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Michael Raymond Longpre

Sept. 29, 1961 - Oct. 20, 2026

Michael Raymond Longpre. Many in the community know the name and even though some would say he was an acquired taste, we all know that if he wasn't your taste, then that was your problem and not his. He had his people – his chosen family - and he was honored that they chose to accept him and love him even with all his quirks, wisecracks, stubbornness, sarcastic responses, and odd sense of humor.

Mike grew up in Michigan with his parents, Larry and Sharon, and three spunky sisters, Julie, Machelle and Sheila. Despite being a true Michigander, loving all things Red Wings and Lions, he knew he had a calling to serve, and he joined the Air Force fresh out of high school. Life in the Air Force took him to Alaska as a security policeman and ultimately his time there is what led him to Morganton – as it was there that he met Terri Miller Waters, his first wife and mother of his only two children, Jennifer and Kristen, or as he called them Big Bit and Little Bit.

His unwavering decades-long dedication to the thin blue line saw him through his time as a Morganton Department of Public Safety Patrol Officer, founding member of the SWAT Team and lastly as a Detective. Being in law enforcement wasn't just a job for him, it was engrained in him – it was one of the largest and most significant parts of his being.

However, even with all the professional achievements and lives he touched through his service to the community, Mike's proudest accomplishments in life were his two girls. While all his family was in Michigan, Mike chose to keep his roots firmly planted in Morganton because that's where he was able to watch them grow into fiercely strong and independent women. Mike was beyond thankful for the men they

chose to marry and start their families with - Jennifer with her husband, Matt Miller, and their two boys, Luke and James, and Kristen with her husband, Chase Johnson, and their two children, Lila and Waylon. Mike beamed with love and pride knowing that despite all his shortcomings, he had raised his girls to be the most faithful daughters, loving wives and devoted mothers.

Mike spent the better part of the last decade with his wife, Donna Simcox Longpre. Together they enjoyed riding motorcycles, sitting on the front porch and taking trips with friends. They complimented each other well and while they both shared the unimaginable loss of losing a spouse – Donna losing her Raymond and Mike losing his Crystal – it made them both try harder to not take each other for granted and accept each other fully with all of their strengths and weaknesses. Donna and her children, Kevin and Nicole, and her grandchildren, welcomed Mike with open arms and embraced each other as family without hesitation. Mike truly was a lucky man.

Mike was many things to many people, but most of all he was himself and he made no apologies for it. While his time on earth was so, so short, he lived it on his own terms. It was a life filled with adventure, family, love, friends, laughs . . . . and at the end, he had the three people that mattered most to him by his side – Donna, Jennifer and Kristen – and they will continue to share his stories, his love and his memories with them.

The family will be holding a gathering of friends from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, October 25, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home and they invite everyone to stop by and share stories of Mike as it is by remembering him and saying his name that he can and will continue to live on in all of us. Honors will be provided by the Morganton Department of Public Safety, the US Air Force, and the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Blue Knights NC XXIII, PO Box 8176, Morganton, NC 28680.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Donna, sending my sincere condolences for your loss. May you and your loved ones find peace during this difficult time. Sending hugs and prayers. Love you! - Nilsa

—Nilsa



—Ron & Nancy



Jennifer and Kristen, I am so sorry about Mike's death. My favorite memory of Mike was when my husband Jim passed away at age 47. The following day I was resting and one of my daughters came to tell me I had a visitor. When I walked out into the den, Mike was standing there in full uniform holding his hat in front of him at his waist to pay respects to me with kind words and a big hug. I can still see him there in my mind. I love all of you very much and I loved Mike.

—Lynda Carswell Rich



Beth and I are sending you and your family prayers, we will truly miss Mike.

—Sean Aaron

To the family so sorry for your loss you're in my thoughts and prayers I remember seeing him occasionally when I worked in the emergency room and he was always very polite take care and God bless each and every one of you

—Wanda Stacy



Donna, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and all of his family. Just lean on God and he will comfort you and give you peace during this very difficult time.

—Julia Johnson

Donna I am so sorry to about Mike. Sending love and prayers to and your family

—Linda Forester

So sorry to hear of Mikes passing. Here's hoping him , Hard and Dean are telling tales and having fun.

—Keith N Massey



Prayers for the family

—Winifred Powell



—Richard Branch

I am so sorry for the family's loss. Sending lots of love to Donna and her family at this difficult time.

—Denise Guyette

Rest in peace cuz . Thoughts of prayers and peace to his family. Love Brian and Shirley

—Brian & Shirley Luebbert



Donna, we are so sorry for your loss our prayers are with you and the family, Fred and Bernice mccormick

—Bernice Mccormick

Julie and family, Please know all of you are in my prayers as you go through this sad time. May God give you comfort and peace. Blessings, Always, Cecilia Nesbitt

—Cecilia Nesbitt



—Roger Hart



Being Mike's aunt was a joy...he loved family gatherings & had the best of times. I loved seeing so much of my brother in him...prayers for all

—Sharon Longpre Smith



—Donna Kirkpatrick