



# Michael Ray Coulter

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**M**ichael Ray Coulter, age 77, of Centerville, passed away Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the Wayne County Hospital in Corydon.

Mike was born on January 28, 1944 in Ottumwa, Iowa, the son of Richard and Rosemary (Stark) Coulter. He graduated from Ottumwa high school in 1962 and joined the Navy where he served his country faithfully, including 3 years overseas and in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged on September 5, 1966.

On December 2, 1967, Mike was united in marriage to Connie Irven in Bloomfield, Iowa. To this union, two sons were born, Tom and Chuck. Mike then attended college where he graduated from Iowa State University with his Bachelors degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology.

Mike worked as a Conservation Officer for a period of time. He also worked for Viskase, prior to accepting a position at Pella Corp, where he retired in 2008. Mike was very active in the Masonic Lodge where he held many positions including Past Master. He and Connie were also very active in Order of Eastern Star.

Mike was Connies biggest supporter of her OES duties and traveled with her all over the state and country, meeting new people and catching up with old acquaintances. In his free time, Mike enjoyed anything outdoors, including hunting, fishing and kayaking. He enjoyed teaching his sons, friends or anyone that would listen all about the outdoors and wildlife.

The boys would still call him frequently to ask what kind of mushroom they had found or the name of a strange plant. Mike is survived by his sons, Tom (Theresa) Coulter of Ottumwa, and Chuck (Erika) Coulter of Council Bluffs; four grandchildren, Taylor Jo (Dan) Killpack, Blake Coulter, Tyler Coulter, and Bryan Coulter; 1 great granddaughter, Lily Jo Killpack; and another great granddaughter on the way; siblings, Mary (Clayton) Wilcoxson, Lois Coulter, Linda (Doug) Nelson, Richard (Sherry) Coulter and Lisa (Derrick) Proctor; as well as several extended family members.



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Mike was preceded in death by his wife, Connie Coulter on September 20, 2018; sister Nancy McGee; and his parents, Richard and Eilene Coulter, and Rosemary and Charles McDonough. Per Mikes wishes, cremation has been accorded. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Rathbun Lake at a later date.

An open memorial has been established, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, ATTN: Coulter family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com) or on our funeral home Facebook page.



# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 2:48 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:52 PM



**Joann Bergeson** posted:

Mike and Connie will forever be in our Eastern Star hearts. Loved his smile and his hugs. He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers for your family as you go through this difficult time, but remember he is now in Heaven with his beautiful wife.

January 13 at 7:00 PM



**Roger Griffing** posted:

We send our prayers to all of you. He loved you all so much and was your greatest supporter. Blessings and hugs. Roger and Sandy

January 13 at 7:00 PM



**Shelly Hanes** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Coulter



January 12 at 7:00 PM



**Nancy Drae** posted:

I have lots of very fun memories of Connie and Mike. Trying to make me fish, hunt, or walk in the woods. We had lots of fun playing cards in our younger years, that was all we could afford to do. A great couple that I will always cherish the memory of

January 11 at 7:00 PM



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**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** posted:

Sorry for your loss.

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CW

**Cathy Warner** posted:

Mike - how does one even know where to start One of the orneriest but best guys I have ever known. He took me mushroom hunting a couple of years ago. SUPPOSE to be his secret, best-ever spots. Not that year - no fungus fouind, except on my toenails. Walked around Rathbun - I think maybe 100 miles (seemed like it, anyway). The most significant thing that happened was he was supposed to stay by the car while I walked down the hill and checked out an area below. Of course, he didn't stay by the car. I looked up and he was laying over a fallen tree trunk, kicking like a donkey. I just stayed behind the tree I was watching from and he finally got his footing and was headed back to the car. Neither one of us ever mentioined it, tho I was imagining me trying to drag him with his cane around his neck, scolding him all the way, back to the car. Had some great times with Mike and Connie (my bestie). They were so nice to me and would invite me to even stay over after Pancake Day or when I would go and not get going before dark. Best people ever, Tom and Chuck. And I think it has rubbed off on you boys - you're not so bad, either ! Love and prayers, Cathy

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## Media

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