



Michael R. Bowman

February 8, 1946 - August 27, 2023

Michael Ray Bowman was born February 8, 1946 in Geneva Nebraska to Irvin Diedrich Bowman and Rosetta Marie Voss Bowman. He was baptized March 10, 1946 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska. Mike spent his childhood in the Bruning area, first on a farm and later in the town of Bruning. He attended Country School at District 19 near the Bruning area along with his older sister Shirley. When the country school closed he attended Bruning Public School and graduated with the class of 1963.

He entered the US Army in 1965 spending time in San Antonio, Texas then was stationed in Muenchweler Germany. Mike always hated the water and had to go to Germany by way of ship. He stated "I went straight to the sick bay and became their medic as it was in the lowest area I could go with no view of the water." He left the Army in 1968. After returning to the states he worked in various jobs and became a lab technician at Warren Memorial Hospital in Friend, NE. In Friend he met Kathy Watmore who was a nurse at the hospital where he became the administrator in 1976. Mike and Kathy married on October 1, 1977 in Geneva, NE. and they had a son Joseph. In November 1987 they moved to Central City where Mike was the administrator of the hospital until his retirement in 2011.

Mike was always the life of a party and never met a stranger. Even at a young age he began playing the trumpet in the Glenn James Orchestra band in Bruning. He always had a story or joke to share and loved to make others laugh. Even in his high school yearbook the quote by his picture was "When

mischief is brewing, he is doing the stirring”.

Mike was very active in the American Legion, Community Theatre, and various city and hospital organizations.

Mike is survived by his wife Kathy of Central City, NE and son Joe of Omaha, NE. Brother and sister-in-law Mike and Sandy Watmore of Denton, NE and Mark and Terry of Detroit, Michigan. Nieces and Nephews, great nieces and nephews and great great nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, in-laws Bill and Mona Watmore, sister Shirley Baker and brother-in-law Dean Baker.

Cemetery Details

Bruning Public Cemetery

Bruning, NE

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
1507 17th St.
Central City, NE 68826
(308) 946-3303
soltwagnerfuneral@gmail.com
<https://www.wagnerfuneral.com/>

Burial of Ashes

AUG 31. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM.

Bruning Public Cemetery
Bruning, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Kathy, so sorry to hear about Mike. I had worked with him on several occasions doing drills at Central City. He was always lots of fun. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family
RitaGallagher.

Rita Annette Gallagher - September 05, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ Kathy, So sorry for your loss. I have many memories of working with Mike at the Friend Hospital. He could always make a person smile with one of his jokes or stories. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Marilyn Anderson

Marilyn Anderson - September 01, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael R. Bowman.



August 31, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael R. Bowman.

August 31, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael R. Bowman.

August 31, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ Kathy, so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of knowing Mike, when I was a CPA and working with Mike as CEO and the Central City Hospital and Nursing Home as a client. This was back in the late 80's and early 90's. I later knew him in the early 2000s as a fellow CEO, and later yet as a CEO to a retired CEO. Always enjoyed knowing and visiting with Mike. Loved to share in his experience and his stories as well.

Jim Ulrich

Jim Ulrich - August 31, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael R. Bowman.



August 31, 2023 at 12:02 AM



“ Kathy, so sorry to see this. Kathy and I send condolences to you and Joe. I thoroughly enjoyed Mike and being a part of his team for a few years.

Bob and Kathy Hanrath - August 30, 2023 at 03:28 PM

MN

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Mike and I talked a lot about cars. Imagine that! He always would relate in interesting story and was a long time CEO friend. So sorry for your loss Kathy. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Marvin and Barbara Neth.

Marvin Neth - August 30, 2023 at 11:58 AM

DC

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Mike when I was administrator for the Nebraska Emergency Medical Service and Trauma Program. Mike was one of those special individuals you always enjoyed being in your company. I loved his wisdom and sense of humor which he always liked to share and brighten your day. May the force be with you Mike.....Dean Cole

Dean Cole - August 30, 2023 at 08:46 AM

JR

I met Mike when I was the program director of Saint Francis's EAP program. He was a believer in keeping his employees healthy and I so enjoyed our visits as he always had jokes and stories. I'll not forget the twinkle in his eyes as he watched my reactions to some Of his stories. Heaven gained a good one. Bless you all.

Jan Rockwell - August 31, 2023 at 11:47 AM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Bowman



Virginia Johnson - August 29, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael R. Bowman.*



August 29, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael R. Bowman.

August 29, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael R. Bowman.*



August 29, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Duane V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael R. Bowman.*

Duane V. - August 29, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Michael R. Bowman.*



August 29, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael R. Bowman.*



August 29, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *Kathy and Joey. So sorry for your loss. Mike was a great man who got me involved in the American Legion which I have been active in since 1982. I will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Ron Corbett - August 29, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael R. Bowman.*



August 29, 2023 at 09:56 AM

ES

“ Kathy, I'm sorry to hear of Mike's death. During my time as CEO in Wahoo, I would spend a lot of time with Mike at meetings of on the phone.

He will be in our prayers.

Earl Sheehy

Earl Sheehy - August 29, 2023 at 09:30 AM

LE

“ Kathy,
Our sincere sympathy to you and Joe. Mike was a good friend and I got to know him well. Truly, Mike liked to share stories and it was always good to see him at hospital functions. He was a good hospital CEO and it was always good to talk to him about what our hospitals were up too.

Cherish the many memories you have.

God Bless!

Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

Larry and Barbara Eichelberger - August 29, 2023 at 08:21 AM

RB

“ Mike, It was an honor to have met you! Your sense of humor was unlike any other. I still laugh when I think of us throwing that toilet in the dumpster. Ha! Ha!

Rodney Boley - August 29, 2023 at 03:08 AM

PF

“ Sending our families condolences, Cathy. Always enjoyed visiting with Mike. We were at many dances around the area. Ornerly he was and fun to be around.

P.R. Farmer - August 28, 2023 at 11:34 PM

JG

“ Mike and I, both Administrators and ambulance staff, always gave each other a bad time. A good friend to me, over 50 years. Looked for hom Saturday ay State Fair. .

Jerrell gerdes - August 28, 2023 at 11:12 PM