



Michael George Fitts

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Michael G. Fitts, 68, of Charlotte, passed away the morning of January 30th. Michael was a loving husband to his wife of 36 years, Carol Fitts. He was a loving father, grandfather, great grandfather and cherished friend and coworker to all who knew him.

Michael was born in Royal Oak, Michigan in 1956, graduated from Dansville High School, and served eight years in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in Washington D.C, Southeast Asia, and California. After returning to Michigan in the early 1980s, Michael pursued his passion for various musical genres, performing for nearly four decades as a guitarist and vocalist with multiple bands at night clubs, theaters, and festivals throughout Michigan. As a culmination of his musical pursuits, Michael performed with bands selected as top performers at Blues festivals in Lansing and Kalamazoo, leading to multiple appearances at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee. From 2017 to the present, Michael served as a bus driver and trainer for Dean Transportation in Charlotte and Battle Creek, earning multiple outstanding performance awards while developing a passion for both training drivers and supporting special needs students. Michael was an upbeat and fun-loving man known for his unique sense of humor. He was beloved by his coworkers for having an open ear while

constantly mentoring and guiding younger drivers. Toward the end of his life, Michael reignited his passion for motorcycle riding, frequently completing group rides on weekends with coworkers and close friends to view "prerequisite" bodies of water throughout Michigan and Indiana.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy, father William, brother Ward, father and mother-in-law, Rual and Nancy Williams, and brother-in-law, Mark Williams. He is survived by his wife Carol of Charlotte, son Joe (Janessa) of Charlotte, daughter Kate of Traverse City, daughter Niki of Charlotte, brother David of Owosso, brother Steven (Jennifer) of Fairborn, Ohio, brother James (Shelley) of Grass Lake, four grandchildren, Anthony, Angel, Jillian, and Chase, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, 1:30-5:00 PM at the VFW Post 2406, 695 Lansing Road, Charlotte Michigan 48813. In lieu of sending flowers, the family requests donations be made in Michael's memory to either St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 (https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?express=0&sc_icid=impactgiving-df-btn&amount=30&frequency_selected=1) or the Special Olympics Michigan, 160 68th Street SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49548 (https://support.specialolympics.org/a/michigan?ms=IDMP_DB&utm_source=donatebtn&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=IDMP). Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

VFW Post 2406
695 Lansing Road
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

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“ To Mike’s family my condolences and sympathy goes out to you. I only knew Mike for a little over 3 years. Met him when I started working for Dean Transportation. He trained me t drive a school bus. A fantastic teacher. He taught you what you needed to know. Didn’t make you feel stupid if you screw up, and even the most nervous person passed their drivers test. I could see that he was the kind of guy who if he was your friend you were a richer person for that. A great guy and a better family guy. I would see him every once in a while and I enjoyed chatting with him. Anyone who knew Mike was better for having known him.

Bill Hallenbeck - April 03, 2025 at 10:06 PM

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“ Mike was my trainer. He reminded me so much of my dad in the way he would explain things to you. And he wasn't afraid to call me out either. I have been catching myself saying things just like Mike. When he left it felt like the air just left the atmosphere. Every so often I look in my rear view mirror and I see him in spirit smiling with me. 10-7 till we meet up for some Chinese Food in Heaven!

Emily Davidoff - February 24, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ I had the please of working with Michael at Dean Transportation. I was always amazed by his love of music and life experiences. As I bounced from location to location he always made it a point to stop by and chat or help if needed. He was an amazing coworker and good friend and will be missed dearly by those who knew him

Derrick Barber Jr. - February 05, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ *He was my sons bus driver this year. My condolences are with all of you. He really was a sweet guy. We will miss him*

Lauren Willadson - February 04, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ *Sending our love and prayers ...Mike shared his passion for music and inspired us all...Bob Weis and family..*

Robert Weis - February 04, 2025 at 12:43 PM