



Michael Warren Thunherst

September 4, 1953 - May 23, 2020

Michael “Mike” Warren Thunherst, 66, of Joliet, originally from Crete, IL, passed away Saturday (May 23, 2020) at Presence Villa Franciscan in Joliet.

He was born September 4, 1953 in Chicago Heights, IL, the son of Warren and Margaret (Anderson) Dohmeyer. Mike’s father Warren passed away when Mike was just a baby. His mother later married Gerald “Shim” Thunherst, and together they raised Mike, along with his brothers, Pat and Dan, at their home in Crete.

Mike was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Crete. He graduated from Crete-Monee High School. Anyone who knew Mike knew he loved trains. He enjoyed railfanning (both locally and out West) with his brother Pat, World War II History, the Andy Griffith and the Walton’s television shows, and going out to restaurants.

Surviving are his brothers, Pat (Brenda) Thunherst of Steger, and Dan (Chona) Thunherst of Crete; many nieces and nephews; the Cornerstone residents and staff of Ann Street in Joliet, IL; and his friends at Fresenius Plainfield North (Riverwalk).

Preceding him in death were his parents and his brother Bart.

Services are private, but will be live-streamed on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 11 a.m. on our Hack-Jensen Funeral Home Facebook page.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church of Crete.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *All of our fun childhood memories will remain in our hearts forever.
Your loving cousins, Debbie & Diane (Dionne) and Tony Mangano.*

Debbie - May 28, 2020 at 06:37 PM

JP

“ *I was so sad to hear of Michael's passing. I have known Michael a long time and have many fond memories of time spent with him. I particularly enjoyed making music with him. He loved drumming as well as singing Michael Row the Boat Ashore. He was a quiet soul and I will miss him.*




Jill Pearson - May 28, 2020 at 12:01 PM

SA

“ *I was so sad to hear of Mike's passing. He has been my friend for many years. Mike was a gentleman and very protective of his friends. He and I once took a train ride to visit a civil war cannon. It is one of my favorite memories of him. Mike was often quiet and contemplating. Visits with Mike were always so peaceful just sitting quietly together and enjoying each other's company. I will miss him dearly.*

-Savannah (Samantha) Probus

Savannah - May 27, 2020 at 12:17 PM

 Charlene Flamini

“ *Sorry to hear of Mikey's passing. May he Rest In Peace. We have made a donation to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Crete in Mikey's memory.*

Charlene (Anderson) and John Flamini

Charlene Flamini - May 27, 2020 at 11:11 AM

PS

“ All of the staff at Fresenius Plainfield North were saddened to learn of Michael's death. We know it has been a long journey for him since his admission to Villa Franciscan and subsequent transfer to another of our Fresenius clinics. In the past week, our hopes had been raised he might return to us for his dialysis care, but it is now clear our Lord had other plans for Michael. We will miss his smile, his "I'm ok" response, our chance to peruse his latest book on trains with him or talk about his latest cap with his favorite train company on it. We were all blessed to share the past 3.5 years of his life with him.

Pat Sutton and the care team at Plainfield North

Pat Sutton - May 27, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ I was sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I had not seen Mike for many years, but I have memories of him with Grandpa Speed and I guess that is where his love for trains started. May he now rest in peace. My condolences to those of you who have cared for and loved him.

Pat Thunherst Wagner

Pat Wagner - May 26, 2020 at 07:09 PM

AD

“ I am so shocked by the news of Michael's passing. Many days I spent with Mike when he first started Dialysis, I would sit with him and he would talk about his family and how he loved his Brother. I got to know his Sister in Law Brenda and all about his love for trains, I pray that his family finds peace knowing that God took Mike when he wanted him. Mike has had many health challenges but he made it through and was looking forward to coming home. God be with the family. My prayers are with you. Love you guys



Annamariaa Dorsey - May 25, 2020 at 04:26 PM