



## Michael E. Lamb

March 26, 1948 - December 31, 2025

Michael "Mike" E. Lamb, age 77 of Long Lake, MN, was born in Sioux City, Iowa, in March of 1948, and passed away New Year's Eve, 2025. Mike (or Mic, as known to his family) was born the 2nd of five brothers. Graduating from the University of Northern Iowa during turbulent political times, he was immediately drafted into the Army, narrowly avoiding Vietnam, and instead serving in Seoul, South Korea. Toward the end of his service, Time Magazine's 1973 article "The Good Life in Minnesota" lured him to the state with a cover of the governor holding a beautiful Northern Pike. Mike soon landed a job with Honeywell, but instead of building thermostats as he expected, Mike began in production with the Defense Division and transitioned to a career in Marketing. After becoming established in Minnesota, he began raising a family with his then-spouse, Betty. Recognizing the ups and downs of his industry, Mike started a local lawn irrigation business as a back-up plan. During this time he met and later married Terry. Mike eventually retired from his corporate career and pursued travel and home remodeling projects during the winter season. A decade later, he handed off West Irrigation, which is still thriving nearly 40 years later due to his guidance and mentorship. Throughout his life Mike developed many devoted interests: filming his children's wrestling matches and musical performances, sailing with crews of teens to seventies, ski racing with the "Bombers," woodworking, and camping and fishing with grandkids, to name a few. He was always happiest surrounded by the family and friends he loved so dearly. Mike leaves behind

many who love him, especially wife Terry, son Charlie, daughter Kate (Colin), and grandchildren Kian, Kaj, Novalie, and Teddy. A "Memories of Mike" gathering will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, May 16, with visitation starting 1 pm at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 952-920-3996, 5000 West 50th St. & Hwy 100: <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com>. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Youth Sailing at Lake Harriet Yacht Club: <https://www.lhycsailing.com/YouthDonations> or to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network: <https://pancan.org/research/early-detection-initiative/>.

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Celebration of Life

MAY **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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