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Michael A. Marette passed away November 6, 2024, in Lakeland, Fl. He was born July 31, 1949, in Hibbing, MN to Kathleen (O'Brien) and John Robert Marette.

Mike's early years working as a correctional officer for the MN Dept. of Corrections at Oak Park Heights Prison culminated his career in the labor movement as the Assistant Director of Corrections for the largest public sector employee union in the US, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal (AFSCME). In this position, he traveled throughout the US and Puerto Rico negotiating strong contracts for the corrections and law enforcement workers. Mike served on the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission (NPREC) that was established by President George W. Bush in 2003.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Katherine and John Robert Marette, his brother John Robert "Bobby" Marette Jr., infant daughter Mary Christine and granddaughter Cassie Malueg.

Mike is survived by the love of his life, Bonnie, whom he married in 2003. His brother Phillip (Bonnie Fehrman) Marette. Children, Christopher (Kristi) Kampsula, Brenda (Don) Nelson, Erin (Gary) Sawyer and Michael Chad Marette, along with grandchildren, Ally, Tyler (Baylee), Faith, Sadie, Taylar, Makayla, Cheyanne, Michael and great granddaughter Tori.

To honor Mike's wishes, there will be no services. We invite you to celebrate Mike's memory in your own way. We know that he will be with all of us in spirit. Thank you for your understanding.



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Dennis Benson posted:

I worked with Mike for many years in his capacity as an officer and later as respected union official. He was an honest hardworking man who did much to negotiate better working conditions, wages and benefits for his Members. Mike and I worked on a variety of difficult issues and were always able to find middle ground that served the greater good of the agency. We became professional friends and our respect for each other was mutual. May you Rest in Peace Mike Dennis Benson

November 15 at 2:30 PM



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Gary Hendrix posted:

Mikey Was A Great Man Who Will Be Remembered And Missed So Very Much !! Mikey Was A Great Husband To Bonnie And A Great Father And Family Man !! From Minnesota He Loved His Vikings !! I Was Honored To Have Known Mikey And Call Him My Friend Who Was Like A Brother To Me !!! RIP !! Gary Hendrix

November 13 at 1:53 PM

TS

Tim Shafer November 14 at 6:30 AM

My Dear Bonnie, and family. I am seldom loss for words as you well know. Mike's passing has left me somewhat speechless. Mike was more than a friend and colleague, he was my brother. I was honored to travel this country with Mike for years. We shared so many great memories, which I will carry with me the rest of my days. Bonnie, you were Mike's world. He was so blessed to share his life and love with you. Never was a conversation had, that Bonnie was mentioned. I thank you for sharing Mike with so many. My deepest condolences. I'm spending hugs and my love. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith".

JL

Janice Lavare November 13 at 4:53 PM

Dearest Bonnie, Mike and I are so very for your loss. We know these last couple of years hasn't been easy....for either of you. But I guess when you join hands in marriage and vow to take care of one another in sickness in health, well sometimes we think they are just words. But they're not. It's the promise between 2 people that no matter what you will stick together. No, it isn't always easy but you my friend stepped up in a big way. I know you took those vows seriously. Mike loved you very much and provided a good life for the both of you. You traveled all over the country, took fabulous vacations and had a mutual love of many things including the Vikings. But then when that chapter ended and a new one began you provided him with all the love and caring your heart could give. So you see, when you look back you two were just made for each other. Just the way it was meant to be. Love, Mike and Jan

SM

Sue Munks November 13 at 2:59 PM

I lived with Mike and Bonnie in MN. Best 7 years of my life. When I met Mike he was always so caring to me. As time went on we became like brother and sister. When they moved to Mn is when they offered fo me to come stay with them until I got on my feet.. needless to say when I thought I was ready to get an apartment they called a family meeting. Basically they didn't want me to go. I ended up staying and we lived happily until 2013. Mike retired and they moved to Florida and I moved back to NY...I stayed with them in Florida a few times for weeks on end.. when Mike became ill Bonnie spent her every moment taking care of him. Very successful at it..my last year in Florida was 2018.. I wished I was there with Bonnie during the last few months but it wasn't something I could do.. Bonnie I am so sorry for the loss of Mike. I loved Mike and I love you more than words can say.. thank you both for all you have done for me



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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