

OBITUARY

Michael Lynn Duffie, 72, of Blandinsville, IL, passed away on Wednesday, April 8th at Springfield Memorial Hospital, with his daughters by his side. Born on November 24, 1953, to Loren and Leona Allison Duffie, Mike grew up in the Disco/LaHarpe area with his five siblings. He graduated from LaHarpe High School in 1971 and proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1972 to 1974.

In 1979, Mike married Brenda Guzman, and together they welcomed her son, Earnie Timmerman, into their family. They soon added Matthew in 1979 and Teri in 1981. Although Mike and Brenda later divorced, he remained a devoted father. In 1998, he married Bonnie Baker, sharing 27 joyful years with her until her passing in November 2025.

Mike was preceded in death by his beloved son Matthew and wife Bonnie, brother Doug, sister-in-law Kate, parents Leona and Loren, and aunt/second mother Mary. He is survived by his children Teri (Kate) Duffie Fitzgerald, Noel (Brian) Duncan, and Steve (Marla) Caywood; siblings Carron (Ken) Foster, Cathie (Ray) Bunch, Lenus (Barb) Duffie, and John (Cathy) Duffie; grandchildren Ashley (Jim) Beck, Zachary Caywood, Brittany (Aaron) Mowen, Dallas Cramer and Taylor (Nick) Phelps; great-grandchildren Brooklyn, Hadlee, Waylen, Oaklynn and Crew; god grandson Chase Heath; numerous cherished cousins, nieces and nephews.

An avid sports fan, Mike loved watching the Chicago Cubs and Bears. He shared his passion for baseball by teaching his siblings and coaching his children, instilling a love for the game in many family members. Known for his expertise on the pool table, he also helped his children, grandchildren and recently great-grandchildren develop this skill.

A history enthusiast, Mike had a particular interest in the Civil and World Wars, as well as local history and family genealogy. His curious nature led him to learn all he could about topics of interest, and he was an excellent storyteller and source of information. He enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles and was known for his wit and humor.

According to Mike, life was “wonderful”, a sentiment he held to the end. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation with the family will be held from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Banks and Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe.

Following the visitation, a graveside service will be held at 3:30 p.m. at LaHarpe Cemetery.

Afterwards, light refreshments will be provided at the Union Church Fellowship Hall in LaHarpe for family and friends who wish to gather.

A memorial fund has been established for the Blandinsville Fire & Rescue. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Mike's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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Michael Lynn
DUFFIE
1953-2026



A Bright New World

We feel so sad when those we love
Are touched by death's dark hand,
But it would ease our sorrow
If we could but understand
That death is just a gateway
That all men must pass through
And on the other side of death,
In a world that's bright and new,
Our loved ones wait to welcome us
To that land free from all tears
Where joy becomes eternal
And time is not counted by years.

Helen Steiner Rice



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In Memory Of *Michael Lynn* **DUFFIE**

Date of Birth

November 24, 1953
Keokuk, Iowa

Passed Away

April 8, 2026
Springfield, Illinois



Graveside Service

3:30 PM, Sunday, April 12, 2026
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Officiating
Gary Smith