



Michael Klaus

September 15, 1956 - November 26, 2023

Michael Klaus, 67 of Carroll, died Sunday, November 26, 2023, at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 1, 2023, at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with Fr. Timothy Schott officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Following the burial, a luncheon and celebration of Michael's life will be held at the Sharp Center.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home for Plains Area Mental Health in Carroll.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for the Klaus family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Everyone who knew him has fond memories of Michael. Michael was born on September 15, 1956, the son of Mervin and Amelia (Vonnahme) Klaus. He graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 1974, where he was a member of an award-winning debate team. He was a people person, who was

deeply interested in how people related to each other and the forces that affected their lives. He graduated with honors in anthropology from the University of Iowa in 1978. After returning to Carroll he became active in the Carroll County Democrats. He served as Secretary to the Carroll County Democrats for many years. He was employed by the Plains Area Mental Health Center for many years. The "Club House" program meant a lot to him, and he brought a lot to that program. He will be missed by many."

Michael is survived by his siblings: John (Carolyn) Klaus of Ames, Paul (Janice) Klaus of Forest Lake, MN, and Robert Klaus of Amana; his brother-in-law, Dana Thompson of Ames; his nieces and nephews: Renee, Frank, Steven, James, Sarah, and Scott; as well as his great nieces and nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Annette Thompson.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ So sorry to hear of Mike’s passing. I met him through the Carroll County Democrats. Such a good person. He will be greatly missed!
Terry. Romey

Terry Romey - December 04, 2023 at 08:41 PM

NK

“ Sorry to hear about Mike’s passing. He was a very nice person and kind to everyone. prayers for Mike’s family.

RIP Mike!

Nim Knobbe - December 01, 2023 at 09:00 PM

AW

Michael always had a friendly greeting for all at Dem. gatherings and when ever our paths crossed. He will be missed. Ann Wilson

Ann Wilson - December 02, 2023 at 10:23 AM

ST

“ Uncle Michael taught me to play chess, introduced me to the genius of Mel Brooks and Edgar Allen Poe, and fostered a lifelong joy of star gazing. I'll miss his letters, emails, cards which frequently required the use of a dictionary. Lastly, I will miss the simple pleasure of putting puzzles together while talking football or telling jokes. Rest in peace Uncle Michael...please say hello to Grandpa, Grandma and mom for me!

Scott Thompson - November 30, 2023 at 05:15 PM

RK



Renee Klaus - December 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM

EM

“ My deepest sympathy to Mike family on their loss. He will greatly be missed. I very wonderful person.

Gene Meiners

Eugene Meiners - November 30, 2023 at 02:13 PM

TT

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. As past chair of the Carroll County Democrats, we had many a conversation about any number of issues and solutions that would help people. That's what Mike was all about. He took on the thankless job as Secretary of our county party and did it with efficiency, energy and dedication. You will be missed by all of those who knew you, Mike. Rest in peace.

Tim Tracy - November 30, 2023 at 11:36 AM

TS

“ I am very sorry to hear about Mike's Passing I met Mike when I was working for Region 12 and he was always a ray of sunshine and we shared stories and jokes.
May be be at peace



Tracy Sturm - November 29, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Mike's family - he was one of the most positive, thoughtful people I've ever known. His incredible kindness and character will be sorely missed.



Sheryl Schachtner - November 29, 2023 at 01:40 PM

WN

“ Klaus family: I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a kind and gentle soul who regarded others with respect and a light in his eye. Mike will be missed by all who knew him, and especially the Carroll County Democrats, whom he served so well. He will be remembered by his "Go Dems" regular greeting. CJ Niles, Carroll

Wes & CJ Niles - November 29, 2023 at 01:36 PM

FK

“ Uncle Michael never missed a birthday or anniversary. His gifts at Christmas were always thoughtful and fun to open. Holidays and family gatherings were always complete with Uncle Michael present. May his memory be a blessing.

Frank Klaus - November 28, 2023 at 05:39 PM

BK

“ 8 files added to the album Michael_Klaus



Bob klaus - November 28, 2023 at 12:20 PM

CS

What awesome photos! We were neighbors of Mervin and Amelia from 1970-77 when we lived on the corner of 15th and Highland Dr. Such good people! Anytime one of us would see Michael he always asked about the other, and was eager to have a conversation. RIP Michael, joining your parents and sister.

Carol and Gary Stark - November 29, 2023 at 04:39 PM

GE

“ This makes me so sad. I just saw Michael on Band Day like I always do, chatting with him during the parade. Band Day won't be the same.

He always sent me a card on my Anniversary (which is his birthday). Which is just a sweet gesture, for Gutnis sake (he would get that joke).

When my family gets together we will drink some tea and play a game of dirty marbles in your honor Michael. The Klaus Brothers have legend status with this game. And you better believe I won't think twice to pull a Michael and pass my own home to make sure my brother doesn't win.

I am in shock that you are gone. I will miss you.

Greta (Bluml) Elsbernd - November 27, 2023 at 09:52 PM

LB

Band Day parade, snickerdoodles, tea, dirty marbles (Aggravation), quotes from Firesign Theater . . .

These will always remind me of Michael.

He was the best at remembering birthdays and anniversaries with cards.

So many fond memories.

I will miss him.

Lori Bluml - November 27, 2023 at 10:26 PM



Thank you Greta, for the beautiful tribute. Mike will live on in the memory of those he touched.

Bob Klaus - November 28, 2023 at 12:52 PM

BM

“*Rest in peace, Mike. I hope you get to meet John, George and Diana.*”

Becki Miller - November 27, 2023 at 03:37 PM