

Obituary for Michael Theurer

Michael A. Theurer, 74, of Marshfield, WI passed away on September 1, 2021 at the VA Medical Center in Tomah, WI after a long battle with Parkinson's disease related to exposure to Agent Orange during his service with the US Army Infantry in Vietnam.



Michael was born in Marshfield, WI on February 28th, 1947, to Rudy and Marie Theurer. He attended St. John the Baptist Catholic School and Columbus Catholic High School graduating in 1965. He attended the University of Wisconsin, Marshfield Wood County Campus from 1965-1966. He entered the US Army and after basic and advanced training, arrived in Vietnam on September 1, 1967. He served in Vietnam as an Infantryman and Radio Operator with Company "B" of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry Regiment attached at various times to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), the 4th Infantry Division and the 173rd Airborne Brigade and was honorably discharged on May 15, 1968. Mike was very proud to have served in the Army and his desire was to be buried in his military uniform with his earned medals, which included The Bronze Star Medal for meritorious Service, The Air Medal for over 25 Combat Missions involving aerial flight, The Purple Heart Medal for wounds received, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, The Vietnam Service Medal, The Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Gallantry Medal.

Following his military service he worked for his father as an upholsterer at A-Z Upholstery. In 1977 he purchased the business from his father and became owner/operator of A-Z Upholstery and Theurer Custom Furniture. Mike also taught an evening Upholstery class at Mid-State Technical College for many years.

Mike married the former Bonnie Hupe on May 19, 1973 and they had one son, Corey Michael. They later divorced. He was a member of the Marshfield Elks Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1866 of Marshfield. He enjoyed many years of attending Corey's football games at University of Wisconsin Whitewater, the University of Wisconsin Badger Football games at Camp Randall Stadium, golfing, and playing poker. He also enjoyed his over 50 years of the "annual" fishing weekend up North, with his best friends. After Mike entered the VA Medical Center, the guys continued their "annual up North" weekend to the Tomah/La Crosse area so Mike could attend.

Mike was honored to be selected as one of the first 10 men to move from the VA hospital into the VA Medical Centers Green House Residential Care Home, on the medical center grounds.

Michael is survived by his son, Corey Michael Theurer of Austin, TX, his Goddaughter/niece, Amanda (Mark) Bennett of Beloit, WI, his brother David (Terry) Theurer, sisters; Kathryn (Mike) Koenig, Becky King, and sister-in-law, Kathy Theurer. Nieces; Vicki Crider, Robyn Gillie, Kristina Koenig, Shelby King and nephews; Dave Theurer, Keith Theurer and Nick Koenig all of Tucson, AZ. His sister and brother-in-law's; Bev and Ken Folz, of Rozellville, WI, Connie and Bill Niemuth, of Milton, WI and Audrey and Larry Syring of Stratford, WI, nephew and nieces; Todd (Connie) Folz, Amy (Judd) Hanson, Tammy Folz, Tim (Becky) Folz, April (Dane) Seubert, Steven Niemuth, Lance Syring and Lauralee (Lee) Kunze along with numerous great nieces and nephews.

Mike is also survived by his lifelong best friend, Bob (Mary Varney) Fischer, friends Tom (June) Varney, John Draxler, Dean Peterson and Tom Heiting.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Rudy and Marie (Eilers) Theurer, brother Charles Theurer, his in-laws Anita (Kraus-Hupe) and Dale Pokallus, Roland Hupe and his grandparents, John and Elizabeth "Ella" Theurer and Alois and Olive Eilers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 10:30am at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Burial was at the Veterans field of Honor, located at Hillside Cemetery, Marshfield, WI. Military Honors were conducted by the American Legion Post 54 and the State of Wisconsin Military Honor Guard.

Corey would like to thank Mike's Doctors, Nurses and all caregivers at the Tomah VA Medical Center for the professional caring and friendship they provided to Mike while he was at the facility, and to Peg Gehrke, RN and friend, for the home visits to Mike before his move to Tomah VA.



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