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C MSGT Michael L Van Milligan, USAF Retired
Michael Lee Van Milligan, 79 of Marine City, MI passed away peacefully with his daughters at his side on August 9, 2025, after a lengthy illness. Born on December 6, 1945, in Blue Island, Illinois to Peter C and Ruth Van Milligan, Mike devoted his life to service, integrity and family. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and went on to complete an extraordinary 33-year career both in the Air Force and the Michigan Air National Guard. Rising to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, he earned respect, accolades and admiration from all who served alongside him. His leadership, steady hand, and unwavering commitment to his fellow Airmen left a legacy that will endure far beyond his years in uniform.

While stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mike met and married the love of his life, Marsha, at the base chapel on April 22, 1967 - a union that became the cornerstone of his life. Together they raised two daughters and built a family rooted in love, togetherness, resilience and shared purpose. Sadly, Marsha passed away in 2013 after they had celebrated 45 years of marriage.

Outside of his military service, Mike was known for his outstanding mechanical ability- if he couldn't fix it, it truly was broken. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially having pool days with his "girls". He loved listening to Peter Frampton, having a few beers and grilling up his delicious BBQ ribs. He carried the same discipline and devotion into his civilian life, always putting family and friends first and finding the most joy when he had all his family together.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his cherished daughters, Mychal (Scott) Fearncombe, Shannon (Mike) Furtah, his adored granddaughters, Shaylyn (Justin) Van Milligan, Jenna Fearncombe, Isabelle and Chloe Furtah and his beloved great -granddaughter, Kinsley Wall. He is also survived by his sister, Karyn Hradsky, and brother Neil (Janeth) Van Milligan, his sister and brother-in-law,



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Kelle and Jim Schultz, a niece, nephews, numerous cousins, as well as treasured friends who were like family. He is now reunited with his loving wife, Marsha and his parents.

A service honoring his life and military career will be held on Wednesday, August, 13th at 5:00 p.m. with full military honors followed by a sharing of memories service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Clair County Allied Vets. Mike served his country with honor, lived his life with purpose, and loved without reservation. His courage and character will continue to guide all who knew him. Until we meet again Dad, Grandpa, Papa, GG Papa. Save us a place beside you.




Events


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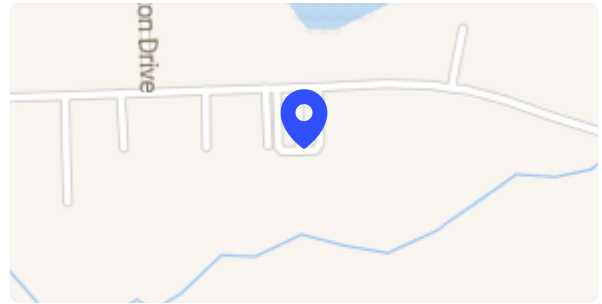
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, August 13, 2025

 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.**
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI 48054

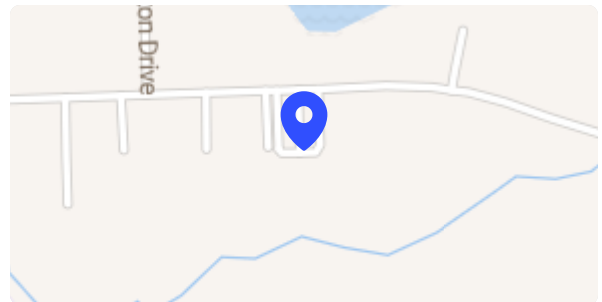


Military Honors

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Jan Battista posted:

Mike VanMilligan one of the nicest men I ever knew.I already miss you knowing you're not there ,but very happy you are with all our loves.I know you never have to worry about your girls because you and Marsha prepared them well for life and this!Kiss everyone for me my cousin my friend.I love you❤️

August 13 at 8:55 AM



Pattys shine posted:

Mychal & Shannon: Im so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Its tough losing both parents, I hope you find peace in knowing they are reunited.🙏 Ps I got a kick out of thier wedding pic❤️....just kids..lol SincerelyPatty Shine

August 12 at 4:15 PM



Keith And Tammy Randall sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the VanMilligan family.



August 12 at 3:52 PM



Keith And Tammy Randall planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.



August 12 at 3:52 PM



Laurie And Thom Karig sent an Enchanted Cottage to the VanMilligan family.



August 12 at 11:13 AM



Neil, Janneth & Karyn sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the VanMilligan family.



August 12 at 4:58 AM



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Love To You & Family Denyse sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the VanMilligan family.

August 11 at 6:39 PM



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August 11 at 6:39 PM



GK

Greg & Debbie Krueger posted:

Mychal & ShannonSo sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Prayers to you and your family.

August 11 at 1:37 PM

JK

Jim & Tena Kelly posted:

Mike&Marsha were our best friends! We have been friends since he came back from Vietnam and worked at Selfridge Air Force Base! I can't begin to tell you all the fun and memories we've had together! Our children were very close in age, and are like siblings, and still try to see each other! Mike was such a great guy, you couldn't have asked for a better friend or loving person. RIP dear friend 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻🥲🧑🏻

August 11 at 12:45 PM

AT

Ann Thornton posted:

Mike was a very kind man. My husband and I use to camp with Marsha and him and his family. Loved his pork dinner. Thanku for your kindness. Till we meet again my friend. Ann and Tom Thornton

August 11 at 12:25 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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