in the Forestry Management Division from 1973 to his retirement from the Reynolds Game Farm as a Senior Technician in the Pheasant Raise and Release Program in 2005. He followed in the footsteps of his uncle, Robert Stickney, finding peace and harmony in the great outdoors. While employed with the Department of Environmental Conservation, he also worked with writers, writing and illustrating books and manuals for wildlife articles. He was also an artist, painting wildlife scenes in different mediums. Family and friends were fortunate to be recipients of his works. Some of his works were auctioned off at fundraisers for the Department of Environmental Conservation.

He was a Brother of the American Mountain Men, an organization depicting the fur trade era. He was thought very highly of due to his skills and was given

the name "Gnome". He was a guide for many hunting and fishing expeditions. He had a great gift of his surroundings which made him an asset on the expeditions. Michael also enjoyed building and repairing homes in his spare time. His greatest achievement was the building of his home in Duane with his wife, Patricia.

Surviving besides his wife of 41 years are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lydia (Ray) Sullivan of West Virginia and Lisette (Kenne) Moore of Oxford, New York. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Hunter and Savanna Sullivan and Calvin and Chase Moore. Michael is also survived by his mother, Joan Stickney of Malone and three brothers, James (Patty) Stickney, Douglas (Cheryl) Stickney and David (Lisa) Stickney, all of Malone; two sisters, Carol Thompson and Cathy (Jay) Pratt, both of New Hampshire.

Michael was predeceased by his father, Douglas.

His greatest joys were his daughters, their spouses and his grandchildren. They brought many joyful moments to his life. He was very proud of Lydia and Lisette and their achievements. He enjoyed sharing with them the knowledge of this great earth that is a gift to all. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Patricia, the love of his life and the spirit and breath of their marriage.

There will be a private celebration of his life at the convenience of his family.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Michael was a remarkable man. Our love and prayers to Joan, Patricia and family.*

Aunt Nancy and Uncle Don Anderson

Donald Anderson - August 23, 2018 at 08:57 PM

SN

“ *Patti and family, so sorry for your loss. Michael was always a pleasure to talk with. I will remember him as the kind and smiling soul I had the pleasure of knowing.*

Sue Nitto

Sue Nitto - August 22, 2018 at 12:29 PM

SR

“ *I have fond memories of Mike Stickney from our school days in Malone and remember well the summer and fall of 1970 when he helped our band "Haze" with his artistic creation of our drumhead and helped with equipment and moral support! Rest in peace Mike. You are in our hearts and memories always. — Stuart Rowley...*

Stuart Rowley - August 21, 2018 at 11:18 AM

DD

*Dear Patricia and family. Mike was in my home room all four years in high school. I was always delighted by his quit wit, and in awe of his artistic talent. Though I never saw him often, in fact last time was our 45 th class reunion four years ago, he always kindly remembered me and was the same person I knew back then. No pretense, no airs, just the same kind soul. I share in your loss and hope you are comforted knowing he is remembered with great affection. Darlene Tennyson
Dana- Drew*

Darlene Tennyson Dana-Drew - August 21, 2018 at 04:56 PM

SN

Dear Patricia and family, Mike sat in front of me thru high school as we were set up alphabetically - Stickney / Stone. He was a good friend with such artistic talents as I remember. I was so happy to see him at our 45th Class Reunion and was pleased to meet you. I could see how much he loved you, Patricia. Please know that my heart goes out to you during this time. May the love of family, friends and fond memories provide you some comfort. My sincere condolences. Susan Stone Nichols

Susan Stone Nichols - August 21, 2018 at 06:07 PM

ES

Patti and family, Please accept my sincere sympathy and condolences. Wish I had gotten to know Mike better. I'll always remember his reaction when at a Town Board meeting, I referred to "The Peanut Gallery". I don't say that any more. If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know,

*Sincerely,
Ned LeMieux Sr.*

Edward LeMieux Sr - August 22, 2018 at 12:50 PM

JS

*Dear Pat, Lydia & Lisette, It is with a heavy heart I offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to all of you. I know how important Michael (& Daddy) was to you. Know that Mike was very special to me and many others as a friend and caring acquaintance. His vast skills and knowledge he so willingly shared have helped me time and again in my life. I think of him and all of you often with kind thoughts of our time together at the New York State Game Farm. My sincere thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. My very best to you all - Jeffrey Smith
jhsmith@htva.net*

Jeffrey Smith - August 23, 2018 at 09:43 AM