



Michael R. Tomtishen

February 11, 1950 - November 13, 2025

Mike Tomtishen, beloved husband of Joyce for 55 years, loving father and grandfather.

Mike was always helping people. At the age of 15, he was responding to emergency calls while living at Christie Memorial Chapel in New Baltimore. He did that until he entered the US Army in 1967 and was a paratrooper with 101st infantry airborne. He served in Vietnam where he was wounded in action twice and received the Purple Heart.

After the Army, Mike was a paramedic with Universal Ambulance in Warren. He later worked for Chrysler while being a Chesterfield Township firefighter. He was three times firefighter of the quarter and was awarded a plaque from Humane Society for rescuing a dog from a burning house.

Mike was a lifetime member of VFW post 7573 and AmVets 52, and also a member of the American Legion and Fraternal Order of Eagles. A 40 year member of VFW Honor guard, he was awarded recognition for saving the life of a fellow parade marcher in 1980, and recognized by VFW for lifetime dedicated patriotism in honoring fallen veterans.

Mike was dedicated to his wife and three girls, enjoying camping, sports, and family events. He was a minister with Universal Life Church, and was

extremely honored to perform marriage ceremonies for both his daughter and his grandson. Mike loved playing golf, and was very successful, winning many awards and prizes. He was a member of Anchor Bay Men's pool league and enjoyed playing cards.

Mike leaves behind his wife of 55 yrs Joyce, his daughters Anita Toler, Ann-Marie (Gene III) Massey, Barbara (Mike) Rohde. Grandchildren: Shayla (Alex) Masakowski, Jason (Ciera) Rohde, Leah Massey and Gene Massey IV and a sibling: Brenda Tomtishen.

In 2023 he was named New Baltimore Citizen of the Year, honoring his dedication and many accomplishments. He will be so fondly remembered by us all.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wasik Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Michael R. Tomtishen*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - November 21, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *56 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - November 21, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael R. Tomtishen.*



November 17, 2025 at 02:34 PM

RR

“ Rob and Katie Reye planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael R. Tomtishen.

Rob and Katie Reye - November 17, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael R. Tomtishen.



November 15, 2025 at 03:40 PM

JB

“ Justin and Cindy Burbeula planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael R Tomtishen.

Justin and Cindy Burbeula - November 15, 2025 at 03:40 PM

CS

“ Many fun times and life lessons were learned as pre teen neighbors on Woodland Drive .
Much love to Mikes family.

Chuck Stuart - November 15, 2025 at 02:49 PM

ED

“ RIP my friend
You will be missed by us at The V!!!

Elania Degrez - November 15, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ *R.I.P. Cuz*

Joe Maleszewski - November 15, 2025 at 12:30 PM