



Thomas John Micka

November 30, 1947 - December 11, 2022

Thomas John Micka of Potterville passed away December 11, 2022. Tom was born November 30, 1947 in Owosso to the late Joseph M. and Hilda A. (Hrncharik) Micka. Tom grew up in Elsie, Michigan and had fond memories of working on his family farm. He graduated from Elsie High School, Class of 1965 where he played multiple sports. Tom was a phenomenal basketball player who held the school record for most points scored in a game, he also played football and was inducted with his teammates into the High School Sports Hall of Fame. Tom remained friends with his teammates throughout his lifetime. Tom proudly served his country in the United States Army in the 101 First Airborne division during Vietnam and was honored with the Bronze Star medal for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations against Hostile Forces and the Army Commendation medal for Exceptionally Meritorious Achievement. He worked for several years at Motor Wheel in Lansing, MI as a Tool and Die Maker and ended his career with Hayes-Lemmerz Manufacturing as a leader who worked to improve production and efficiency in plants in the US and Mexico. Tom raised three children in his hometown and created many cherished memories with them, especially those of their annual camping trips in Canada where they lived off the grid and fished and explored all day long and ended their days around a campfire. In 2012, he married Nancy Estanilla and his family expanded and they enjoyed his retirement years together. Throughout his whole life, he continued his love of growing amazing vegetable gardens. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family who he

cherished. He was a loving husband, father, stepfather, and grandfather. Tom always opened his loving, giving heart to anyone.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy (Estanilla); children, Beckie Micka, Katie (Ahren) Taszreak and Joe Micka; stepchildren, Arnold Gonzales and Andrea Gonzales; grandchildren, Tyler and Trevor Kramer, Faith Covert, Maddoc and Tula Taszreak and Aubrey Micka; sister, Betty Micka; aunt and best friend, Rosemary (Robert) Marks. Tom was preceded in death by siblings, Raymond, James, Frederick, Jerry and Joseph Micka.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by Father James Eisele. You may watch the funeral mass for Tom at 11:00 am Saturday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: <https://youtu.be/0PaYRrReucU>.

Military honors will be conducted at the church following the service and a luncheon afterwards. Visitation will Saturday at the church from 10-11:00 AM.

Memorial contributions may be given to U.S. VETS National Office, 800 W. 6th Street, Suite 1505, Los Angeles, California 90017 (<https://usvets.org/donate/>).

Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Funeral Mass

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TD

“ TDC IT Department purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas John Micka.



TDC IT Department - December 15, 2022 at 12:02 PM

BD

“ Betty Micka ,Jeff, Susan and Dale purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas John Micka.



Betty Micka ,Jeff, Susan and Dale - December 14, 2022 at 03:42 PM

RD

“ I haven't seen Tom for many years and was very saddened to hear of his passing. Growing up a few miles from the Micka family, our families were very close and Tom was like a big brother I never had. I'll never forget the time when he gave me the keys to his Camaro, so I could take my date to the prom, he was that kind of guy, bringing joy to others. He always had a smile and always made time to say hello. Rest in Peace big brother until we meet again. May God take away the sadness for the entire Micka family and fill your hearts with great memories. Love to you all at this sad time.
Rick Doubrava

Rick Doubrava - December 14, 2022 at 11:55 AM

RC

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the entire Micka family. You have lost a great member of your family and the rest of us have lost a great friend. Our time together in high school at Elsie High can only be described as special; and Tom was the spark of so many things. He can be remembered as an athletes athlete excelling in both Basketball and Football and also a friend to all, then, and the many years to come. May you Rest In Peace dear friend.*

Ross Carter 65

Ross Carter - December 14, 2022 at 08:39 AM

J(

“ *Tommy was my favorite cousin, I knew every time I saw him I would get a Big hug. He always had a smile and something funny to say. We had Great times growing up together. He will be missed*

Jim & Joanne (Micka) Ebert



Joanne Micka Ebert (Cousin) - December 13, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas John Micka.*



December 13, 2022 at 05:13 PM

GB

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I knew him as a very kind classmate and super athlete. I'll always remember him for his great laugh and his outstanding game saving interception in the final moments of the Portland game in our Senior season. May God be with the Micka family at this very difficult time.

Gary Bashore - December 13, 2022 at 04:56 PM

JL

“ Tom was something rare, a good man and a better friend. We shared to many memorable times, both ups and downs to share one in particular, We had the special opportunity to share many with school friends over the decades. It is an honor to have him as a dear friend. He was loved by all. My condolences to Tom's family and many friends.

Jack Loynes '65

Jack Loynes - December 13, 2022 at 02:25 PM

DA

*So sorry to hear this, thoughts and prayers for all family!!
Betty, hugs to you my dear friend of many years. So many special memories. Please I'm holding you close in my heart 🤗 love you...
Dianne Dee Sutliff Apsey*

Dianne Apsey - December 13, 2022 at 06:13 PM

JE

In knowing Tom from the early 60's when he and his family were so important to our brother Tom ... and on through the years of the close, close relationship of he and brother Tom, I saw and respected the special man he was. Our family was blessed to have been affected by the goodness of Tom Micka.

Jack Ebert '58

Jack Ebert - December 13, 2022 at 06:16 PM

TE

I mourn the loss of a very special person, friend, classmate, teammate, roommate, brother in combat and so much more - he will be missed.

Tom Ebert - December 13, 2022 at 08:10 PM

BM

My heart is breaking right now. The world has lost a truly good man. Yes, my brother Tom was a hero on the basketball court, football field, and the battlefields of Vietnam. More importantly, he was my personal hero in my life, I love you.

Betty J. Micka - December 14, 2022 at 02:29 PM

BR

*Betty, I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom was a special guy. My heart breaks for you on the loss of another brother. Love and Prayers
Barb Doubrava Robertson*

Barb Doubrava Robertson - December 14, 2022 at 03:32 PM

CS

*Betty, so deeply sorry for your loss. To lose a brother is so heartbreaking. Many years have past since I have seen Tom, but from a 1968 graduate of Ovid Elsie I do remember so well during our great years at Elsie High. Tom was the most caring and selfless person that you could ever have as a friend. I will never forget after leaving the area I came back to visit one time and he let me drive his corvette which was not a good idea. Luckily enough the streets of Elsie didn't have a lot of traffic because that was my first time driving a stick. Thanks to Tom I was driving five speeds from then on with no problem. We shared letters back and forth during his military time in Viet Nam. His letters always made me laugh. God Bless my friend and Rest In Peace.
Connie Stammersky*

Connie Stammersky - December 21, 2022 at 10:52 AM