



## Michael Rathsburg

October 10, 1945 - March 16, 2026

Michael Thomas Rathsburg, age 80, passed away on March 16, 2026. Born to Anna A. Danculovich and John M. Rathsburg, Michael was married to Deborah Mary (Nee Weber) Rathsburg for 50 years this June. He is proudly survived by his two sons, Kyle Michael (Kathryn) and Jay John (Kellee) and his two precious grandsons Jack Montgomery and Dean Kelly. “Big Mike” was the 10th of 11 children, preceded in death by siblings Mary E. (William) Trampus, Patricia A. (Robert) Johnston, John M. (Marceline), and Judith C. (Richard) Jarvis. He is survived by five remaining siblings, William J. (Sherry deceased), Susanne A. (Lawrence) Banas, Jerome C. (Bonny), twin sister Eileen R. (Kenneth deceased) Banchoff, and Gregory J. (Renee). Uncle Mike was lovingly surrounded by 33 nieces/nephews, 49 great nieces/nephews, and 28 great-greats.

Mike graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1963 after earning his Eagle Scout status — “the highest rank in Scouting America achieved by only 4% of Scouts since 1911 through extensive leadership, service projects”, and earning at least 21 merit badges. United States Navy Torpedoman's Mate Third Class (E-4) Rathsburg then actively served our United States Navy for four years and continued on for many years in the Naval reserves; he was a life-time member and serving Commander of Amvets Post 27; and spliced cable for Michigan Bell for 28+ years. Hunting deer, shooting turkey/pheasant, fishing for salmon, training his master hunting Labrador retriever, actively

working at the Huron River Labrador Retriever Club, driving his precious trucks, loving his furry friends Sugar Bear, Hawk, Missy, Mac, Bear, and Lily, cheering for his Detroit Red Wings and Lions, and pulling his luxury campers were what he enjoyed most in retirement. Mike diligently worked his AA program and recently celebrated 41 years of sobriety. He is treasured and will be missed by many!!!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Evening Service

MAR 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial with Military Honors

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
412 S Blacks Corners Rd  
Imlay City, MI 48444

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Rathsburg.*



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March 27 at 02:44 PM



“ *With love, The Livingston Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael Rathsburg.*



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**With love, The Livingston Family** - March 27 at 09:03 AM



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**Julie** - March 23 at 01:27 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Rathsburg.*

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March 20 at 01:54 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Rathsburg.*



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March 20 at 01:54 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Rathsburg.*

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March 18 at 06:10 PM