



Michael Daryl Wetherbee

October 13, 1948 - March 25, 2021

Michael D. Wetherbee of Bloomington, passed away March 25 at the Moments Memory Care in Lakeville after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease and Dementia. He was born in Fargo ND on October 13, 1948. He graduated from Mankato State University, where later he completed his MBA. A proud Eagle Scout, he then commissioned into the Army as an officer and served in both the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, and later Air Defense Artillery, earning his Pathfinding Certification along the way. After a long military career, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

His favorite places were Ottertail Lake and Sanibel Island. He co-owned Maki-Wetherbee & Associates, a business and management consulting firm. He is survived by his two daughters, Jennifer (Ryan) VanRiper and Christine (Nick) Hanson and he loved all 4 of his grand-children: Katie, Alex, and Jack VanRiper, and Delilah Hanson. He is also survived by his sister Barb (Al) Marquardt and 2 nieces, Lisa (Chris) Partyka and Michelle (Travis) Cole. Private family services will be held at Washburn-McReavy Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel on April 14 at 2pm, after a visitation at 1pm. Burial will be at Fort Snelling on April 15th at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Moments Memory Care in Lakeville, MN.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Burial

APR 15. 2:00 PM.

Fort Snelling

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service of Michael D. Wetherbee*



Washburn-McReavy - April 14, 2021 at 07:53 PM

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“ *To Barbara Marquardt, in memory of my best childhood summer friend, your brother, Mike Wetherbee:*

I have so many vivid and wonderful memories of spending my summers at Lake Ottertail, living in the cottage next door to the Wetherbee cottage. Daryl and Lucille Wetherbee raised two of the nicest kids that anyone would ever want to meet.

During our early summers, Mike and I were inseparable. Every day that was warm & calm, we would head down to the water and jump into our respective "little red paddle boats". Every day that was warm & windy (big waves), we would play croquet & lawn darts. Every day that was cold & wet, we would sit near the fireplace to play Monopoly & a card game called Hearts.

During our later summers, we added water skiing & driving our respective family powerboats. My recollections go on and on. They are endless. All of them good.

I have very fond memories of Mike and very fond memories of you. May God bless you and your family.

Thomas Ellingson - April 14, 2021 at 02:58 PM

BM

Thank you Tom, for your touching memories of our summers growing up on Ottertail. It is so hard to believe that it was 50 - 60 years ago! We are so thankful that our kids and grandkids have the opportunity to experience time at the lake.. And last summer we had the grandkids in that refurbished little red paddleboat!! Hope all is well with you. Take care.

Barb Marquardt - April 27, 2021 at 06:18 PM

PH

*“ To the Wetherbee and Marquardt Family, We are so sorry to learn of Michael's passing. You have lost a very special person. Please, know, and feel, we share your grief. You can be so proud of his military history, especially, the 82nd and 101st Airborne. While I am uncertain I ever met him (maybe at your mom & aunt's funerals ?) he must have been a special family member, grandfather, brother and uncle. Sincerely, Patti & Bill H. (*daughter of "Pat" who loved her friendship with the Wetherbee's while she lived in Fergus. xo My mother made it a point for us to visit his Aunt Betty's shop, The Levee. She and Betty had such a good time reminiscing about about the Wetherbee days in Fergus and Otter Tail.) Again, our Sympathy.*



Patricia Hoversten - April 10, 2021 at 11:13 PM

BM

Patricia - Thank you so much for your kind words. I have fond memories of your Mom teaching me dance, and the connection through her to both my mom, Lucille, and my aunt Betty.

Barb Marquardt - April 12, 2021 at 02:16 PM

PH

Thank-you, Barb. I didn't know you were one of mother's students. That's so nice to know. She, like your loving family touched so many lives. Take Care.

Patricia (Patti) Hoversten - April 17, 2021 at 06:00 AM

PH

To Mike's Family, You can be so proud of your father's military service. My husband's uncle was in the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. We have learned so much about the history, bravery and reputation of those Divisions. They are also known as the All Americans. We thank Mike for his Service to our Country. Health and Blessings.

Patricia (Patti) Hoversten - April 17, 2021 at 06:06 AM