



Michael Leo Shank

August 27, 1983 - October 19, 2025

Michael Leo Shank, age 42, passed away on October 19, 2025, in Blaine, Minnesota. Born on August 27, 1983, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Michael lived a life marked by service, dedication, and deep personal connections. Michael proudly served in the United States Navy for 12 years. During his time in the military, he traveled the world aboard aircraft carriers, working on flight decks to service jet aircraft and ensure their safe missions. His commitment to duty and his fellow sailors forged bonds that lasted long after his honorable discharge. He remained close with many of those he served alongside, continuing to share time and memories with them throughout his life.

Following his military service, Michael transitioned into a career as a professional truck driver and trainer. He brought the same sense of responsibility and mentorship to this role that had defined his time in uniform. Right up until the end of his life, he was dedicated to his work and took pride in helping others succeed. Michael's passions extended beyond work. He was an avid gamer who especially enjoyed older game systems and fighting games. Music was another love of his—he appreciated all genres and often shared songs with friends and family without being asked. Driving brought him peace, and he frequently paired it with listening to audiobooks during long hauls or quiet moments alone. Those who knew Michael remember him as a kind-hearted man with a radiant smile and a sharp sense of humor. He had an extraordinary ability to make each

person feel uniquely valued-his warmth made everyone feel like they were the most important person in the room. His love for family ran deep; he cherished individual relationships with each member of his large extended family. Michael is survived by his grandmother Doris Smith; father Michael Frank; sisters Vanessa Jenkins Wright and Katelyn Quirk; brother Alberto Martel; uncle Anthony Frank; cousins Steven, Tristika, Justo, Raynaldo & Amber, and Alex; numerous nieces and nephews; and his special friend Jessica Lynn. He was preceded in death by his grand Father Ernest Shank, grandmother Maryann Shank; mother Jodie Marie Shank; uncles Leo Scott Frank and Justo SieCallis; aunts Vickie Von Johnson and Rae Ann Frank; and cousin Shemika Melvina Riley. A celebration of Michael's life invites all who knew him to come together in remembrance-to share stories filled with laughter, love, and kindness that reflect the way he lived every day.

Though saying goodbye is difficult beyond words, honoring the joy he brought into so many lives is a tribute with laughter, love, and kindness that reflect the way he lived every day.

Honoring the joy he brought into so many lives is a tribute worthy of the man he was. May Michael's memory bring comfort to those who knew him and continue to inspire acts of compassion and connection in his honor. A Visitation will be held on November 15, 2025, from 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM at Washburn McReavy 3816 penn Avenue N. Followed by a memorial service immediately after.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crystal Lake Chapel
3816 Penn Avenue N.
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Celebration of Life

NOV 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

VW

“ Michael and my son David met in the navy. They became close friends immediately... Michael has been in my home for long weekends, tubing trips, and lots of laughs!!!! It didn't ;t take long for Mike to become my favorite of the fellas!!!! Mike was always such a sweetheart!!! And he gave the warmest intense hugs!!! My heart hurts right now!!!! Travel well my friend.....I will see you in the end!!!!



valorie williams - November 12, 2025 at 03:16 AM

TP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I served with Michael and he was such a kind and good person.

Tige Phyfer - November 11, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DV

“ Michael was such a respectful young man. His smile is unforgettable as well as his presence. Fly high with the angels love ❤️ you will truly be missed 🙏

Denise velasco - November 01, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, micheal is an Angel that will be missed greatly.



Amber George Bean - October 31, 2025 at 05:41 PM



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