Joseph Phillip Michnowski, Sr.

April 22, 1948 - May 30, 2020

Joseph Phillip Michnowski

Born in Minneapolis on 4/22/48 to Joseph and Dorothy Michnowski. He graduated from Edison High School in 1966.

Joe served in Vietnam in 1969 with Co A, 2nd Bn, 8th Inf, 4th Inf Div, where he became a decorated Vietnam Veteran. He was awarded 2 Purple Hearts, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with “60“ Device, Army Commendation Medal, Expert (M-60 MG), Combat Infantryman Badge, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm Device, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal Unit Citation, First Class.

Later on, he spent many years locating his Brothers and organized the first reunion in 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. The Brothers were able to reunite, share stories, meet their families and make new memories. This led to more reunions and created a new bond amongst the Brothers.

After the Army, he started his career at Kurt Manufacturing in Fridley, MN. He retired after 32 years. His retirement allowed him to work on his immaculate lawn, do projects around the house, work on the land up north and spend time with his friends and family.

He found his forever love and married Tangy (Peck) on May 1st, 1976. They raised two loving children, Angela and Joseph, who gave them 6 amazing grandchildren.

His family knew him as very hard working, strict and had high expectations. He created a family bond and raised his children with values that that will be passed on for generations.

Joe was an avid hunter and fisherman. He spent many falls duck hunting with his son, Joseph, the winters hunting deer in ‘The Back 40’ with his kids and spent nearly every summer with the family on their annual week long vacation at the 40, then the later years at the cabin on the lake in Ottertail County. There he taught his children everything they needed to know about the outdoors, fishing and hunting, and made memories that will never ever be forgotten and will be passed down to his grandchildren.

Joe passed away suddenly on May 30th, after spending days up at the land, getting it ready to be planted for deer hunting. He spent his last few days in a place he absolutely loved and where he started so many great memories with his family.

Survived by wife Tangy; children, Angela Courtright (Mike), grandkids Carter, Cayden Samantha; Joseph Michnowski (Shannah), grandkids Joseph, Maycie, Jax; sister Joanne (George Antinozzi); brothers Timothy and Thomas; sister-in-law Angela Crawford; brother-in-law Frank Peck. Preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Dorothy (Grobar), and brother Gerald.

Visitation 1-3PM Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. and also one hour prior to the Monday service at church. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30AM Monday, June 8, 2020 at

Church of the Epiphany, 11001 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids. Interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **8**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

MA

Love you grandpa. I will always remember you❤️❤️❤️

Maycie - October 14, 2025 at 06:11 PM

JO

Love you grandma

Joseph - June 18, 2020 at 08:11 PM

JO

This is joey Michnowski grandma I love you

Joseph - June 18, 2020 at 08:12 PM

AM

Tangy, Angela and Joey..my sincere sympathies to all of you. As a kid it was always exciting when Joe and Tangy were coming up for hunting season. I loved listening to all his stories about dad and Tangy I always thought of you as an angel with red hair, which I loved. Then the kids were born and we had so much fun with them! So many years ago now but still wonderful memories of Joe and your family. I will continue to pray for your family through these sad days ahead. Love and blessings to all of you, Ann(Kugler)Moore

Ann Moore - June 06, 2020 at 03:49 AM

Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joseph Phillip Michnowski, Sr..

June 05, 2020 at 08:31 PM

Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Phillip Michnowski, Sr..

June 05, 2020 at 08:19 PM

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Phillip Michnowski, Sr..

June 05, 2020 at 04:03 PM

Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph Phillip Michnowski, Sr..

June 05, 2020 at 03:59 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Phillip Michnowski, Sr..

June 05, 2020 at 09:29 AM

DS

Tangy and family,
Please accept our deepest condolences for your terrible loss. Joe and I met in VN.
and reconnected when he ran our unit's first reunion in 2004. Over the years we continued to meet on occasion and cemented the friendship between our families. Joe will be missed and we hope your great loss will be eased by God. You and your family will be in our hearts and prayers.
Don and Cheron Swody

Don Swody - June 03, 2020 at 01:46 PM

KW

Karen & Tim ,Lynn & Denny, Lori & Warren purchased the With Distinction for the family of Joseph Phillip Michnowski, Sr..

Karen & Tim ,Lynn & Denny, Lori & Warren - June 03, 2020 at 11:52 AM

BP

Joe and I served together my whole tour in Nam. He was my Brother. I was fortunate to have dinner with him and Tangy last October. He was an excellent soldier but more important, he was a good man. My condolences to the family and a final salute to my Brother.

Barry Prowell - June 03, 2020 at 01:12 AM

TH

Tangy.....I am so sorry for your loss. I read his obituary and sounds like he was a very special person. I'm sure you had many wonderful years together, and those will stay with you forever.
God bless you and your family at this time of sorrow.
Life changes, not taken away.

Love, Terri Headley

Terri Headley - June 02, 2020 at 06:29 PM

TM

I am so sorry for your loss. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tim Michnowski - June 02, 2020 at 06:13 PM