



## Michael J. Stojan

August 14, 1946 - May 18, 2023

Mike Stojan , age 76, passed away peacefully at his home May 18, 2023, after a year-long battle with cancer.

Born August 14, 1946, to Warren and Mary Nell Stojan, he grew up on the farm enjoying all the excitement and challenges offered this first generation of baby boomers. He was an only child for nearly six years before four siblings piled onto his domain. As a young boy, he learned to dairy and work in the field. He began a lifelong love affair with gardening at early age after an elderly neighbor showed him how to plant vegetables in drowned out corn rows . He enjoyed all the perks of working hard in his garden, which ranged from bragging rights, competing in the county fairs , sharing with friends and family and enjoying his own bounty.

Mike graduated Burlington Central High School, Joliet Jr College, and Northern Illinois University . He was a lifelong Lutheran . He worked multiple jobs simultaneously and farmed "on the side". Life really got good on February 11, 1993, when he married the love of his life Ruby. They explored America in an RV in the off months enjoying the warmer climates. They transitioned from being RV snow birds to settling into a stationery home in Florida . Florida neighbors soon became to be cherished friends .

He is survived by his mother, Mary Nell Stojan; sister, Carol

Christoffel(Dwayne); brothers, Phil Stojan(Karen), David Stojan (Teri) Mack Stojan (Don Embry); many treasured nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including Ruby's children, Angie(Carly and Ivy), Jill Smith(Mark); and grandchildren, Nick , Macy, and Vinny Smith.

He is preceded in death by his father, Warren; and his dear wife, Ruby.

Mike's legacy would be that of always, always putting another persons needs ahead of his own and keeping busy . No matter the situation, he made it better with his positive energy and sense of humor.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, September 3, 2023 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13N535 French Rd. in Burlington from 12 to 4 PM with a service at 1:00 PM followed by a luncheon.

# Cemetery Details

## Burlington Twp. Union Cemetery

McGough and Peplow rd  
Burlington, IL 60109

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St John's Lutheran Church  
13N535 French Rd  
Burlington, IL 60109  
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## Service

SEP 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Very sad that Mickey succumbed to cancer.i didn't know he was sick . He was a good friend , I loved him dearly.he sure had plenty of good traits. There will only be one Mickey. Please accept my sincere condolences to the whole Stojan family. RIP*

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**David Brown** - September 02, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael J. Stojan.*



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August 24, 2023 at 09:07 PM

MB

“ *Mick will be missed by many. Kevin and I are thankful we were able to spend a few moments with him, as he working the ground to start planting his Garden. We drive by his Garden on a Daily Basis, and we will be missing seeing him out there working. He will be missed at the Market.*  
*Thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.*  
*Kevin and Mary (Silberhorn) Brubach- owners of Susie's Garden Patch*

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**Mary S Brubach** - May 26, 2023 at 05:37 PM

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“ Our condolences to Mickey's family. He and Frank talked at county fairs for many many years. He always had time to visit. Will miss him.

*Frank & Carol Engel*

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**Frank & Carol Engel** - May 24, 2023 at 04:48 PM

SC

“ Mick was a great guy... we enjoyed him very much as a fellow vendor at the Farmers Market .. so many wonderful stories and what a sense of humor!! We will miss him dearly..

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**Susan Cermak** - May 22, 2023 at 03:21 PM