



## Michael John Finney

January 23, 1940 - August 2, 2022

Michael "Mike" Finney was born in Hopkins MN on January 23rd 1940 to Florence and Horace Finney. Mike had a taste for freedom at an early age and rode his motorcycle solo across the United States. He also joined the Navy and became a submariner, serving on the USS Quillback, where he met his lifelong best friend, Dave "Otis" Willis. They remained in touch until the very end. After an honorable discharge from the Navy, he married his highschool sweetheart, Valerie Bowyer. They began raising a family in Excelsior MN, then Minnetonka MN, and settled down on a farm in New Germany MN. Mike continued working as a journeyman pipefitter as he and Valerie raised their two children, a variety of animals, and tended a large garden and the fields on the farm. He loved being outside on tractors, feeding the chipmunks, listening to his favorite music from the 1950's, reading civil war novels, and watching Laurel and Hardy comedy shorts with his family.

Mike passed away on August 2, 2022 in Excelsior, MN. He spent the last two days of his life with visits from family and enjoyed watching the birds, squirrels, and chipmunks at Staring Lake in Eden Prairie. Even though he is gone, his wife Valerie, daughter Jill Finney, son John Finney, daughter in-law Yumi Finney, grandchildren, Austin Finney and Katie Rierson, and others will remember him for his goofy demeanor and love of Taco John's.

# Cemetery Details

## **Fort Snelling National Cemetery**

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