



Michael "Mike" Elmer Bockhorst

June 30, 1947 - December 18, 2019

Michael "Mike" Elmer Bockhorst, 72, of Troy, Missouri passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in Troy, Missouri. Mike was born on June 30, 1947 in St. Louis, Missouri, a son of the late Elmer Charles William and Margaret Ann (Dreon) Bockhorst. He was united in marriage to Diane Marie Witthaus on April 20, 1968 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Troy, Missouri and to this union two sons and two daughters were born.

Mike graduated in 1965 from Buchanan High and continued his education at Ranken Technical College in Gas and Diesel Engines. He served his country in the United States Army from 1966 until he was honorably discharged in 1968. Mike was a lifetime farmer, growing crops and raising livestock on the family farm, Bockhorst Brothers Farm and later Happy Hollow Farm. He served on various boards and organizations, including Kiwanis, Farm Bureau, University of Missouri Extension, Farm Service Agency, he became a member of the Trojan Villa Senior Housing Board of Directors at its inception in 1979 and was currently serving as its President. An active member of the First Christian Church since he was 10 years old, he was an Elder of the First Christian Church, Disciple's Care Team, served on the SEGA Board and Building Co-Chair of the Fellowship Hall. Mike and Diane were foster parents for 7 years. He liked attending Thursday morning Veterans Coffee Talk and was proud to have the opportunity to go on the Central Missouri Honor Flight in August of 2018. He was a collector of John Deere tractors, enjoyed wood

working and took great pride in his garden. Mike enjoyed the memories he made with his family especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Diane Bockhorst of Troy, MO; two sons and two daughters: Lisa Putting (Jerry) of Columbia, MO, Charles Bockhorst of Troy, MO, Amy West (Mark) of St. Peters, MO and Aaron Bockhorst (Courtney) of Troy, MO; two brothers and one sister: Lee Bockhorst (Betty) of Troy, MO, Mary Vanacker of Holts Summit, MO and Samuel Bockhorst (Charlene) of Troy, Mo; seven grandchildren: Lucas Bockhorst, Nicholas Putting, Chloe Bockhorst, Emily West, Sarah Putting, Anna West and Ava Bockhorst; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, William Bockhorst, Sr. and one infant sister, Emma.

Family and friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at First Christian Church located at 1302 Boone Street Troy, MO 63379. An additional visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 22, 2019 at the First Christian Church. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 23, 2019 at First Christian Church located at 1302 Boone Street Troy, MO 63379. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Troy Kiwanis Park or First Christian Church, in care of Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street, Troy, Missouri 63379. Online condolences may be made at www.kempermillardkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com Phone 636-528-8221

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
1302 Boone Street
Troy, MO 63379

Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" Elmer Bockhorst*

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ *Michael "Mike" Elmer Bockhorst*

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *TO THE ENTIRE BOCKHORST FAMILY OUR DEEPEST AND SINCERE SYMPATHY FOR LOSS OF MICHAEL, ONE FINE GENTLEMAN!!!*

BOB & BETTY KUDA

BOB & BETTY KUDA - December 25, 2019 at 05:13 AM



“ *From Brian Hunsel & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" Elmer Bockhorst.*



From Brian Hunsel & Family - December 22, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ *Diane, Chuck and the Bockhorst family are all in my thoughts and prayers! Mike was always such a happy kind hearted man that I don't think ever met a stranger! He will be dearly missed by many! May God help you all find peace!*

Jill Szczuka - December 21, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Elmer Bockhorst.*



December 21, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss and will be sending you many prayers. Mike was a wonderful person who was a joy to all that knew him. We feel blessed to have known him.*
- Professional Rehab

Mark Henebry - December 20, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ *Dear Diane and family, We are so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. What a wonderful person and friend to everyone. Mike was the person who was always there for all in need and would do anything to help someone. Even through we moved away we always talked about what wonderful neighbors we had in Troy and how much Carol missed everyone. Mike was always there when we needed some help and he and Diane were there for us when we lost our Mindy too. Mike helped us in so many ways it is hard to pick just one. He was a great friend and neighbor. May our Lord hold Diane and his family in his loving arms and care for them. Rest in God's arms our friend.*

Jack and Carol Angelbeck

Carol Angelbeck - December 20, 2019 at 02:00 AM

DH

“ *My sincere condolences Diane and the Bockhorst family.*

David Hungate - December 19, 2019 at 06:16 PM

MK

“ *So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Mike was a great guy...I got to know him when serving on the Trojan Villa Board. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Mary Kay & Charlie Kaimann

Mary Kay Kaimann - December 19, 2019 at 05:46 PM

BK

“ *Bob Krause purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael "Mike" Elmer Bockhorst.*



Bob Krause - December 19, 2019 at 05:40 PM

BK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Bob Krause - December 19, 2019 at 05:18 PM

SB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Diane and family. We are praying for God's strength and peace to comfort you during this difficult time.*

Stacy & Sandy Bergesch - December 19, 2019 at 05:10 PM

LB

“ Mike was such a dear man! I remember hanging out at the house with Theresa and would ALWAYS put my shoes in the freezer. Dummy me never caught on to the plan!!!! He also went cruising Troy with us and acted every bit the teenager that we did. This is such a deep loss that will be felt for a long time. Rest peacefully Mike you will be missed.

Laura Anderson Bain - December 19, 2019 at 11:25 AM

RU

“ So sad to hear your loss. Mike's smile and humor will be greatly missed at the deer hunt for persons with disabilities.

Ruth - December 19, 2019 at 10:18 AM

ML

“ I have one memory that stands out in my memories, my parents were out of town and teenagers would do, I had Mike and Mary come for pizza with my cousin. We had a great time that evening. I was around Mike and his family most of my life and I feel as if I have lost a brother.
I send my prayers and love to the family at this time and want to reassure them that they will be reunited at a later time. Hold your memories close at heart now.

Marie Leitman - December 19, 2019 at 01:55 AM

BM

Our prayers are with Diane and family at this difficult time. We had'nt known Mike very long, but felt he was the type of person that made you comfortable to be around. His love for his family, friends and God was ever present. He will be missed by many, including us. God bless and keep you in his loving arms, Mike, until we all meet again on that beautiful shore.

Brenda Monse - December 19, 2019 at 10:19 AM

DM

I always enjoyed Mike at church and will miss seeing him there every Sunday. He was one of God's faithful servants and will be missed. With sincere sympathy to his family.

Delma Mallett - December 21, 2019 at 06:43 AM

JG

Diane and family, so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. We will miss seeing Mike in the pew behind us in church on Sundays. God bless and keep you and your family in his loving arms.

Rick & Julie Garrett

Julie Garrett - December 22, 2019 at 06:58 AM