



## Michael James Metzler

December 3, 1952 - May 12, 2025

Michael James Metzler, 72, of Las Vegas, Nevada (formerly Bay City, Michigan), passed away peacefully at his home on May 12, 2025. Born on December 3, 1952, in Bay City to the late James and Bette Metzler, Mike lived a life filled with love, dedication, and joy. He was the beloved husband of Sheryl (Rosebush) Metzler for 46 years; a loving and proud father of Melissa (Brent) Goik, Mike Metzler II (Leah Sprague), and Ryan (Amanda) Metzler; cherished Papa to Justin and Mason Brooks, Wyatt and Emmitt Metzler, and Jack, Drew, Cole, and Gavin Goik. Brother of Steve (Shelly Kammerzell) Metzler and Julie Baker. Son-in-law of Marilyn Rosebush. Brother-in-law of Cathy and Karl Cruise, Tom Yingling, and David and Connie Jacobs. Also left to treasure his memories are many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Bette, his father-in-law Charles Rosebush, and his sister-in-law Michelle Yingling.

Beyond his devotion to family, Mike built a remarkable legacy through his work. A 1971 graduate of Standish-Sterling (Michigan) Central High School, Mike served his country with honor in the U.S. Army. After his military service, he explored various paths before finding his true calling in construction. In Bay City, he poured his heart into Metzler Development, leaving an enduring mark on neighborhoods like Appletree Farms and Cortland Farms. Later, after moving to Las Vegas, Mike finished his career by building and remodeling McDonald's restaurants. His craftsmanship and integrity earned him deep

respect in the general contracting world.

At his core, though, Mike was a family man. His greatest joy came from spending time with those he loved. He was also incredibly proud of his grandsons, and his face would light up at the mention of their names. He never missed a chance to brag about the incredible young men they're becoming.

If you really wanted to see Mike in his element, you'd find him out on the water. Boating and fishing were his passions. His boat, the Hammer Slammer, was the setting for countless adventures and laughs with family and friends. Those times on the water created memories—some crystal clear; others, well, a bit hazy—that will live on forever.

Mike and his dad had a saying that summed up their outlook on life: "It's been a good trip so far..." And what a trip it was. Mike lived with an open heart, a quick wit, and an unshakable love for his family.

Honoring Mike's wishes, cremation has taken place, and there will be no formal funeral services. Instead, his family will gather for a private celebration of life this summer to share stories, raise a glass, and remember a man who made every moment count.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I remember going fishing with Mike here in Michigan and having the best!! Always caught big fish and being the best guy cleaning them for us gals! Rest in peace Mike thanks for the memories!* 🙏❤️

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