



Michael "Mike" S. Haberlan

January 9, 1947 - November 22, 2024

Michael S. Haberlan, 77, of Elm Creek, passed away peacefully at Bryan East in Lincoln NE, surrounded by his loving family. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at the Overton Golf Course. Born on January 9, 1947, to Claire Marie (Lantz) and Art Haberlan, Michael grew up in Elm Creek, Nebraska, where he cultivated a love for life, learning, and the great outdoors.

Mike graduated from Elm Creek High School and later earned a degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, a testament to his dedication and work ethic. He spent much of his career serving at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) in Kearney, where he positively impacted countless lives before retiring in 2010.

A man of simple joys, Mike cherished time spent with his family and friends. He had a profound appreciation for music and found solace in the beauty of nature. Whether it was mowing the greens at the Overton Golf Course or lending a hand during harvest season, Mike's quiet strength and generosity shone brightly.

He will be remembered for his kind spirit, warm smile, and unwavering devotion to those he loved.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, uncles, and aunts. He is lovingly remembered by his son Grady of Elm Creek; daughter Erin of Elm Creek; brother Gary and sister-in-law Dot of Steamboat Springs, CO; and a host of extended family members and friends who will cherish his memory.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held in the Spring of 2025 with details to come later. In place of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the family to be designated at a later date.

Mike's legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. May he rest in peace, forever surrounded by the music and beauty he so dearly loved.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 5. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Overton Golf Course
75308 Road 441
Overton, NE 68863-5206

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Corliss Kay Sullwold lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Haberman*



Corliss Kay Sullwold - December 01, 2024 at 02:37 PM

TJ

“ *I deeply sorry to Mike's kids for Mike's passing. I worked with Mike at YRTC. He had the biggest heart for our youth. Mike's kids should be very proud of their dad.*

Tim Jorgensen - November 27, 2024 at 06:23 PM

TO

“ *Mike "Habs" was a good molder of young men and diligent in improving their lives. We could depend on Mike to do the right thing. He and I shared authors and books frequently. May Mikes memory be eternal.*

Timothy O'Dea - November 26, 2024 at 11:21 PM

TT

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Habs. We had a lot of good times working together at YDC, playing tennis, or talking about music. He was a good guy with a big heart. I will miss him.*

Ted Theobald - November 26, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ *Condolences to Erin & Grady as well as everyone who knew & appreciated Mike over the years. He was one of a kind, Unforgettable. Cousin Sharon*

Sharon Thompson - November 25, 2024 at 09:46 AM

KM

“ *I worked with Mike at YRTC. He was a great mentor for me. My condolences to his family.*



Kelly Murr - November 24, 2024 at 06:39 PM

TJ

I am deeply sorry for the passing of "Habs". He was a great fellow employee to work with at YRTC. My condolences to you kids. Your dad had a big heart for those kids he worked with at the hill. Tim Jorgensen

Tim Jorgensen - November 25, 2024 at 04:32 PM

CS

My sincere condolences to Mike's children, Erin and Grady. I attended Elm Creek School with Mike; we had a lot of fun in marching and stage band and I remember Mike as a talented trumpeter. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Corliss Kay Sullwold - December 01, 2024 at 02:41 PM

DV

Missing you so much Mike! We had some fun times discussing the world's problems. You were a great friend to Mick and we loved your visits and phone calls with you sharing those crazy jokes! RIP! love, Mick & Deb

Deb Vavra - December 09, 2024 at 09:26 PM