



Michael J. VanGorden

January 31, 1959 - May 3, 2022

MICHAEL J. VANGORDEN

Michael J. VanGorden, 63, of Great Bend, PA ended his watch on May 3, 2022. He is survived by his beloved wife of almost 26 years, Cindy; his daughters, Kristen VanGorden and Nicole Manderville; 3 grandchildren, Jade (Adam) Deuel, Bonham Vymislicky, and Nova-Sage Keiser; a brother, David VanGorden; and special nieces, Malinda and Megan.

Michael had an internal drive to serve his community. He was a life member of the Great Bend Hose Co. No. 1, currently holding the position of President and has served as a past Assistant Chief. He was a Council member of the Great Bend Borough and was the Emergency Management Coordinator. He was a member of the American Legion Post #357. Mike was a commercial truck driver and worked for Joe's Disposal. He enjoyed bowling, weekends at the river with Chuck and Snooki, looking for bald eagles, paranormal investigating, and his humor will never be forgotten along with his smile. Mike accepted every person he met as his family and they quickly knew they were sincerely cared about. He took on a mentoring position within the community and lead by example, being a hometown hero, and running into hazard to help those in need. Mike was deeply loved and leaves behind a huge hole in the hearts of his community and family.

Services will be held in his second home, the Great Bend Hose Company No. 1, 54 Tannery Street, Great Bend, PA, with calling hours from 11-1 on Sunday, May 15, 2022, with the service at 1:00 p.m. Should friends so desire,

expressions of sympathy may take the form of a donation to the Great Bend Hose Company No., P.O. Box 201, Great Bend, PA 18821 in his memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Great Bend Hose Company No. 1
54 Tannery Street
Great Bend, PA 18821

Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ Mike and I were in Vietnam together. We went through a lot of nights dodging incoming rockets and mortars. I stopped to see him twice and we'd go to Jack Stacks, I think the name of the place was. Great to see him..

Stephen Lowell Richey - September 03, 2023 at 12:11 AM

MT

“ Melissa Towner lit a candle in memory of Michael J. VanGorden



Melissa Towner - August 24, 2022 at 07:01 PM

TP

“ You will be deeply missed by your family and community. RIP Mike



Tim Phillips - May 15, 2022 at 12:16 AM

ST

“ All the times in his family pool and basement when he was a child. Still some fine memories of our family get togethers before we moved to the south. Stan and Diane (Vangorden) Darrow. Rest with the others we miss so much.



Stan - May 09, 2022 at 06:07 PM

WE

“ *Heaven has another great Star. I'm saddened but then the memories make me smile. Condolences to the family.*

Wendy - May 05, 2022 at 11:59 PM

TC

“ *Kristen, Cindy and family
I am so very sorry for your loss Mike was a
Great guy.
R.I.P MIKEY
FLY HIGH MY FRIEND
I will never forget the fun we use to have at the diner, bowling alley
and beyond.*



Tammy Chandler - May 05, 2022 at 08:58 PM

HM

“ *Great Guy, Many good times together, penn can speed way, Mike was in charge of security, at marv,s service center, when Mike was a policeman in great bend we shared great times. love you Mike and miss seeing you go up and down the road. My condolences to the family and friends. Harry and Marge Marvin*

harry marvin - May 05, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ *MICHAEL WILL BE SURELY MISSED BY
SOME MANY. HE WAS A GREAT GUY.
LOVED TALKING TO HIM. RIP MIKE*



Patty Cobb Morris - May 05, 2022 at 09:27 AM

JO

“ Sorry for the loss, Mike will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with his family.

Joanne (Decker) Bowen

Joanne_bowen - May 05, 2022 at 09:00 AM

RF

“ Mike was in school with my sister. He had a great sense of humor. He will be sadly missed, was loved by many. Rest In Peace Mike.

resseguie family - May 05, 2022 at 06:12 AM

VD

“ We were saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I pray the family will find peace in the wonderful memories Mike has created. He was truly a community warrior and will be greatly missed by everyone.

Virginia and Earl Decker.

Virginia and Earl Decker - May 04, 2022 at 11:02 PM

VB

“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I have found memories of him being an usher at my wedding in 1979. Great Bend won't be the same without him.

Valerie Burdick - May 04, 2022 at 09:37 PM

JB

“ *Our condolences to Cindy, Kristen, and Nicole and the rest of your family and friends. Prayers for you all during this time. The MacGeorge family*



Jennifer Bush - May 04, 2022 at 08:53 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hadden lit a candle in memory of Michael J. VanGorden*



Nancy Hadden - May 04, 2022 at 07:54 PM

KM

“ *Sending prayers to the family. Mike, Kim and Emma Milasi*



Kim Milasi - May 04, 2022 at 06:55 PM

JS

“ *Cindy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Jessica Sauer - May 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM

TH

“ Tracy Haley lit a candle in memory of Michael J. VanGorden



Tracy Haley - May 04, 2022 at 06:23 PM

MK

“ Mike was a dear friend since high school. Spent hot summer days in his family's swimming pool. I will miss him dearly! Rest easy, my friend. God bless Mike's family. Hold them in your arms in their grief.

Michelle Decker Kimble - May 04, 2022 at 05:28 PM

TH

“ Trudy And Dale Henry lit a candle in memory of Michael J. VanGorden



Trudy and Dale Henry - May 04, 2022 at 05:28 PM

TH

Rest in Peace to our dear friend. Will miss your witty humor and the love you had for others

Trudy and Dale Henry - May 04, 2022 at 05:29 PM

 William Kelly

“ He graduated with me & he has always been a great guy.. God bless...

William Kelly - May 04, 2022 at 04:51 PM

HM

“ *Cindy and family,
I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My thoughts and prayers are
with you and your family, may he rest in peace.*

Heather Martinho - May 04, 2022 at 04:31 PM